

Res. John Butler to Secretary  
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With very great <sup>pleasure</sup>, I announce  
to you that poor Tooi is much better, we have  
used every possible means, and the Lord in mercy has  
been pleased to bless those means and answered our prayers  
beyond our expectation. Mr Gilbert the medical gentleman  
who has attended him, says, he has no doubt (but that  
with great caution & simple diet) he will be restored  
to perfect health. The boxes and parcels which you sent  
have been received safe (with the exception of one looking glass  
which was broke in pieces). I have been to the Baring  
3 times this week in order to ascertain when we  
are likely to sail. Captain Lamb informed me  
that he thought, Tuesday or Wednesday next would  
be about the time; and he has appointed Shurups  
as the place of our embarkation, as the ship will be  
taking in water, Coals, Ballast, &c, all the way thither  
and <sup>he</sup> cannot be answerable for the safety of our things  
while the ship is in such confusion, as we have no  
remedy of course we must submit. I have been to Chatham  
to procure (or rather to inquire) after a Boat for the  
purpose of conveying us thither, and I find that we  
must give two guineas for one, the cartage &c to the  
waterside, I apprehend would make it near 3<sup>l</sup>.  
I went to Rochester yesterday to the Custom House  
to obtain leave to put our things on board