

John Butler to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Brompton Ja[nuar]y 8 1819

Rev^d & Dear Sir

I beg leave to inform you that we have received orders this afternoon to embark on board the Baring on Monday next, we intend to set our from our lodgings at 10 OClock a.m. We must engage a boat in the morning to take us and our luggage to Sheerness. Tooi poor man is much better, and seems gradually to gain strength, we have every reason to believe the Lord has been pleased to sanctify his affliction, and we pray that the Lord Jesus would bless him, more, and more, with his heavenly grace, He presents his love to M^r & M^{rs} Pratt & family, M^r & M^{rs} Bickersteth M^r & M^s [sic] Cooper [f] and all other friends. But as he has written a letter, I have no doubt he has fully expressed his own feelings.

Tetterree is quite well and sends his love to M^r Pratt M^r Bickersteth and all friends M^{rs} Butler & Child Sam[ue]^l & myself, M^r & M^{rs} Kemp & M^r Hall are quite well, and we trust we are all thankful to our gracious God for the same – We all present our affectionate love to M^r Pratt & family M^r & M^{rs} Bickersteth – M^r & M^{rs} Cooper and all friends –

Dear Sir ever faithfully

Yours John Butler

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We again commit ourselves into the hands of our God and Saviour, beseeching him in things to rule and direct our hearts [f] into his exceeding love which is in

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Christ Jesus

PS Mr Sargeant says there is Sugar on board for New Zealand, but Mr Hall has no account of it in his Invoice, please to give us the Numbers of such Packages