

*Teeterree to CMS Assistant Secretary Edward Bickersteth*

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My Dear friend

M<sup>r</sup> Bickersteth

When you see Tooi he no well: he much better now thank God for make him better. We all pray Jesus Christ every night to make him better. I pray for Tooi and all Missionary friends ever night. Saturday night the Admiral bring the carriage, I go by myself to his house: plenty gentleman, plenty lady, plenty cocked hat. I drank two cups coffee. Plenty music plenty dance all same as a public house. I came home in the carriage. Sunday morning me, M<sup>r</sup> Kemp, M<sup>r</sup> Hall, and M<sup>r</sup> Butler went to Church a very old man preached very big way, too much powder: afternoon me and M<sup>r</sup> Butler go see the school, and M<sup>r</sup> White took us to the Dockyard to see English curiosity. Go into the Commissioners house, he shew me every room in the house, and his garden, and his daughters and son. Then go see the Prince Regent 120 Guns: never see so large Man of war: plenty people at work: man as strong as a horse, Driving bolts: go to the rope walk, [f] see rope as big as my body. See the saw mill go by steam. I see the iron waggon by steam, he took up two tree and away she goes. I sing out O dear me New Zealand man no believe, nor I, but I see with my own eye, same as the iron work: quite astonished. Go to Admirals office, he tell the boat to come. Go in the boat M<sup>r</sup> Butler w [sic] M<sup>r</sup> Hall, M<sup>r</sup> Kemp and young M<sup>r</sup> Butler and Teeterree, on boatd the flag ship the Bulwark, in the 12 oared barge. Plenty Officer, plenty cocked hat, Fire a salute 5 Guns, shake

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the ship. The Captain shew us all the decks – all the rooms: the ship more clean than a house. Teeterree fire a 24 pounder. Then we went to kei kei when done eat, come down to the boat, and the Guns fire again. Then went on board the Lyffe, fired two salutes when going on board, and coming on shore. Captain Warren very kind gentleman: he say he like to go to New Zealand: very kind lady his daughters: plenty laugh [f] when I tell about New Zealand man ride the pig, make a hole in the pigs nose and put a bridle in; one man got a dog make him bite the pig, the pig run and throw down Teeterree. The Baring ready in a few days. I glad to go on board again and go to my own country and tell my country-man how kind Englishman. I very sorry M<sup>rs</sup> Bickersteth no well, I pray Jesus Christ to make her better. Give my love to M<sup>rs</sup> Bickersteth M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Pratt, and family, M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Cooper, and all friends

God bless you

Teeterree