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From John butler [to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt]

Sheerness Jan^y 13 1819

Rev^d & Dear Sir

As the ship is Weighing anchor I have but two or three minutes to write I beg leave to inform you that in consequence of Captain Lamb having read in the Christian Guardian this morning the account of our ship he was very angry and immediately accused me as being the Author. I protested against it, he replied if it is not you, it certainly is some of your Society. I replied I was certain it was not, I have been look'd upon very coolly [sic], and they sarcasticly [sic] say, if we had gone down, you would have gone to heaven, and all of us to hell, the Ch[ristia]n G[uardia]n belongs to brother Hall Capt Lamb asked him for it, and I hope you will immediately Clear yourselves and us by sending me the Authors Name. We are all well

[I am] D^r Sir

John Butler

You [will hear] from us at the Downes and you had better direct thither