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Rev. John Butler to the Sec^y.

Ship Baring Feb 27th 1819

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Rev Dear Sir

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Island of St. Jago

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With heartfelt gratitude to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; the God of grace, and of all comfort: through his mercy I have to announce to you that we are all in good health at this time (except Sister Kemp) who is very poorly she is very weak in body, but I rejoice to say, she is a little better this morning, prayer is made for her continually, the Lord has heard our prayers in times past, and literally fulfilled them, and we still trust, that according to his tender mercy, he will yet hear our petitions, and restore her to perfect health. We sailed from the Downs on the 27th Jan^y 19 after experiencing a very heavy Gale for two preceding days and nights, our Ship surge^d her ~~and~~ Anchor and drifted a mile and half. Several ships received much damage, but the Lord protected us, and we praise and bless his Holy Name, through Jesus, Christ, for all his mercies and compassions toward us his unworthy servants. We had another heavy Gale in the Channel on Thursday night ^{Jan} Feb 28, the Boom of our ship went overboard, and we received some other trifling damage, Jan^y 30. the weather became very fine and has continued so ever since. We distribut^{ed}

150 48 Testaments among the Sailors Soldiers and Convicts
on the 5th Feby. Sunday 7th Feby we had Divine Service
on Deck, Soldiers & Sailors under Arms, we delivered 300
tracts to the Convicts after service. In the evening
(as usual) we had Divine Service in Mr Hall's Cabin
Myself and the Rev^d Chapⁿ administered the Holy
Sacrament to eleven communicants. Miduesday
Morning 10th Feby, Porto Santo was in sight at
six O'clock, At 10, we saw the high Land of Madeira
above the clouds, we arrived at Funchal the
Capital of Madeira at 3 O'clock in the
evening. Captain Lamb, with four others were
on shore, to purchase Wine, Fruit, & other business.
It was thought advisable that we should purchase
some ^{fruit} for our party. Mr Kemp and myself went
on this expedition, in company with Mr & Mrs Croft
and an officer of the guard. It was quite dark when we
got on shore, and we found we were under the necessity
of stopping all night as no boats are permitted to
leave the shore after sun set. Next morning
we went to Captain Lamb at the House of
Mess^{rs} Blackburns - British Merchants, he inform
us we might remain on shore until two
O'clock. we wished to embrace this opportunity
of seeing the town and adjacent country,
we had a Portugues for our guide and interpreter,
after going through several parts of the town

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we went to St Peter's Church, and from thence
we went up into the Mountains, which are full of Vines
Orange trees, Lemons &c, we went also to see a Church
dedicated to St Mary, called St Mary in the Mount
we returned into the town at 12 O'Clock, and found
brother Hall, Too, Tetteree, & Sam Butter at our
Inn, called the British Hotel. Mr Hall inform'd
me Captain Lamb had alter'd his mind, and
had determin'd to stop a day ^{or} two longer and take
in water for the Ship's Company. It was
therefore determin'd that Mr Kemp should go
on board to our wives, and the rest of us remain
on shore. We all wish'd much to go up into
the Mountains. Next Morning - We engag'd
5 Horses for this purpose, the Horses are about the
size of our English Ponies, they are very sure footed
and climb the rough & craggy mountains with great
certainty. Mr Hall (with his accustomed ^{why} Phylanthropy
paid the expence, (with many other things) out
of his own purse. He also bought Too and
Tetteree some light garments for the hot
weather, we bought our fruit &c and returned
on board on Friday evening much gratified.
We sail'd from Madeira on Saturday with
a very fine breeze. Sunday ~~the~~ ^{the} 4th Feb^y we had
Divine service on Deck in ^{the} Morning. Mr Hall's
cabin in the evening, several Soldiers attend'd

Monday 15th we saw the Canary Islands, & Peak of Teneriff. we have ^{had} a fine breeze all this week and reached the Island of St Jago Sunday Feb 21st.

I now turn to another and very pleasing part of my letter, that is to inform you that we have established a school among the poor convicts we have already 70 scholars, Men and Boys. They are all very attentive and obedient.

I am persuaded that the Lord has many precious souls in this ship, many for whom Christ died, we believe there is a great work to be done in this ship in name and through ^{the} grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and we pray the Lord to make us the humble instruments in hand of accomplishing it. We endeavour to share the the labour and unitedly pray for success.

In speaking to them from 586 of St Matthew, of the love of God in Jesus Christ, several shed many tears. It is delightful to see the sailors, several of them reading their Testaments when off duty. one in particular begged of us to hear him read the word of God daily. We earnestly request your prayer for us, that our Lord Jesus Christ may enable us to glorify him with our bodies and souls which are his

Our dear friend Mr Hall is very diligent
in endeavouring to ^{instruct} Tooi & Tetteree in English
and especially in the knowledge and love of our Lord
Jesus Christ. and of their need of him as a Saviour
the only hope of lost sinners. We devote
some part of every day (or nearly) to the
acquisition of the New Zealand Language
in which ~~which~~ we find much difficulty, but
^{we} shall do the best we can. Some of the sailors
have expressed a desire to attend our evening
prayers. This gave me much pleasure, I told them
we should be happy to ^{see} them at any time. and
that I should be happy at all times to instruct
any of them in the knowledge and fear of God
It is a matter of the greatest joy and comfort to
us. that it ^{that} pleased our gracious God to restore
our dear friend Tooi to perfect health. we
have reason to hope that his afflictions have been
sanctified to him. and that the Lord has
begun a work of grace in soul, may he
in mercy perfect it until the day of Christ.
I forgot to mention one Convict in particular

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in the ^{name} of Davis. This man I believe is a true
Christian, he has a Bible that was given
him when on Board the Hulk at Sharnep.
He related to me his first hearing the truth
to any saving purpose, it was on board the
Hulk at that place, about 7 months since.
^{related} He his history with tears in his eyes,
acknowledged the justice of his sentence, and
said, it is mercy that I am out of hell.
He repeated part of the 34th 37th & 103rd Psalms
and the Gospel of St John he said was
very precious to him: He pulled out
of his pocket an hymn book pointed to
several precious hymns. I have since
had opportunity of reading and conversing
with him several times, may the Lord
make it a blessing to him and me.
Tooi, Tetteree, Mr Hall Mr & Mrs Kemp
Myself and family, join in our sincere
love to you & your family. Res^d Mr Beckers
and his spouse and ^{all} friends,
Dr Sir I am ever faithfully your
old Serv^t Jno Butler