

From John Butler [to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt]

Baring Downs Janry 1819

Rev^d & dear Sir,

We expected to hear from you this morning, the postman is here and I embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines while he is waiting: Captⁿ Lamb informed me that he had received a satisfactory letter from M^r Bickersteth testifying my innocency and that he wished very kindly to be remembered to us all. I bless God we are all in good health at this time, we have experienced a heavy Gale from the West all Saturday night and Sunday; this morning is very fine, but we cannot sail until the Wind turns to the North. Five Convicts have been flogged for misconduct since our reembarkation. Tooi continues gaining strength— He presents his kindness & love to you & family M^r & M^{rs} Bickersteth & all all friends. Tettoree is quite well and presents his love in the same manner. We all join in love to you and your family M^r & M^{rs} Bickersteth [f] and all friends. We beseech you to pray for us continually that our blessed Lord would enable us to glorify him with our bodies and souls which are his. We had no Public Worship on board on Sunday, it was impossible to assemble on deck on account of the Wind and Rain. But the Lord we trust was with us in our little Meeting in M^r Halls Cabin, and he enables us to rejoice in his holy Name, and to put our whole trust and confidence in his mercy, we pray him to unite us more and more in the bonds of Christian love and enable us to adorn the Gospel of our Saviour in all things—

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I hope you will excuse haste and believe [me] Dear Sir to be very
affectionately your faithful Servant

John Butler