

Rev. John Butler to Secretary

Bourne Downs Jan 19
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Com. of Gov. Feb. 5/19

Dear Sir,
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We expected to hear from you
this morning, the postman is here and I seize
the opportunity of writing a few lines while
he is waiting: Capt. Lamb informed me
that he had received a ^{satisfactory} letter from Mr. Buckersteth
^{testifying my improvement} and that he wished very kindly to, ^{be} remembered
to us all. I thank 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 re-embarkation,
Tooi continues gaining strength. He
presents his kindest love to you & family,
Mr. Buckersteth & all friends. Feltwell
is quite well and presents his love in
the same manner, we all join in love
to you and your family Mr. Buckersteth

My Mr Cooper and all friends, I 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 Mr Hall's
Cabin, and 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 bond of Christian love, and
enable us to adorn the Gospel of our
Saviour in all things —

I hope you will excuse haste
and believe Dear Sir to be
very affectionately your faithful
servant
John Butler