

John Butler to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Sunday March 7th 1819

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Rev^d & Dear Sir

As the weather became very thick and hazy we did not tutch [sic] at St Jago altho we were very near. But I have the great satisfaction to write a few lines by the Ship Hero, and to say that we are all well at this time, sister Kemp has quite recovered from her Illness, bless God for it. The hot weather has been very trying, but the Lord has been very gracious unto us in preserving our health and in keeping us in unity and Godly love, we pray our gracious and merciful Lord to unite us more and more in the bonds of Xtian Love. The School on board our ship goes on exceeding well, and I have no doubt but that the Lord will give a blessing to our humble endeavours to make known His blessed gospel among the Convicts, Soldiers and Sailors. Divine Service was just ended when [f] the Hero L came up with us. We have had very fine weather ever since we left England, our Ship is very healthy at this time, and we have not lost a single person since we left England

D^e Sir,

with heartfelt sorrow I have to inform you that Tetteree has become very obstinate, and ungrateful he will not come to School neither will he be ruled by any thing that we can say or do, Brother Hall is grieved beyond measure at his Obstinacy, he finds fault with his outfit. He told Captain Lamb he had no shoes, which when we

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knew we offered to buy him Shoes or any thing else he wanted, I have begged on him in the kindest manner, also has Mr Hall to come to school, but he says he will never come to school again. Captain Lamb and several other Gent[leme]ⁿ have spoken to him on the impropriety of his conduct, tilling [sic] him grievous [f] be to his friends in England to hear so sad an account of him, his answer was, I do not care, they will never [see] me again. This is truly distressing but we lay the matter continually before the Lord in humble and earnest prayer, we shall continue to act toward him with the gratest [sic] kindness and we hope the Lord will hear our prayers and turn his heart and his soul, and make him to know and love jesus Christ, Tooi behaves exceeding well, and seems much hurt at tetterrees conduct – the time is gone I can say no more we all join in our kindest love to you and all our friends

D^r Sir ever faithfully

Yours truly

John Butler