

192 And, by his timely counsel, his warm and animating
advise, his tender and sympathetic exhortations, our
spiritual strength hath been renewed, and our souls
comforted. May the Lord return into his own bosom,
and that of his family, an hundred fold, may the
^{Lord} be unto him and ^{his} family as the dew unto Israel, and pour
upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

During our Voyage we had much to hear, and forbear. Things
which called forth all the faith and patience we could muster,
but I trust they had this good effect upon our hearts,
that, they drove us to a throne of grace, to seek wisdom
and strength from above, to guide and support, ^{us} under
every trial and temptation, against the artifices of men
and the malice and wiles of ^{the} devil. But we were made
to know and feel that the offense of the cross of X^t, hath not
ceased and that whosoever will live godly in Christ Jesus
shall suffer persecution in one way or other. Wicked and unrea-
sonable men are ever endeavouring to supplant the feet of God's
children; and continually watching for their fall. It is
their delight to see discord among brethren, saying
Ah! so would we have it. But blessed be His
Holy name, those who have endeavoured to trouble and
perplex ^{us} have not ^{been} able to obtain their desires. The weapons
which they have used to sever; have been the very means
of strengthening the cords of our love, ^{one to you and another} and uniting
us in stronger bonds of affection. I persuaded it
will be a matter of great comfort and joy to you,
to know, that whatever troubles we may have endured