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Let. to the Rev. John Butler

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Church Missionary House,
London, August 3/19

Dear Brother Butler

We have received (acknowledged in a letter to Mr. Kendall of July the 20th) your letter off St. Jago, of Feby 21st, & that at sea of March 7th.

We bless God for the favourable report which you give us of the good health of yourself & of your companions.

The Committee highly approve of the formation of Schools among the Convicts, & of the circulation of the Scriptures &c. among them & the Sailors.

The success of these endeavours to promote the spiritual profit of those on board affords an additional proof, that, when the means of God's institution are faithfully applied, his blessing will not be withheld. Yet you ought not to be too sanguine in forming expectations of a real change of heart from a disposition to hear the Word, or even from considerable excitement of the affections under it. Matt. XII, 20, 21. While, however, you are, in faith and prayer, scattering "the good seed" your labour will not be "in vain in the Lord."

It is particularly gratifying to us to learn that you & your Brethren "dwell together in unity." This will tend full as much to strengthen your hands in "the work of the Lord," as it will unquestionably to promote your mutual comfort. God has graciously ordained, that whatever is for his own glory, is, invariably for his peoples'