

*From John Cowell [to CMS Assistant Secretary Edward Bickensteth]*

Downs Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>/19

Dear Sir

I have just received yours which informs me of your writing to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ker respecting Mayree, and myself. I have one bad place in my cabin at present for my wife Child and myself it is more comfortable then [sic] it was at first, Mayree is with the third Mate at present but he is not pleased at been [sic] so far distant from me. Cap<sup>t</sup> Ker has just informed me of M<sup>r</sup> Jones's letter respecting our accommodations he informs me it is not his fault, I can assure you Sir that our accommodations is very uncomfortable, the passangers [sic] were oblided to purchase a stove which cost me about 12<sup>s</sup>, for my share having no stove on board but I hope Sir, by you and M<sup>r</sup> Jones writing to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ker that our accommodations may be made more comfortable Cap<sup>t</sup> Ker has said nothing respecting Mayrees Tea & sugar as yet I have purchased [f] a small quantity for him I conclude in hopes that the Lord will continue to bless and favour us with a good passage,

I remain

Sir

Your Ob<sup>dt</sup> and Hum[bl]<sup>e</sup>

Servent [sic]

John Cowell

P.S. My wife Child & Mayree are better then they were & send their kind regard [sic] to yourself M<sup>rs</sup> B. M<sup>r</sup> Pratt & all friends—