

M. J. Shepherd to Rev. S. Mansden.

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Thid Jan 25/23.

Here Here & April 5, 1822

Ack. Feb. 14/23 Rev. Sir Com. Feb. 5/23.

The Active has been here since Sabbath day
last ^{being} the last day of last month and since I have
heard of her arrival I have been preparing my
journal to forward by her to you however I have
not succeeded in copying the whole of ^{it} and I shall
therefore leave it till another opportunity. In the
mean time I must not neglect an opportunity of
forwarding a few lines to you by her in addition to
those I have already written — Every day Sir brings
fresh news and lays open to view what may have been
heretofore hidden. — Would to God that we could say
as much of good as we can of evil but this divine
providence seems good to leave for another season. Never-
theless I cannot but express my firm persuasion that
this day is not far off for sure I am that the word
of Life carries with it a divine power which all
the powers of Hell shall not stand against — & that
all the Servants of the Lord employed as Directors and
Labourers in and for this Mission may attend to the
plain and powerful means of propagating true
Religion and true civilization and I dare in the
name of the Lord bid defiance to all who may stand
up to oppose — But alas! we must all acknowledge
our deficiencies in point of duty I Sir (and would
speak to my shame) have mispent many hours
which might have been usefully employed — I have
done many things directly opposite to the work I am
engaged ⁱⁿ yea and I am sure that without grace I shall
make shipwreck of faith and be a curse rather
than a blessing to the poor benighted heathen among
whom I have the great Honor to dwell.