

W. George Clarke to the Asst. Secretary

Mr Board the Herms left Bristol

Rec'd Oct 2/22

Prio. de Janeiro South America

Ans. Feb. 15/23

June 24. 1829

Rev'd G. de Sir

Com. Feb. 18/23


T. M. Hoelken.

Our Captain having occasion to put

in at Rio de Janeiro for fresh water; gives me an opportunity of acquainting you with some of the particulars of the voyage to this place, the ship being about leaving the port for England.

We sailed from Gravesend on the 28 of April and arrived at Rio de Janeiro on the 20th of June being a passage of 53 days during the voyage I have had about fortnight's sea sickness and Mrs Clarke has been sick all the voyage but is now far recovered on the first of May we entered the bay of Bahia on the 14th came in sight of Pernambuco on the 15 we had Ferris and Homero in crew, and on the 20 came in sight of the Cape Verde Islands here we began to feel the heat oppressive and many of the passengers are complaining from the 2^d of May to the 20th of June we were becalmed within about three degrees

of the line many of the passengers overcome by
the heat although the Thermometer was not more
than 88, The Captain has manifested the greatest
kindness to us ever since we have been on board he
has to the present always manifested a willingness to
have service on board when the weather will admit
of it, the passengers and crew have been also very
attentive so that although some few are contentment
the greater part seem considerate, we have service
twice on the Sunday and I generally ^{write} out two short
addresses for the Sunday I have also opened a school
among the passengers Children amounting to about
20 in number. Since I have been at Rio I visited
one or two of the Monasteries with Mr Brown, but
he found them very ignorant they could neither answer
him in Latin nor in French, here every thing that
is called religion is offensive you are disgusted with
the ceremonies of Popery Theatres open every
Sunday evening Shops all open and trade carried
on as Sunday, other days, but I was glad to find
a Protestant Church in this dark land, I attended
on Sunday Morning and was glad to see three hundred

Englishmen Revd H. Crane Minister, sent out
by the Boston Burying Society I had some conversation
with him after Service, he told me property seem very
much on the decline here are about five hundred
Englishmen and tell this last few weeks were destitute
of a place of worship, I had an invitation to spend
a few hours with him at his own house, but at
the appointed hour I received summons from the Capt
to be on board immediately I left your address with
him as he requested. Mrs Clark joins with me
in duty to you, Remember us kindly to our dear
Brethren  Mr Cook and Mr Pratt

Yours Vertually
George J. Martha Clark

Rev. E. Burkhardt

Church Mfgs Assoc

London

Mr. George Clarke



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