

Mr. Clarke to me

Paramatta. New South Wales

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Ans. und. date of May 22/23.

Dear Sir

An opportunity has at length arrived of giving you some of the particulars of the remaining part of our voyage from Rio-Janairo to New South Wales.

We took our final leave of Rio on the 27th of June, stopping only 6 days at that place. Mrs Clarke is in a great measure recovered, having been on shore 5 days. — The voyage from Rio to the Latitude & Longitude of the Cape of Good Hope has been very pleasant; we have been able to have service on board every Sunday during that part of the voyage. but from the Cape of Good Hope to Van-Deimans-Land; we have had tempestuous weather, and sometimes we have been deprived of the public worship of God on the Sunday; but this has been rarely the case for if there was any possibility of sitting or standing seaward, I made it a rule to go down into the steerage for the purpose of divine service. — We Anchored in the lower bay opposite Hobart-town, Van-Deimans-Land on the 10th of September after a voyage of near 3 months. — During my stay at Van-Deimans, I had every mark of attention paid to me by the most respectable inhabitants of that place. I had an interview with the Lieutenant-Governor who kindly offered me what assistance he could, & sent letters of introduction to those places I was disposed to visit, for the purpose of collecting the prisoners together for divine service, there being many places where they had not divine service in any way twice in the year, he expressed a wish that the society ^{our} would ^{send} Messrs. here

you here are many perishing for lack of knowledge, during
my confinement there, I wrote the jail and penitentiary and
gave the prisoners a short address, for when I saw the poor
creatures so destitute of the means of grace, so unconcerned about
their best interests my spirit was in a measure stored within me
and I thought there could not be ~~any~~^{no} inconsistency in my collecting
my fellow creatures together to declare to them the word of light
and life, which I did as often as circumstances would permit, as you
will see by my journal which you will receive by the next vessel
that sail for England, — We left Van Diemens Land on Sunday
the 6th of October 1822 and arrived at Port Jackson on Wednesday
the 16th after a tedious voyage of ten days. Thus by the goodness
and mercy of God we are brought in safety to the desired
Heaven in good state of health without meeting with any loss
of lives, with the exception of an infant that died on the
voyage. Oh that we may ever be disposed to praise the Lord for
his goodness; and for his wonderful works to us, the children of
men — We are now residing with Mr Marsden at Parramatta
till we hear from New Zealand, which we are now daily
expecting, we are instructing the New Zealanders who are with
Mr Marsden to read, ~~the~~ Marsden has two catechism's written
who come also under our tuition, (We are here treated with
parental kindness and enjoy the prayers and instruction of
that eminent servant of Christ (Marsden) Mrs Clarke joins
with me in kind regards to you & Mr Bunker's.

Yours Obedient
George Clarke

As our kind regards to Mr Pratt and Mr Coats

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