

Thomas Kendall to Josiah Pratt

Earl Spencer, Spithead, 4 May 1813

Rev^d & Dear Sir,

I have received 35 Bibles and 20 Testaments from the Hon^e M^{rs} Grey together with your parcel. The Commissioner brought them on board himself; he visited me & my family in our apartment, and I have been treated with great respect both by him & his Lady.

I have not received the Missionary register No. 3— if you send it, you will have the goodness to do it immediately.

I am sorry I could not serve M^{rs} Grey with respect to the Wife of Dawkins the Prisoner. M^r Stuart told me at first, that I might take a Servant, but M^{rs} Kendall was content to do without one, we had not therefore a birth [sic] provided for one to sleep in—

The Rev^d M^r Vale will do well to take possession of his Birth as soon as Captain Young has given orders to have it fitted up for him & it is finished. I could explain my reasons for this hint. I fully expected that he would have come on board this ship as soon as he was ordained. I should have written to him, but I did not know his address. [f]

I am told that it is not intended by the Captain to touch at Rio Janeiro, but to sail directly for the Cape of Good Hope.

I shall take care to embrace every opportunity of writing to you.

Be pleased to accept my best acknowledgments for all your kind favors & believe me to be Rev^d & Dear Sir

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ever faithfully yours

Tho Kendall

If you can send me a gross or two of reward Tickets for Children from Kents, Holborn I shall esteem it a favor. Each as a verse of Scripture written upon it.

M^{rs} K unites in duty & we are happy & well.

I pray that M^r Dealty's Sermon may be the means of doing much good – [f]

If you can enclose me Ten Pounds in Silver and either draw if or M^r Woodd, or give me a Note to M^r Marsden that I have received it in part of my Salary I shall esteem it a particular favor, you can let it be packed up secure in a small box and send it to the Honble Mrs Grey. I am sorry to trouble Her but I have no other friend at Portsmouth – I find Silver very useful – [We] expect to sail on Sunday reply as before.