

Aug. 9/13. Spithead 9th August 1813 On Board The Convict Ship Three Kings
Mr Thomas Andrew to the Secretary Aug. 9/13.

My Dear Sir

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I have just received 6 numbers of N^o 7 of the Missionary Register and as the parcel did not contain any letter I am led to conclude they are from you, having no letter from you to Mrs Mrs Maissen or any of the Missionaries I should like some instructions how I am to dispose of the Register. It affords me a peculiar pleasure to see the auspicious state of the funds of the Church Miss. Society May its friends multiply and its members increase and may the whole earth be filled with the glory of the Lord Amen, and Amen. I have already commenced my labours on board this ship and should you have an opportunity of seeing Mr Collins of Paternoster Row he will inform you as to particulars. Permit me to notice that I am teaching our Cabin Steward (a Mahometan) the English Alphabet and as he already understands a little of the English language I am gradually unfolding the leading doctrines of Christianity his faith in the Alcoran is already staggering and I sincerely pray and hope he will soon be numbered among the disciples of Jesus. My success on behalf of the convicts &c has been to me truly astonishing although I should wish still 100 Bibles and 30 prayer Books in addition to my present stock the former I flatter myself I shall be able obtain at Cork and I presume the Liberality of the Prayer book of Home Society will furnish me with the latter, I have only 18 prayer books and although I am a Scotch Presbyterian I can sincerely assure you it would afford me much pleasure and real satisfaction could I furnish such of the Convicts &c as are Members of the English Church with prayer books