

Mr. W^m Kirk to Secy

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Ans^d. Oct. 11/17, thro' of Rev. A. Cheap.

Rev^d Sir

As one of those young Men who have had the Privilege of speaking with Mr Bickersteth upon the subject of Missionary labor, I take the liberty of addressing you by his kind direction upon a work which has very much affected my heart ever since it pleased our Dear Lord to visit my Soul with a conviction of sin and a knowledge of his saving grace to me as a vile sinner this Sir has still followed me with deeper impressions and clearer Views of my corrupt state by nature and also of the rich plenitude of Christs atoning blood and whose powerful grace has led me to say whereas I once was blind, now I see I have not been acquainted with my Saviours love more than one Year & half being called about the same time with my friend Christopher Thorpe we were both in Darbings together - and the Lord was pleased to bring us into the way of peace much in the same manner and time - & blessed be his Name I trust he has led us alike to the foot of the Cross and made us to know all things to be but loss for him - I have been a Book-keeper in a Mill but owing to the distress of the times and Difficulties in Trade have been for three Months out of this Situation I have had a necessity for settling myself again if possible but the pressing desire for the Missionary service which has been in my heart ever since my own change has still detained me here untill I could have a more decisive prospect opened before me I have spread my wishes before the Lord and offered up many Prayers to him that if he should count me meet to go forth in any way for his glory and the testimony of his saving Name to poor lost sinners, he would be pleased to make my path plain before my face - I desire to have no motive by which to be governed but my Saviours glory - and that whatever hardships & Tribulations I may pass thro' for his Names sake - I may always rejoice in being acquainted with my Masters baptism - this Sir is my motive and wish I offer up to him my Body & all my power