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Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you of our safe arrival at Rio Janeiro after a very pleasant Passage of 56 Days from Portsmouth. William Hall, his wife and John King are all well, and I believe very happy that they came in the storm. They never could have been better accommodated than what they have been, as they have slept in general in the large Cabin. Hall is a man of very considerable ability, and I trust true Piety - He is naturally of a stubborn Temper, very obstinate, and rude in his manner - at the same time very industrious, persevering in any thing he undertakes, & I think he will be found a very useful man in New Zealand. I have endeavoured to convince him, of the necessity of subduing his bad Temper - but it very often happens that those Persons who have a bad Temper think the contrary - This is Hall's Case - His own natural Temper will hardly allow him to be civil to any one -