

**PENZANCE
SHIP LIFTER**

To the Secretaries of the Anti-Slavery
Society, 27, St. James's Place, London

Mr Lane

August 2nd 1820

Rev.^d & dear Fathers

I feel a considerable degree
 of reluctance in sitting down to write this letter
 fearing lest what I have to say, might lead you
 to suppose I wished to retire from the Missionary
 Work; but I would begin by assuring you (as God
 knows) this is a thing the farthest from my thoughts
 I wish to. Nor do I wish to be removed from this
 Coast if you wish me to stay as long as my health will
 at all admit of my remaining. I would also observe
 that in reference to what I am about to ask, I wish
 to leave myself in the hands of my dear Father & Mother
 not which way ever they may decide I shall find that
 is right. I shall first state what I have to request &
 then state my Reasons for making that request.
 It is this. I wish to obtain leave to return home as
 soon as I have seen B^r Oliver settled here & B^r Walker
 at St. Mary's, & stay in England thro' the rains of Nov^r
 & return to this Coast as soon as they are over that is to
 start from thence latter end of Nov^r or Dec^r.
 But while at home I wish to obtain leave to travel
 & then I should be quite willing to return here for 3 Years
 more if health would at all admit, & then remove to
 some Station in the West Indies, or even stay here longer
 as would then appear to be most for the glory of God, if he
 should so that time spare my life.
 My Reasons for asking this are

1st My health requires that before a third Rain I should remove to another Climate, as I could not stay here this time but at the imminent Risk of dip. or of what is still worse a Dropsy or Dysentery which would make me at once unable to do a thing I should dread more than death

It is true at present I am able to do all my work, & look (with the exception of being thin) quite well, but I really feel that my Constitution is shaken to the Centre; & I am obliged to be very cautious, as every little scratch out of my common tract, quite overpowers me.

My nervous system is so arranged that every little trifle alarms me, the starting of my horse, or the unexpected raised or musket thrust me into such agitations, that I do not sometimes recover for hours. The Fever has also very much impaired my memory, so much so, that I frequently forget my system Public or has, & when I have the type, I feel the pains of my spleen very severe.

now a few months
time to my Country
country restored to
so liable to ^{dangers} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~the~~
^{and} such fatigue as will
I wish to be allowed
- does it would be to
time past, been un-
visited it as I thought
change; but since
the comfort I have
I am here exposed
friends Mr Hartney,
found them, & I feel
heavy I have
asked God for direction
to ask your leave to
mean & to such an
de of incalculable
& would I am sure
& domestic employments
believe prevailing at
as Men, but this
here all of good some
year, it is the opinion
not in so much as
There is a difficulty
of such a thing being
offered myself I now
is now both & heid
But should you so
Dear Father, would
me, as at present
would suit me and
cousin. Pity, &
A Missionary Spirit
the nearer this man
do think an ignorant
There are, qualified
perhaps whom home
willing to come to
to return to my other
^{and} not likely,

3rd not likely
I should have an opportunity
I cannot write, & I
information, you may
Colony, Mission & Co.