

rented the house to one De Costa & I fear that I shall have
some trouble to get him out of it. The situation of the house is
like very well, but it is rather too far from the Chapel, in
the rainy season. If it be thought advisable to sell it,
we have full authority from De Costa's heirs a Recourse as it
stands in his name. In that case the money might be
applied to building a more convenient house on a plot that
they have by the side of the Chapel — We live at present with
— Mr. Vial the Mayor of the Town, who received us with great kindness
— a pair of shoes & we must pay 6d per Month for a small house
until we can get into our own. But I feel very happy at
present & if the Lord spare my life I grant my partner her
health I hope we shall be made useful to many souls. There
are many perishing for lack of knowledge in this Town and
its vicinity. There are several Towns within a few Miles of this City
which I intend to visit if the Lord grant me health. Certainly
the harvest is great & the laborers few; yet, men of God are few who
have woven our sin, and are endeavouring to bring the people to God
by leading them the way to the kingdom under scriptural discipline.
Of late I have seen the value of our Doctrine & Discipline more than ever.
Surely these people shall be my people and their God my God.
It does my heart good, while writing this letter to think on the dear
& faithful of our friends at home in waiting themselves to
join us in the ranks of the Lord. "Get thee
from Babylon — Hastings, Go on in the name of the Lord
is room" you are highly blessed indeed with Gospel privileges
at home. I need not ask you to remember us before the Throne
of Grace as I believe you do, & it gives me pleasure to think of the
Thousands of Prayers offered up for us daily. — Yours in the bonds of Jesus
Copy of a letter from Mr. Hugh to the Sec. Dated New Madras, March 20, 1808
Dear Brethren, On Tuesday Feb. 20th we sailed from St. Helena
the wind continuing fair for some time we soon left our native
country, but not without natural feeling, for our last look
on those happy shores, was joined with the ardent desire
that God's blessing might rest on all that we had left behind.
Monday Even. 21st we were separated from convoy by a gale
of Wind. ~~During the day~~ at day break saw 2 large vessels which
appearing to be American Ships, all hands were called upon
Deck to prepare for action, but soon the Calm ensued with
"all is well". The Captain judged them to be Spanish Ships
Tuesday Even. 22nd we were driven into the Bay of Discovery by a storm
which continued more or less till the 1st of the Captain said
he had not experienced such a storm before during 30 years
he had been at Sea, several times he thought of throwing
the Guns aboard. When it subsided all seemed thankful
to God for preserving us from watery grave & from every accident
for not so much as a rope failed in all the tempest; neither
have we sustained any loss since we left England except our lives.

While the storm was lasted I was sick but thank God am now
recovered and enjoy a good state of health. With respect to my situa-
tion it is much better than I expected to find it; and even at board
a ship I can say, "The Lord have fallen to me in pleasant places."
A day or two after I came on board, the Captain came into my Cabin,
and requested me to bless him by asking a blessing, & attending prayers
at our Meals, & read prayers & preach to them on the Sundays. I per-
mit him it would afford me great pleasure to do so, & accepted his
kind invitation. A few days after he expressed a desire to have the
Children on board instructed in reading & writing but found he would be asking
too much for me to attend to them. I supposed him it would
give me the greatest pleasure to render myself useful either to the
Children or any on board. He then put them under my care.
My present course of action is nearly as follows: 1st Although he at Table
in time to say Grace & attend to the Children. 2nd Every Morning at 10
I read the Lessons & Prayers for the day, beginning & concluding with Psalms.
On Sundays read the Church Prayers & Preach when circumstances
will admit. The third part of the day I hear the Children read &
answer such questions as I proposed to them, & I can assure
you I have experienced many blessings in this labor of love. I should
not help, wishing for joy after the Captain left my Cabin when I found
that his requests were nearly such as I had made many times
of for to ask him — I have likewise under instruction a young
Man who is going with his parents to settle in N. S. W. He attends
to the Latin & English during the Morning & in the Evening
I give him a Lesson in Geography in my Cabin & conclude
with prayer. This way of proceeding has already gained the approbation
of the passengers & I am only in danger of being lifted up with
pride. May the Lord keep me humble. — Since I left London I have
been much exercised about N. S. W. Mission but when numerous diffi-
culties have appeared before me I have conceived a voice saying "Go on
the Lord is with thee, thy God will protect thee" — May the Lord open the
hearts of his people that his Mission may go forth proclaiming
salvation to all the world. With respect to myself I am constrained
to say "godsend & mercy have followed me all the days of my life
& therefore I shall not forget it especially after what I have
experienced since I left you. I know the Lord is my portion &
while I look to him I shall not want. Dear Brethren pray for
me that my faith & prayer to my wished for Father Sidney
wings of your faith & prayers to my wished for Father Sidney

London May 11th 1808
I remain your Son in the Gospel
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My Dear Mr. I have got Mr. Thos. Harriott
to transcribe the above letters which I have
received since I had the pleasure of seeing you
with which I have no doubt but you will be
gratified. I need not say how much I was dis-
appointed in not receiving any part of your speech
in your favour from Bristol, Mr. Benson is of
the same opinion with myself we cannot do anything
an abstract of it, do not feel to send it in the course
of a few days I have no doubt but you will collect the