

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Wm. Davies dated Free Town  
1814/34 Sunday Even 20 Feb 1815  
to the Rev. J. Pringle

My Dear Sir,  
Thank God we arrived safely in this  
Colony on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. We had a pleasant voyage from  
the Cove of Cork. We stopped there about 9 days, 3 days at  
Kilcubbin, & a week at Gore; where we met with great  
kindness & hospitality from the English Residents. Capt  
Gibson was very kind to us during the voyage. On Monday Com.  
I waited on his Excellency Dr. Pringle the acting Governor, &  
on Tuesday at 7 o'clock I preached to a large congregation.  
After the meeting was over I met the Stewards, Teachers, & Trustees  
and read to them the Resolutions of the Miss<sup>ion</sup> Com<sup>mission</sup> concerning  
this place, which met with their approbation. Yesterday  
Morning at 9, I read the Church Prayers, & preached; at 2, I read  
Mr. Healy, & preached again at 6, to a large congregation. I  
expect to see good days in this Colony, for many of the Society  
are truly alive to God & walking worthy of the vocation to.  
In looking over the Flaps paper I find in general that  
the members meet well, but as yet cannot speak with  
accuracy as to the state of Religion in this Colony.

When we arrived here the Brethren Healy & Priest had taken  
their passage in a Brig bound for London. They had been at  
sea a month, but the ship having sprung a leak, they  
were obliged to put back again into this harbour. They  
had had the Government salary taken from them &  
not hearing from the Com<sup>mission</sup> gave up the School. As the Re-  
solutions of the Com<sup>mission</sup> was for them to remain here & go on with  
their work until I hear from you. The Society petitioned Mr.  
Hamilton to return the passage money but his answer was  
that he had laid in provisions for the voyage & would  
not therefore be doing justice to the donors to return it. Now  
as Mr. Healy had suffered much from the climate & it being  
the opinion of all here that he could not stand another  
winter season, I thought it best for him to return & for  
Mr. Priest to stop and go on with the School. He has  
his health very well since he has been in the place.  
It appears to me our Schoolmasters have been very useful  
in this place. Many of the Boys have got as far in  
Arithmetic as the Rule of Three, & can read & write tolerably  
well. As the School is calculated to do good, & as this the  
Methodists have been as useful as any who have made the  
attempt, I think it our duty to carry on the School, & con-  
sequently it will be opened this day week. They have