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Rev and dear Father

The very letter I recd is sealed up yet I cannot let the present Epistle sail without writing to indicate myself in reference to Capt Chapels in the business of which I am I have been led into a snare I must now write in the singular as my dear Blagden has missed his part of the trouble by expiring to heaven

Indeed I can assure you the letter was very ill timed for me coming just the day after I had been snatched back from the jaws of death, and had just strength to get through with the reading of it. My health now is in a very precarious state. I have made but one attempt to smother since that mentioned in it. I had begun sick some days with Fever but the day before yesterday receiving your letter I felt a little better, I took two doses of Quinine early in the morning. Presently after I was seized with a violent vomiting and purging, & throwing up my back so increased my sickness that I was nearly smothered. For hours I would stay on my stomach not even a drop of water I yet my thirst was raging I compelled me to drink what only increased my pain. At last blood came both ways & I felt all I lost nearly 3 Pints. Twice I thought myself dying in consequence of the vomiting took away my breath and sense strength to recover it. I lay in this state a long time as dead till a copious perspiration relieved me. Next day something seized me on one side of my chest and so violently that I and every one else thought me gone. One ran for the Surgeon, who came and applied to bleed and gave me some medicine which relieved me.

The same day your letter came and I leave you to judge how it would operate upon me; and nothing but a conviction of my not having knowingly broke any rule supported me. My Surgeon has for some time past been pointing out the necessity of my changing the air within by a Sea voyage or going to some part of the coast where it is more pure. The Honorable Dudley Lindsay who is second in Council and at present Governor (Our Governor being absent) is about to take a voyage to the Gold Coast and back again for his health. He is particularly kind and intimate with me and a friend to my Cause. With him I am offered as a Passage to fare as he does at his friends house on the Coast and he will procure me a Passage with himself back in the first of his Majesty's Ships bound to the Westward of which there are 6 or 7 cruing up and down for Slaves.

Had I a Collague here I might accept the kind offer as a means to alter my health, but now as cannot for the I am unable at present as it respects Preaching yet my presence keeps things in order, so I have been obliged to decline it and as to my health, when I am in God's hands all this I feel to be nothing compared to the business of your letter before mentioned, but I must endeavour to concentrate myself in the part I have taken in the business.

It is so back to the ground (Mr Browne) about the money, as some, and the

I must acknowledge to say any thing but my own (Chapels) I did not the grants for females in the business in

The Chapels were sure up. By for work & the 1st going home & then this money out of fish Bill. See the Chapels & get the he wished no Bill. I wish this I for Chapels expecting money & then I some part of this

I do not know it with the House it was the practice sent Mr Browne as he was pleading Little & did not the would most certainly Mr Browne said - him in which letter in the Feb 1820. Of this he him for it, get bit of the Subsidy to find out People not has there been

It is true the many respects but thought it of course build a Chapel in the the 1820 had the King promised here of this kind, to be was wanted, & all there a wretched one I observed, the show to build, & this I done what the King And in my last I left every thing to fast and offered will from the letter to 3 or 4 of

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