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Madeira. On Board

March 11

Rev & Dear Sir

When we left London, you
 to hear from us as frequently as possible, and
 present in any means, a favourable opportunity
 scarcely, able to sit in any chair) I think it
 embrace it, by giving you some account of our
 situation. I have written to Mr. Sturges, giving
 very particular description of our voyage, and so
 that I should not have an opportunity of writing
 I requested him, to read the letter to the friends
 and should this request be complied with, you
 our voyage was one of the most prosperous, that
 were indeed very flattering, and that we had often
 cause to be thankful. Since I wrote that
 ever we have been convinced, that human life
 of good and evil, that in the nature of things
 must encounter adversity, as well as walk in the
 of prosperity, and that while we rejoice in the experience
 good, and in the prospects of future usefulness (as
 all terrestrial things), that it is proper, & absolutely
 rejoice with trembling. We cast anchor here, having
 morning, went on shore, found here or there, English
 means hostile to Religion, and were hence led to engage
 on the Wednesday evening. The weather continued
 fine till yesterday, and then a sharp frost set in.
 and the sea, began to swell, most phenomenally. The
 eruption of the Captain, more but a madman, would
 to go on shore. Bro. Beth, and I felt, very exquisitely
 engagement, and with the greatest sincerity, and earnestness
 led to seek direction, and assistance at a throne of grace.
 On one hand we felt a great desire to preach to those
 "The unspeakable riches of Christ." And on the other we
 going on shore to do this, we might be under the necessity
 of several pounds. No person is permitted to leave the
 Council without a special license for so doing. And
 was so dreadfully bad, the Captain informed us, that it was
 probable he should put out to sea again before the morning
 if we should be left on shore to take at our own expense
 they would come to anchor again, which might not
 several days. After we had prayed over it, and consulted
 Captain about it, we took this step. We wrote to the
 whom we made the engagement, that the weather
 as possible, and requested him to attend, at the time
 appointed, and apologize for us, to the few people that
 and according to our present views and feelings, this was
 (Captain, and