

Letter to John Arundel, 27 January 1841

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At Sea, off Rio De Janeiro, 27th Jan^y
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Dear Sir

The sudden & unexpected departure out Pilot at midnight rendered it impossible us to write you from the Downs. But as shall have an opportunity tomorrow of letters to England, you will have kindness to take this instead.

We expect to reach Rio D' Janeiro tomorrow which Port we are compelled to put in, in of our foremast having been by the wind a few days ago. We had 30 days water on board when the accident and had we proceeded on our to the Cape, the probability is that the gale we encountered, taking the mast right , should have so disabled the vessel as her gaining land for perhaps double that . As a prudential measure therefore the puts in at the above named Port to get a mast or the old one repaired & a supply of . These objects we hope to get accomplished

[0002] a few days

We should have preferred proceeding direct to our without delay. But as circumstances have happened, we feel pleased with the prospect of that harbour. And as the Tract Society furnished us with a good supply tracts for we purpose supplying our countrymen with the British shipping with what we left over the supply of our own vessel if there is an hospital for seamen, by leaving some there, we hope that some of these little messengers mercy may impart consolation & hope to some who health never listened to the invitations of the , and if so our short visit wont be vain

We had cold stormy weather for 10 days leaving Gravesend, but having then reached latitude of Lisbon we experienced a pleasant & ever since we have been favoured a most delightful Atmosphere. We have thought of you & wished that the enjoyment of these climates & the discharge of the important of your office were compatible. you now severely from the cold fogs of London, while enjoy weather much more genial than even in England. We hope however you able with some degree of comfort, still to

[0003] your very arduous duties

We have held Divine Service as often as the permitted. But no change for the better apparent. We feel that much wisdom is in dealing with sailors. May this be to us so that our sojourn with them be for the glory of our Redeemer.

Our accommodation is much better than expected. Indeed we have great reason to grateful to the Giver of all good & to the Directors his instruments for the very many comforts enjoy. We hope our mercies may [...] [not] lost upon us, but that we may be stimulated them to greater devotedness in the cause of Him leads us with his benifits. & At the same honours us to go forth to the heathen with good news of mercy through Christ.

Yours in the bonds of the gospel

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