

Letter to Benjamin T. Pyne

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On board the "George"
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My Dear Friend

At length I am afloat and our vessel is fast getting under weigh in order to convey me away far from happy England. I have no doubt but you now associate me in your thoughts with the little place which I now occupy & should like to know how I like my new mode of life. I am thankful to be able to say that the only report I can as yet make is good, for though every thing on board is in confusion & must for some time remain so, as all hands are employed in getting the vessel in sailing order. Yet I am well pleased with our accommodation & passed as comfortable a night in my little berth as ever I did any where else .

I don 't know much of our fellow passengers, as we have only exchanged a few words, but all seem willing to be pleased so I hope we shall go on together comfortably - We have two ladies & two gentlemen besides ourselves. ne of the latter is D^r Grant, a newly fledged assistant surgeon in the army, quite green & but lately extricated from the eggshell. I think the majority of us are Scotch but we are none the better for that .

We left London yesterday at 10 A.M. & got on board here about 4 P.M. & now at 12 noon the seamen are

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busy weighing anchor & hoisting the sails - while I write just now she has begun to move. I hope we shall have no need again for the anchor we reach Simon's Bay at the Cape .

I don 't ~~plae~~ attach much importance to the state of my feelings, but cannot refrain from alluding to them now in [my present] circumstances as I know you will feel with me. When I look back on all the way by which the Lord has led me I see nothing but

manifestations of His Goodness & Paternal care. Every step of my way has been strewed with mercies & now greater than all he has counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry & sends me as a messenger of mercy to the heathen. How much reason have S. & I have no doubt but you on reviewing your lives, feel constrained to say Bless the Lord oh my soul & all that is within me be stored up to magnify & bless the holy name. & Remember me in your prayers that the loving kindness of the Lord may [have] the effect on my mind which he intended & that I may live entirely consecrated to his glory - I do feel I think grateful at present but I know the deceitful nature of my heart & am afraid ~~that~~ lest I forget my obligations to the grace of the Lord Jesus.

I could have written you this morning but there is a probability that those which I did send may not be put into the post office. The price of them being a temptation to the cupidity of the watermen by whom we send them
I wrote M^{rs} Moore & paid a man handsomely to take it ashore - but as the same man would not take the

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captain's wife ashore without being paid the exorbitant sum of 1/2 a guinea for about a mile & a half, I suspect he would destroy our letters - This I shall transmit by the Pilot, when he leaves us in the Downs .

All hands being employed about the vessel at present we have not yet got to our luggage as it is stowed away .
I can't yet from personal inspection acknowledge your bounty contained in the box you sent last to the Mission House. I beg leave again return you my warmest thanks for all your kindness which I feel persuaded has made an impression on my heart which shall never be effaced.
May the Lord Jesus himself reward you with peace & prosperity - & shew mercy to every member of your family .

Instead of sending your letters to D^r Phillip. Please address to the care of Rev^d Adam Robson - Port Elizabeth, Algoa Bay- ending them either to the Mission House or M^{rs} Sewell's- If you write a month after this I may your letter when I arrive at Algoa Bay. As we may be detained some time at the Cape - I need scarcely say that when I write to you I shall speak with freedom & of course mention things which are not designed to be seen by any but those whom I write .

I like M^{rs} Ross better now that I see more of her we are in fact now so much in contact with each

other that if she were disagreeable, I should not fail to discover it - seems willing to oblige & be friendly. I hope we shall have no reason to complain of each other .

Please present my esteem to M^{iss} Marshall, Miss Mary, M^{iss} Mary Ruffle & M^{iss} Stubbing & the boys to whom I am known . May the Divine presence be with them all & His grace touch All their hearts & [...]

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