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them cheap, for the Impression cost me nothing, & you shall be welcome to come
at the same price. We have at last received some Letters of the New-England
of my books.

Yesterday brought me an acceptable Letter from Capt. Waldron. As
it is the first, I wish to answer it speedily, & having little time at command, I
must, as they say, not Peter to pay Paul, & break off from you abruptly, to attend
upon him. I shall be glad if you can find your way to London provided you do
not come too towards the middle of September, if I go to Southampton.
Whenever you are, I hope my Obedient Husbands will be with you, & I humbly
trust ^{they} will likewise mercifully be with, your affectionately,
John Newton

N. G. Spaldy 98.

London seventh July 98

Mrs John Campbell

Grave Street

Whitechapel

Yours
John Newton

My dear Sir, It seems I wrote it 2. April, yet it did not seem so long to me. Mr. Groushaw is no hindrance I have not troubled him for more than a Twelve-month past. I hope to take him with me to Southampton (if the Lord permits me to go thither as I propose in about a fortnight) & if possible to finish Mr. Groushaw while I am there. The truth is, business & years increase together. I have men to do than formerly & cannot do so much. But I need not apologize to you, because whoever fails short, you are served. I have no Correspondent to whom I write, so many & such long letters as to yourself.

Mr. Balfour breakfasted with me once, but I saw little more of him. I suppose he was much taken up with the business & gentlemen of the Mission. I have no active concern there, tho' I pray for its success. I hope I am rejoiced & thankful for the safe arrival of the Duff; and that their entrance at Stabitee appears to have been more favourable than I expected. For I confess I had my fears for the event.

I thank you for the copy of C. B's letter. I have so many good friends call upon me from Scotland, that the Idea of Mr. Miller is lost in the group. I remember his name, but no man. It is not we shall know each other better when we meet again.

Buchanan is an excellent Man; but he is not infallible. What the Lord is pleased to work, every thing must give way. I knew one in Africa who was as obstinate & as unfeeling as any Hindoo can be, yet Grace prevailed. I say nothing of Mr. Thomas for I know him not; but I believe Mr. Cary is a truly devoted servant of God. I do not think him capable of making a false report. Many Hindoos hear him, & he may perhaps have been too sanguine in trusting to his first appearances - Our hopes are often disappointed at home. But in his letter to me, in the last N^o. of the Baptist Mission, he lays more stress upon four Mupelmen than upon the Hindoos. I cannot easily believe that the Lord sent such a Man, to do nothing. Indeed if he succeeds in publishing the Bible, or New-Testament in the Hindoo tongue, it will be doing a great deal.

I find Lady Leven is gone home. But your dependance was upon the Lord, & not upon a Lady. It is not the will of the Lord to enable you to go on. Whoever dies Jesus lives. Remember Profeper Frank, & what he did without any funds; he lived by Faith from day to day, from hand to mouth. He trusted in the Lord, & was not ashamed.

I call the latter part of your letter a Gospel Newspaper, & it really contains much good news. A fig for names & forms, if the Truth is preached, & Sinners are converted.

My Sermon printed in January was advertised, & I took it for granted that some of the Edinburgh Booksellers, would have ordered a few, or I would have sent you a parcel. When you have a friend returning from home, who can take a bundle, if you will ^{draw} upon me I will send you fifty. I can afford ^{them}.