

**Sydney. March 11th 1821.**

Dear Wife

Your letter came duly to hand and I am very happy to bear you are all very well as this leaves me at this time thanks be to Almighty God for it. It gives me the greatest of comfort to hear that you are so situated under the present distressful times that you are not in want of the necessaries of life. I still remain with Mr. Dickson at his mill and am pretty comfortable. There are great expectations amongst prisoners here that something will be done for them at the Coronation of George the 4th. The news of that event hath not reached us yet whether it hath taken place in England but the country as we hear by English papers being in such a confused state I hardly know what I think of it. [Again I much wish I could get a few Bottles of your good strong Beer J.G.] If it were only obligation of sentence it would be a happy thing for those who are for 14 years & life. You mention of coming. If you knew how to procure your passage, think of this. I can inform you nothing as it rests with the Minister at home. Be assured dear wife, if it could be so ordered that we could meet again the enjoyment of you would be to me the greatest of all earthly blessings. With respect to what you say about getting our pardon, I am afraid that can never be effected, but if the Ministry of England knew the sincerity of our attachment to our sovereign we might be represented as thorough converted subjects and worthy the notice of an offended country. We now too plainly see our madness in attempting or engaging in that affair which entailed such misery upon ourselves wives & families. A man must be born again as it were when he comes to this country before he is able to live here, for in depth of villainy the generality of the country exceed all description. Drunkenness, lewdness and all manner of vice is so grafted in the mind of the greater part of prisoners that in spite of all the means that are taken to reform them, it is all of no service. We unfortunate men from Derby have no more communication with the others than we can help.

Inform Jock Lawsons friends that he died about months ago. Inform Robt. Creswell, s wife that I have heard he is doing very well at Derwent about 400 or 500 miles from Sydney. I hear that Jno. Wigley is doing very well. He lives about 14 miles from me. Inform Turners of Wingfield that Edwd. is now just on the recovery from sickness of which he hath been confined to bed about a fortnight. Josh Turner is well. All the rest of my unfortunate sufferers are well and all desire to be remembered to their friends. My respects to Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher hoping they enjoy good health, also Jno White & my cousin Jackson to whose goodness I am greatly indebted, also my dear brother Robert whose goodness I hope the Almighty will reward. My respect to all relations and friends.

I am dear wife your sincere husband

Josiah Godber

Direct at Mr. Dickson's Mill, Sydney.

P.S. D. wife You say in your letter if you knew where to take those few articles you would send them, therefore I have got Mr. Dickson's brother's address viz Mr. Jonothan Dickson Engineer Holland Street Bank Side London. In addition to those I have already mentioned for be so kind, tell my Brother Robert to send me a few pairs of plain cotton stockings. You told me to inform you what part of England Mr. Dickson came from. He came from London here, but is a native of Scotland.

P.S. I trust you will write as soon as you receive this informing me all particulars of the country. German Buxton desires you to enquire of his brother whether they have received none of his letters as he hath had no answer. He particularly desires his brother John to write to him.

To Rebecca Godber  
Ripley  
Derbyshire  
Britain