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My Dear Wife

I once more sit down to write a few lines to you hoping that they will find you and all my brothers and sisters all in good health as they leave me at present, thank god for it. I received your letter Dated Feb. 13th 1821 and was very glad to hear that you are all well, but was very much grieved to hear of so many of my town's people snatched away by Grim Death but it is a debt we must all pay and the sooner we begin to prepare for it the better, as we have not one moment to call our own. So my dearest wife I hope you will prepare to meet that God with joy, in whose presence we must all appear in that dreadful Day of the Lord and rely upon his goodness for all the rest, and you may rest assured that He will not deceive us. My dear wife you seem to have a desire to come to this country. If you think there is no chance of getting me a free pardon, as I could come into my own country once more and enjoy your company, send me word and I will do all in my power to get you a passage as it is a deal easier to get a free passage since the new governor came into this country. The Governor's name is Sir Thomas Bresbenn [Brisbainel Baronet. I am still at master Dickson's & working the engines and receive 8 shillings a week and my maintenance. I am pretty well off considering my situation. I did think of trying to get a situation in a brewery, if you would be so kind as to get me a few particulars with respect to the internal parts of it. I wish my old master James Fletcher was here with his Brewers as the ale that is made here is not fit to be named on the same day with English ale and they charge nine pence a quart for it making theirs barely as cheap as in England. They pay no kind of duty for malting or brewing only for a licence. English Ale sells at 2 shillings a quart. The Government has given a grant for distilling spirits in this country Nobody has begun at present but it is expected very soon to begin.

My dear wife you desired me to find Joseph Joke's father. I have not heard anything of him at present but I will make all the enquiries possible for him. John Bullock of Belper is well and lives close to me. Robert Cresswell is doing well at the Vandemans Land. Several young men from Belper are here. one of old Ryley's sons is a framesmith at a little town about a mile from Somercotes, I have forgotten the name. George Brassington sends his love to his father and mother and to his wife and children & sisters and friends, to his old master James Fletcher and all his family and to all my brothers sisters and To you my dear wife. George Brassington and I are always together when we have an opportunity and I feel more attached to him than to any of the rest. I think it is through both coming from one town.

So now my dearest wife give my love to all my sisters and brothers and to my old Master Fletcher and his family and to all relations and friends, and God Almighty bless you with health and prosperity 'till we meet again in another, this country or old England, if it be his Blessed will and that is the prayer of your most loving and affectionate husband

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