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My dear Father

Tomorrow morning we sail for the Cape of Good Hope with dispatches for the Admiral and should he not be at the Cape we are to follow him to the Isle of France or wherever he may be so you won't be rather disappointed or uneasy if you receive no letter from me for the next three months, two things you may be sure I will do, write by every opportunity and take good care of myself. As we come back again to this station write to me here and desire the person you send by to leave the parcel on board the senior ship here. We were in the middle of painting ship when we received word to sail immediately so are in a nice mess. We are delighted at the idea of going to the Isle of France it is such a nice place and it is not impossible but we may go on to India yet that is almost too good to think of if the Admiral should not be at the Cape we shall not stay there more than an hour or two however I hope to have time to see my cousins tho where to find I don't know neither do I know the present names of Sutum and Mary Ann. My only plan will be to enquire for Stephen, tell Aunt she may be sure I will find them out if possible. I have now given up all idea of going home till the Algerine does and as they are doing away with small vessels in foreign stations we shall not be kept long after our time one year more and then Home--

Rio is a very unsettled state for the last fortnight all the Boats of the Squadron have been kept armed ready for landing men to protect the British residents plots have been discovered and the government is so weak that they are afraid to punish the conspiritors. I think there will be a revolution before long and wherever it takes place it will be a bloody one for the immense number of negroes who cannot have much sympathy or pity for masters who treat them so cruelly and with very few exceptions they are all imported from Africa. I am sorry to hear my dear Elizabeth continues so weak and the prospect of receiving no letters for three or four months is not very agreeable but I must not always expect to be in a station where Packets arrive and sail so regularly indeed there is no other station where they do at the time I sent my accounts I sent some Pilotage certificates if you have heard nothing of them it would be well to inquire. I sent you a note by our old Captain Martin we all regretted losing him I thought you would be glad to see one I had sailed with We are very comfortable and in health I was never better I believe this is the most healthy place in the world. I have written my dear friend Mr. Lake and I must leave it to you to forward under one to the Marquis Cholmondeley. I am much obliged by Captain Powells kind inquiries I wrote him about two months ago which as he is in England I hope he has received. I shall waste at least six months on my return to visit all my friends in Swansea I was always partial to. I have received so much kindness from friends there and Mr. Castle I have not visited for eleven years--how the time flies 25 years of age I shall be next birthday. I really can hardly fancy it hitherto my life has been a smooth one and I trust it will continue so at any rate no exertion on my part shall be wanting for be assured my dear Father I value my friends too highly willingly to act in any way that would give them pain. I think it likely you will next hear from me by one of the homeward bound With kindest love to yourself and my dear Mother Brothers and Sisters and affectionate remembrances to all my friends believe me to be my dear Father

Your very affectionate son  
F. Osler