

Pelou Dec 19/49

Mr C Robin

Dear Sir

You have probably heard that the Thomas Henry in which our Mission goods were shipped was lost on the 1st December in the Strait of Cansuau. Immediately on hearing of the wreck I wrote to Capt Firth and J. S. McKean Esq, to take care of the papers if it could be saved, and if possible to ship it in the ship Black which passed through the Strait a few days after the wreck.

By last mail I learned that the goods were saved in good order and Mr McKean kindly offered to store them for expense until sent for. They could not however be got on board the ship Black. I was also informed that a ship is now touching for Bristol in Halifax by Mr Macdougall and that a schooner was in the Strait loading with deals from the Thomas Henry for Halifax.

In these circumstances, I have concluded to direct the goods to be sent to Halifax to your care to take first chance of

Shipment to London. I have accordingly  
directed Mr McKean to ship the 5 boxes  
in his care to you; and I have just  
another box lately received, on board  
P. O'Brien, who has also engaged to  
call at Plaster Cove and take on the  
others if not previously forwarded. It will  
be a favour to the Board & to me if you  
can get them shipped for us and on  
deciding upon freight and expenses which  
may be incurred I will pay it and add  
it to what I have already expended.

The total value of the shipment is  
about £60 sterling and it may be entered  
at the customs as clothing and other supplies  
for missionaries. A copy of the Bill Lading  
may be sent with the goods to "Messrs & Tideman  
Fraser & Co of London 105, 106, 107, 108  
Blomfield St London"; and Mr Waddell  
the Co Secy of the Board will write to advise  
him respecting the change in the mode of  
shipment. It is probable that some of  
the boxes which are at Plaster Cove may  
have met with slight injuries and may  
need repairs.

The box sent by you was not  
acknowledged in the E. Chronicle, this was  
in part at least a neglect of mine. We

intend however to insert in the Register  
the list of the articles sent when yours will  
be included.

Copy Letter  
to Robinson  
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