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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That the earth thy way, and nations all, may know thy saving grace.—*Psalms* lxxvii. 1, 2

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

LETTER FROM MR GORDON.

Eromanga, Oct. 22, 1859.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—

I have just received your letter of April last, and shall be prompt in paying my debts as they become due. I feel thankful that you give me so much home news, as I have only yet received one number of the *Missionary Register*. I apprehend that a few more stamps would procure a better destiny for those periodicals which are sent for us. The periodicals we get from London come regularly, post paid of course. Double postage on papers from Nova Scotia will be necessary—which should be charged to our account. Mr Geddie says he does not get his.

The *John Williams* arrived here a week ago, with three missionaries on board, two of whom, with their wives, have gone to Lifu. They spent three days here of imperishable interest in the history of the mission of this island—days of hallowed associations and blissful refreshing—an oasis in our wilderness. When we are cast down, the Lord thus takes pleasure in our prosperity, by raising us up again, that we may feel that it is his hand.

In a letter written to Mr McGregor a few days ago, I stated that there had been a rising on this island against the

gospel, by the instigation of the chiefs, on the hearing of evil tidings, from Tana and Aneiteum, relative to the deaths which have been of late on these islands. The chiefs, who are for the most part opposed to the gospel, greatly exaggerated the statements they received of these evil tidings, and two of them travelled about among the tribes to excite opposition to us; and while they were counselling for this end (unknown to us), I was instructing on the 2d Psalm; and after partial success in nearly emptying our meeting house, the Lord seems to be putting them to shame—yea, speaking to some of them in his wrath, for the chief actor in this rising, who went from village to village, is now prostrate, and a young man has been to me for medicine for him to-day. Now, nothing could be more opportune than the arrival of the well known "Messenger of Peace" at such a critical time, which has always a charm for the poor natives of these islands,—and that with the right man on board, who first taught them to distinguish between a mission ship and the sandal wood traders. Mr Turner, who first taught the Eromangans to know something of the gospel, visited Eromanga fifteen years ago; and on Sabbath he described to them his first interview with them, on this occasion, and read the