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My Dear Peter,

Husband my thoughts are ever upon you while you are far from me in latitudes unknown my desires are often going to God that his protecting care may be over you for good, & that you may be returned to me once more & if that desire is granted I shall never consent for you to leave me again for you know that life is short & we can enjoy it best in each others society. & what we have suffered by being separated is known only to God and ourselves make your voyage as short as possible and come home to your family and their will be great rejoicing. you will not be surpris'd Peter when I tell you that one of our number since you left is now trying the realities of eternity sister Lydia died the ninth of last month one the less to greet you with a smile on your return she lived to suffer beyond description & turn'd to a mass of putrefaction on earth she was so weak that she died without a struggle or a groan had her senses untill the last

Capt I received your letter from Fayall the 18th of Nov was
Peter very glad to have it good company for me am sorry you
Capt suffered so much in your mind I hope you will get over
being homesick in some measure you must try not
to dwell upon your absence from friends but
4- keep up good spirits and think you will soon be