

Feb. 6. 1858.

P. p. m.

Dear Brother,

On account of the dangerous state of the bar, the Harbour Masters boat, came off this morning to advise us, that the Pilot did not think it safe to attempt to cross, but that we might have a chance to-morrow morning (Friday). It came again this evening, to tell me to be all ready at high water, 7 a. m. so I think now that we shall get away to-morrow, I hope so, too, for I am tired of laying here in the stream. It has been raining almost all day, heavily, with the wind from the south'ard, but I hope that there will be a change before morning.

None of us have received any newspapers
so do not forget to send some, to the
Mauritius. Cap. Walters (Sea Bird.)
Cap. Fox, (Parus). & Henderson (Bell's Hole)
are here. Freight, for the Mauritius,
are quoted at 32/ but I cannot say
if that is obtainable. I heard to day
that Cap. Rae is still in Sydney, I should
not be surpris'd to hear, that he is hard
up. The vessel is making about 20 inches
of water a day, but she has been a
long time out of the water, and may take
up. If she does not, it will be best to get
her caulked in Mauritius, for labor
is cheap there, and work well done.
I am glad to say, as yet, nothing comes
strange to me, and I am quite at home.
She is very heavy rigged, our top gallant
sails being larger than the brig's top sails,
I hope that we shall have a quick passage,
and do a little good. I do not see any
thing to prevent it. I bought a new sextant
in Sydney for £4, and an Epitome, for 5/6.
I have given it, and my other sextant to
Charley, so he has now an opportunity
of getting ahead in Navigation, I have
nothing else to write, except, Good Bye, to all. W. L. B.