No. 5
Cape Byron Japan July 29th 1837

Dear Sister Catherine,

Please to take your Atlas & look for Latitude North 34° 40' & East Longitude 139° 10' & you will see the spot from which your loving brother writes you. O my dear Sister how I wish you were with me to admire the works of God. As I sit among the varied flowers of the Motuan as now beating against a head wind up to Yedo the Capital of Japan, eight islands are distinctly seen. Immediately before me is a beautiful mountain, upon which a cloud now sits or hovers, as it to rest. A little to the left of it is one like a huge loaf mid way to another more distant. What is said to resemble Table Moutains in Africa, by one who has seen them both. On my left is a volcanic island. Its top is covered with clouds & smoke is now ascending from the crater. Prairie a little to the left is the main island.
for a more minute account of which I
may journal. You would be delighted
to see mountains above mountains, tall at
length, the clouded 

Mount Fuji rises above all the islands of Japan.

It is estimated to be 11 or 12,000 feet above the
level of the ocean. The coast does not
appear to be remarkably fertile or ade-
quate to cultivation. A small village is on
the coast.

I have expressed a desire you knew how
to behold the works of our God. Probably
the whole island of Japan once lay beneath the
waves that now break upon
its shore, but at the Creator's fiat arose
to become the dwelling place of his un-
grateful offspring. The nearest abode of
many millions (Population of Japan is tedi-
ously estimated from 20 to 45 millions) who

are the successors of impiests that have
lived before them. Their history is but imperfectly known. Where they originated is
uncertain. Traditions represents them
descended from the gods, also that they
are from China. That an ancient King
of China died out of obtaining the elixir
of life but told that it was to be found
in this island, it was contained in a
plant that could be gathered only by the
hand of true virgins. So a company
of 900 men, at many spring festivals,
were all hitched in pursuit of this med-
icine, so that this land a contributed then
by the head of this bond to excite the
appetition of the King, to colonize Japan.
Koempsa wants they made a remnant of
the continent Babylon and, others that they
are of the same origin as the Malays.
My mind naturally retreats to the tragic
scenes which have been portrayed.

Here thousands of the converts to Pash
Christianity have suffered the most
cruel martyrdoms by the unbelief world
by holding of the Jesuits. That there were
some among the first propagators of the faith
who have gone to their reward on high.
not as Francis Xavier, I am inclined to think; but rather if they ever knew the truth, it would make them apostates! Who can withhold a sigh or a tear when he considers what I know is what the might have been. Had pure Christianity been first introduced to our reason to believe the Gospel of the dear Redeemer had now been enjoyed not only in Japan, but extensively in China and throughout the Orient; world. But now, before this can be, an incalculable amount of prejudice, of ignorance, of misunderstanding to the craft is to be overcome. before the people of the East will listen to the message of the Omniscient of Heaven.

Dear Sister, excuse this brief letter if you may be favoured with something from time to time. I may never see you again, but I love to think of you, I think from the end of the world, I trust and with you. What is my youngest sister an inhabitant of earth or Heaven? Oh! that I knew. Affectionately yours,

John Brothet

Peter Paxton
P.S. I was delighted to ponder upon the untold blessings which had been enjoyed instead of Anarchy & Heathenism, had the true Church done her duty. What happy families! What true Hobnail death beds! And take the place of legalized murder! (Shaking open the belly with one own hand.) What numerous families around! O what communications between heaven & earth! Those living heirs to often mentioned by Romans who made a profession of sin, had been victorious over. And a victory an earth, a heaven of God, a joint heirs with Christ to an ineradicable inheritance. O Sin! what hast thou done? (by the hand of Jesus.)

Canton, Nov. 24, 1837.

Dear Sister,

I have but a moment to write. Raise to our God. I have again been Canton in safety—after having been exposed to imminent risk. A letter acce...
must this to the Church in St. — and
addressed to Dr. Kellogg.

Soon I shall send full account
of the voyage to the North Rooms.

Much love to all. to our dear
mother & sisters & brothers.

In great haste affectionately desire
your Br. P. Parker.
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June 29

1837

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