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Friday evening off Falmouth
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Dear friend

We came in a very short time opposite to the Start, but then, which was last night, the wind changed, and turned west, so that on this account, and likewise apprehending a storm from that quarter, we have just dropped anchor in Falmouth road, where we shall stay till tomorrow morning, and then sail or not, according as the wind shall be. On wednesday evening we had a strong gale, which continued all night, and part of the next day. This made all the passengers very sick, and my wife and myself among them. I could eat nothing till supper. But the next night was calm, and we rose recruited, and all this day have been in very good spirits, but much disappointed at not being able to proceed on our voyage; when we had got farther in three days, than the Captain says, he got in three weeks and five days the last voyage.

We begin to be acquainted with all our cabin, and many of the steerage passengers, and like them very well. They are all well behaved, and good company. The only woman cabin passenger is come from France, knows our friends there, and seems well acquainted with the Politics of the country.

On the whole, I think we shall pass our time pretty well during the voyage. I have much time for reading, and shall be able to write. I am meditating a discourse on the causes of infidelity led to it by reflections on that of Mr Cooper¹ and other intelligent men.

I think I shall n//e//arly read my [New] Testament thru before I get to New [York] and I think I read it with more satisfaction than ever. Unbelievers, I am confident, do not read it, except with a predisposition to cavil.

A Person waits for our letters and therefore I am in haste
yours & Mrs Lindsey's
most affectionately
J Priestley

¹ Thomas Cooper (1759-1839), see 5 Aug 1793.