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Curacoa Rio de Janeiro Augth 1843

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No 976 Ship Curacao

My Dear Sister & Brother

I sit down this afternoon to embrace another opportunity of writing a few lines to you to inform you we are at Rio de Janeiro and have been here a fortnight and I expect we shall be stopping for some time. I wrote to you from Madeira but we cannot expect to have an answer so quick now as if I was in England however there is a mail packet due here every month from England so I shall have your answer to my last letter next month we have had a very fair passage out here about six weeks from Madeira. I can't tell you much about either Madeira or this place for none of our ships company have been ashore in either place yet but I expect we shall be going before long and then I shall be able to tell you a little about this place however from what we can see of it from our ship it is a very pretty place very ^{fair} many there are a great many churches here all

Roman Catholics but I shant say any more
about it yet. I like very well Saffad and
I have very good health so far but I dont
know how I shall be in the summer
season for it is winter here and far hotter
than ever I felt it in England so I dont
know how I shall be when summer comes
for the men that have been on this station
before say it is enough to smother any
one but however no more of that at present
if you have not said any thing about
my half pay in your answer to my last
you must be sure and tell me when you
answer this one and you must write as
soon as you can for to be in time for
the next packet. because as I told you
we have a packet due here every month
I had almost forgot to tell you we crossed
the equinoctial line on the first of this
month and all the ships company that
had not crossed it before which was about
120 had to be shaved so I and Jack Gales
of course had to go through the operation
I think if you had been there to see the

sport you would have split your sides with
laughing for I never laughed so much in
all my life as I did to see those that came
after me. however I shall be able to spin
a good yarn about all these things when
I come back home if I ever do come
and now I must conclude by wishing
you to remember me to all enquiring
friends and accept my very best wishes
and prayers for both yourselves and believe
me I shall ever remain your

ever affectionate Bro

James Hattie

Rio de Janeiro July 31st 1843

P.S. be sure you write as quick as you can
after you receive this and let me know all
the particulars you can good bye, says
J. Hattie
I have put a stamp on this letter
and if you have any more to pay
you must let me know for they some of
our shaps tell me they wont do and they always

stick a penny on one corner so if you have any
thing more to pay you must let me know and
if I can get english pence I will put one
on the corner so be sure you let me know
once more good bye says J. D.

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