

Post office Bristol -

per "Great Western"

for John Cox.

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North America



Do not thought with myself that under the feelings of languor when requiring a little
 variety they might at least afford thee some amusement - the said Doct is gone for a
 walk on the shore and I am under orders to meet him at a certain place with the
 carriage, for not able to walk but a very short distance it is generally the plan to get
 a little air and exercise in the best best way. Doct has with him an interesting observation
 who come down here to lecture on Sectularism last evening. his name Ralph Holker. once
 a Deacon, and so great a drunkard as to be often in the "Black hole". At my request last
 evening he gave us, with more and then a tear falling from his cheek. an account of the great
 change he has experienced, which was I believe several years before the establishment of Societies
 for the suppression of Drunkenness. It was I think during some close restrictions in the Barracks
 to which his ~~company~~ ^{society} had subjected him that strong convictions for his sinful course were raised
 he mentioned the space of six or seven days of insupportable mental conflict which even
 deprived his power for taking food - he knelt down in secret and again began with
 many tears implored for mercy, the conflict all the while so great that the perspiration rolled
 off him. His ~~supreme~~ ^{supreme} joy in the hope of forgiveness for his sins and the opening of the door of
 mercy when he ~~had~~ ^{had} feared to be a castaway seems to have filled him with insupportable
 thankfulness, and raised the desire in his mind that other sinners may be encouraged to do as he did
 and protest themselves before the Divine ~~royal~~ ^{royal} majesty in his blessed name who died that we might
 live - I wish I could do justice to his ~~last~~ ^{last} recital - he is come with his wife & three nice daughters to
 reside at Ipswich. at my Doct's expense to visit the abodes of Drunkenness &c - Ralph Holker
 had been conspicuously acceptable to his licentious comrades from his capability of
 jesting and relating ludicrous ~~tales~~ ^{tales} - he had gone one day to an officer's room to borrow a vol-
 of such to prime his memory with a fresh store, but could not succeed, an individual
 present more serious than himself offered to lend him ~~some of the red books~~ ^{some of the red books} which he took and
 returning to his room read a few pages. this was the appointed instrument to strike
 his conscience to break him in pieces and drive him to prayer - This seems also worth re-
 cordings to encourage the determination of truely among the moth fallen and degraded -
 for those known not whether shall prosper &c - 6-6

I find the title of the book is "The triumph of true Holiness"

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Letter, London" datestamp - is genuine.

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Chairman

Submitted by Michael Chipperfield