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Volontaire of Toulon July 27th 1811

Dear Brother & Sister

I received your [??] a Few Days Since Dated the 27th of [??] and was extremely Sorry to hear [??] of My Poor Mothers Death She was very Old and it w^{as}t be expected to happen [??] Years And likewise my Brother I was extremely Sorry for his Death Particularly on his Passage home ___ I know Grimes Very well he used to be off [??] [??] Waterman at Shadwell Dock My Brother Used to Lodge there formerly, You say that you hear [??] his [??] [??] the best way to know is for you to Direct [??] [??] [??] [??] [??] to the Care of [??] [??] [??] know what has become of them and send the Letter by Some Master of a Collier of your acquaintance who Can bring you an Answer back ___ has for that house at Deptford I Lodged with my Brother there As for the [??] [??] [??] I know the people well his Name is Edwards ^the [??] [??] Very Good so it is [??] [??] you write there [??] [??] [??] [??] you Say that My Brothers Agent D^{is}miss^{ed} his things but you never mentioned his Name but has for the Agent and his Wages or Prize Money Which may be due to him from the Navy Office in Greenwich Hospital it is best to Wait untill I come home (which I think will be not be [??])

has I can then trace every Officer that belongd to the Ship with him & Can Give Sufficient Proof of his Nearest Relation, has My Brother had Neither Wife nor Children and in Court of Law I am his heir Has for my Mother's Will I am very happy that She Left it to you and I hope it Will do you some Good but My Mother Could not Transfer My Brothers Will [??] [??] , and while I was living I expect to be home very Shortly when I shall have Leave and then Shall be able to look into it and means to Come Down home Where I shall have a Little Myself And Shall be a help to you Has for the Parrot when M^{rs} Miller was coming home it [??] Long way to be Troubled with Such a Tender thing has that So I Did not Send it but have got it at Portsmouth yet I have been in this Ship Since the 27th March 1808 ever since we when was Cast away in the Leda which was in January the Same Year and have been in the Mederanean ever Since and I Expect to Come home every Day Give my Best Respects to Thomas & Susan Chance & Family and all inquiring freinds And Except the same yourself from your affectionate Brother
John Stevens

Direct John Stevens 3^d
elsewhere

Volontaire, Gibralter or

John Miller his very well and gives his kind love to his Wife he
his going to Write the Same Opportunity