

Latona, Spithead January 23, (1801? 1805?)

Dear mother

I received your kind and affectionate
Letter bearing date the 3rd, instant but I am very
Unhappy to hear of your being unwell but hope
God will restore you [???] that [???] once more
I am bless God in tolerable Good health and Shall
Make it my first business to send you all the help
In My power My situation in life being such
[???] Now that if the Ship i belong to now is paid
Off i shall Still be kept in the service as the [???]
It was thus[?] all warrant Officers belonging to his Maj
esty Navy but depend upon it if possible i will
Obtain Leave to come home to see you the first
Opportunity I am very much surprized my
Letters never came by hand the same as My
Brother for i always made the directions as Clear
as possible I received a Letter from my Brother
John about a month ago and he was then in Good
Health at Port Royal in Jamaica. The sickness in
The Ship he Belonged to had been very bad the Capt.
Being Dead first Lieutenant Boatswain Carpenter
One Masters Mate Seven Midshipmen & Fifty
Of the crew you need not be surprized in Nott
Hearing from My brother as it is Very hard in
Getting Letters home but by Gods blessing Expect

Turn Over

To see him in England in 3 or 4 Months, i expect

The Shipping will not be paid Off this Four Months
As itt will take some time yet before every thing
Is Settled And beleive Me dear Mother it gives
Me Great happiness to hear of my Sister's kind attention
To you wherein I hope God will reward her you May
Depend upon every thing in My power with sincere
Prayers for the happiness of seeing you once more
Also Love and Affection to My Sister her husband
And Charles & ^{David Family} Also best wishes to all Enquiring for me
I Remain your Dutiful & Affectionate Son till

Hugh Stevens

NB the Money I shall Remit by post paying
It into the post Office here and their order will
Be Inclosed for you to Receive it at the post Office
Newcastle upon Tyne

Mrs Elizabeth Stevens

To be left at Mr(s?) Mrs? [???] Crawford

[???] Chair

Newcastle

Northumberland