

Dear Brother & Sister

His Majestys Ship Volontaire
Portsmouth Harbour Aug^t 26th 1813

I am happy to hear by your Letter Dated
the 19th Instant of your good Health as this leaves
me at Present with the Blessing of God. the Reason
I did not Come to see you was I Expected to ^get Clear
of the Service before this time which I am in hopes
I Shall get my Clearings before the Ship is Ready
for Sea I am very well satisfied at Present and I hope
in a Short time I shall be able to Come Home to the
satisfaction of you and myself Concerning my Brothers
Effects. M^r Edwards is Dead in Detford and I Can get no
account of any thing he had there and Jn^o Grimes is
Dead also and I cannot get any account of any thing
Concerning my Brothers affairs but what I hear from
you myself. Give my best Respects to my Sisters &
Thomas & Susan Chance if you should see M^r or M^{rs}
Miller Give my best Regards to them for being so Good
as to Call upon you

So No More at Present from
your affectionate Brothers

Jn^o Stevens 3rd

James Watt

at the High End of South Sheilds

Waggonway Wherryman

Durham