

HMS Volontaire March 12<sup>th</sup> 1813

Dear Sister,

The last letter I recd from you bore  
~~the~~ Oct. the 21<sup>st</sup> 1811 it announced the arrival of my letter  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of July which was not the last one  
that I wrote the last letter I wrote you bore date  
the date 1<sup>st</sup> November 1811 but I have since been  
informed by J Miller by letter from his Wife that  
you have not received it I was happy to hear of  
your perfect health and happiness as also of pleasure  
of the announcing another Son as to the Effects it  
is impossible for me to say much about at present  
but I am extremely happy to hear of your having got  
~~so much~~ what you have you may depend upon it. I  
am anxious to come to England to seek further into  
it as you say Justice has been done I dont doubt it  
but should ~~for~~ form myself a much better Idea of it if I was  
at home I shall make it my business to go to Doctors  
Commons as soon as I arrive as to the Agents I dont wish  
to trouble any or to make any further enquiry untill  
I get home unless it is from your self as it is only giving  
trouble and expence for no satisfaction therefore I  
remain content untill my arrival any information  
you can give me I shall always be happy to hear and  
hope you will write me as often as convenient for  
it allway ~~has~~ gives me pleasur to hear of your  
Husbands yours and Childrens Welfare

I am fully convinced of your  
affectionate attendance on the Remains of Dear  
Mother as also of your due respect to her Funerall  
which I make no doubt was as respectable as  
became necessarie in every point I am extremely  
sorry to hear of my Uncle David's misfortunes and  
hope he will soon be able to reinstate himself again  
please present my best Respects to Thos Chance  
& Family tell them I am well and should be very  
happy to hear from them whenever you write  
if convenient tell J Millers Wife he is in  
perfect health at present and hears that the

Leda shares for Buenos Ayres but cant depend upon the truth therefor if convenient to let him know if possible

I here present my best Love  
Dear Brother & Sister to you & family so remain

Your Loving  
Brother

Address to J Stevens 3<sup>rd</sup> J Stevens

HMS Volontaire

Gibraltar or else where

?? [?Henry] Watts

~~Holly Hill Gates View~~

Removed to So Shields

Durham