

HMS Volontaire March 12th 1813

Dear Sister,

The last letter I recd from you bore
~~the~~ Oct. the 21st 1811 it announced the arrival of my letter
dated the 27th of July which was not the last one
that I wrote the last letter I wrote you bore date
the date 1st 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 3rd J Stevens

HMS Volontaire

Gibraltar or else where

?? [?Henry] Watts

~~Holly Hill Gates View~~

Removed to So Shields

Durham