

St. M. S. Latona Portsmouth Harbor Feb. 13. 1790<sup>th</sup>

Honoured Mother

I take this opportunity of informing you  
of my good state of Health as I hope this will find you  
I should have wrote to you since we came in but  
I have been very busy; & as I have wrote so many  
and never had an answer I am almost afraid that  
this will never come to hand; but if it should I  
shall be glad to have an answer as soon as possible  
As perhaps it may lay in my Power to send you  
a little money if you should be in Want as I have  
had a Boatwain Warrant this Two Years and am  
at present Boatwain of the Latona Frigate &  
has been in Nine Months but I cannot say how  
soon I may get a Larger ship; I have been to New  
foundland last Summer & I wrote to my brother John  
at Halifax but I never got an answer nor I have  
not heard of my brother James since I heard from  
you last & If you have heard any thing of them  
please to send me word where they are & if they  
are well as for my sisters I hope to hear from  
them & of their being well settled in the World & I hope  
they will write to me as soon as possible as I shall  
be uneasy untill I hear from you all

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Mrs

Elizabeth Stevens George Street  
High the Foot of Pilgrims Street  
Newcastle Upon Tyne

So please to remember me to all enquirey friends  
& Well Wishes

So I remain your ever Dutifull son till Death

Huck Stevens

P. S. Direct to me on Board H. M. S. Katona

Portsmouth Harbor

As soon as I get an answer to this if you are in Want  
I will send you some Money Immediately