

be a greater proof of tenderness, from a man who has always been used to the best of company, than the decided preference which he gives to mine. Our society here is extremely pleasant, amongst whom are some very good chess players, and M<sup>r</sup> Meredith frequently wishes that the Commodore was one of the party, it is held once a week at each others houses, *un petit soupé, a bon marché*, which consists of toast and ale, a *l'angloise* &c &c closes the evening, I begin to know a little of the game which I find very pleasing and interesting.

M<sup>r</sup> Meredith is now on guard about a mile from me, and before he went begged I would insert his kind love to you all, he means by the same opportunity to write you, I shall not see him till eight oclock tomorrow morning, when he will be releived, and come home to breakfast, the guard mounts at seven, which is rather early, but rising earlys wholesome, the nights that M<sup>r</sup> M. is on guard, the two maids and myself protect the house, and as my dear Meredith has taught me to fire a pistol *sans peur* and there is always a brace of them loaded on the mantle peice of the room in which I sleep, I am under no uneassiness whatever during the night.

When promotion shall make my dear M a Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieutenant, which cannot be long from the vacancys which fall, he will endeavour to procure an exchange to Canada, should he not legally fall into those Companys, therefore my dear Parents I beg you will make yourselves happy in the idea, that please God we all live for some years longer, we shal have the happiness to meet again, a circumstance which I anticipate with the utmost delight, the dear little Family I left at home will be quite grown, kindly remember me to them all, with assurances of my love, I intend writing my dear Mother and Sister by the next opportunity, My dear Mother will take this letter in part for her, as it is meant so; in respect to fashions I can only inform the female part of the family, that low crowned chip hats, with large bows of strip coloured ribbon, is the prevailing system, with frilld calico jackets, and broad sashes, and nothing is now so vulgar for either gentlemen, or lady, as to be seen with a silk stocking