

*je vous ai laissé car quoique je ne suis pas proche de vous il faut me remettre l'argent s'il vous plait j'en serai bien flaté je l'emploierai pour les petits enfans vos petits enfans. excusez moi mon cher Pere il faut avoir un peu de badinage de tems en tems et c est pourquoi je vous parle de ma Vache caille.**

I had the pleasure to see your good freinds Mr Todd and Robertson the other day they asked very kindly if I had heard from you it was in London I saw them the visit of which will form the principal subject of my dear Sisters letter. their behaviour to us is extremely civil Mr Robertson I look upon in the light of a second Father he appeared to be rather uneasy at not having heard from his Brother Mr David for some time past I should imagine that his letters had miscarried as he would not neglect writing to his Brother. My dear M explains to you all circumstances relative to the War and as I am no great Politician can say but little on that head all that I know is that I think myself extremely lucky let the War go as it will that the service has not called my good man at any great distance from me and as it is supposed that it will not be of much longer duration I hope still to be equally fortunate in having him with me he is getting very fast up the list and as the promotion goes on so rapidly I flatter myself of soon being a Captains Lady.

I yesterday paid a visit to the Warren and sure such a scene of Military buissness presented itself to me as you can have no conception of all the Soldier's children in number more than five hundred with some old Artillery men as overseers were busy in making Cartridges of different kinds other Artificers making and repairing gun carriges whilst other again in the Royal Foundry were imployed in casting great quantiteys of Brass Cannon in short it is impossible to describe the hurry and confusion caused by such exertions which is making to receive the *Sans Cullottes*

As I have a boy I think I have a right to put my dear Father in mind to save him a little Poney for I make no doubt but he will be as fond of horses as my dear little Brothers used to be I hope old Dick Blackbird and the