

I thank the Almighty when I reluctantly left her both She and our Ducks enjoyed the fullest health which has since been confirmed to me by several Subsequent affectionate letters from her. my prayers will never cease that such blessing may long attend her, and that the service may soon enable me to again rejoin so worthy a partner. I have left her in regard to circumstances as comfortable as my finances will possibly permit, for I would rather She enjoyed every comfort than myself. my pride will ever be & w[h]ether present or absent, to convince her how great my affection is. in speaking thus to her Esteemed Parent; He will receive it as it is meant & give me credit for a better motive than mere flattery.

The Politicks of the Country are strange and complicated. I fear the Emperor will at last be obliged to give up, from the recent Successes which the French have had in Italy England still goes on Gloriously with her *wooden Walls* viz^t *Navy*. You will ere this have heard of the Capture of Four Spanish Ships of the Line by the Fleet under Sir John Jervis, who with 15 Sail of the Line engaged 27 of D^o and captured Four one of 120 guns. Two of 80 and one 74, the *St. Isadore*, by the bye, the one which I was a Prisoner on Board when *captured at Gibraltarr last war*. Lord Bridports Fleet at Spithead is ready to sail but I am sorry to add that a Serious Mutiny has shewn itself amongst the Crews, who refuse to go to Sea unless their wages are raised. how it will end I know not, but I hope happily for their own honor, and the Character of British Seamen. Mr Pitt is making another Loan, but where the Money will come from is uncertain. the Sum to be borrowed is 13 Millions. The National Debt is now become enormous. however I trust old England will still rear her head and confound all the bad intentions of her Enemies, who seem firmly leagued against her. if She be but true to herself She has yet nothing to fear. Should they make another attempt on Your native Country Ireland, I am now here to lend a hand in her defence and be assured I will make the *great* Boys roar upon the occasion. if the opportunity serves and which is really expected they have again the intention of putting in practice. I wish I had the good fortune to succeed to a Company in Canada. with what pleasure should I join it. who knows