

must appear. My Son David I hope to see in the Royal Military Academy, before our departure or nearly so. Lord Moira has been very civil to me about him, and when he has attained his Commission he will be sent out [as] an officer under my Command. our Two daughters accompany us to Halifax. I should think (by way of the States) we might hear often from you and perhaps be able to take a trip and see you. we just learn that the Russians & Prussians have given Bonepatre a very sound drubbing but we wait the officiality of the News. I think it will prove true, and then depend upon it things will take another turn with him. Respecting the Politicks of this Country, [there is] nothing, very interesting. the minister speaks of our Finances being in a very flourishing state, but as to Peace there is not the smallest idea of [it]. Beuonos Ayres retaken by the Spaniard and Sir Horne Popham in disgrace for having undertaken the Expedition against it without orders. I have nothing to add, worth observing and My dear Archange has demanded the residue of the Paper. I therefore cheerfully obey her orders, and with best regards to the worthy Commodore Mr^s Grant and all the Family united I remain always, My dear Sir,

Truly & faithfully yours

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My dear Father, You may conceive the happiness I experienced on the receipt of your and my dear Mr^s Mc Kee's letters mentioning the good health of all my beloved Family I have also had a confirmation of the same thro one of my Cousin Mercers who had rec^d a letter from you they are I am pleased to say in good health and tolerable spirits but my poor Aunt feels her loss very keenly¹² and we much lament that our want of room and pecuniary circumstances prevent us the pleasure of haveing them with us as [torn] Sea stock we shall be compelled to provide an [torn] a variety of other matters indispensable on a voyage with a suitable assortment of wearing apparel to take out with us will

¹² The allusion is to Mrs. Mercer (née Phyllis Barthe) whose husband, Captain Daniel Mercer, had recently died.