

Mere, mais je suis bien placé entra les mains de deux juges, qui ne me feront pas pendre pour ce Vol. Comme je me propose d'adresser quellques paroles a une chere Soeur que j'ai, vous m'excuserai de vous en dire d'avantage sur ce papier, est je finis ma chere maman en vous priant, de me faire ecrire par la bonne Therese les differentes ages de mes cheres freres est soeurs comme je ne m'en remet pas. Adieu ma chere Mere, ayez la bonté de donner une chere embrasse a mon tres cher pere, pour moi, est de lui dire au meme tems, que je le remercie encore pour son jolie present, souvenez vous maman de ne lui pas tourner votre joue, comme vous me faisiez tous les soirs avant de me coucher, sca doit etre une embrasse des levres ques vous presentiez a mon cher pere pour moi, faite mes plus tendres amitez souvenirs a mes cheres freres et Soeurs, est croyez moi ma tres chere Mere, toujours votre tres affect[i]oné est bien aimé fille.

Archange Meredith

Woolwich Feb^y 1st 1797

My dear Sister, I was made happy by receiving a Packet of letters from my dear Father about three weeks ago, they came by Captⁿ Salmon, and I am much inclined *de vous gronder un peu* as I could not perceive your signature in this Packet, altho my dear Father mentioned, that your Ladyship intended writing me all the news of the Place, no doubt there was a very good reason for the same, as I am well convinced that I am too dear, *a ma bonne soeur*, to be neglected by her, I have no reason to be displeased with you in general, for you are a very good correspondent, and write me very nice long letters, which I beg to thank you for, and still hope to hear from you soon, but I read in the newspaper, that a Ship from Quebec, was seen at Sea, and no [one] in her, so that it is imagined that she has been [torn] by some Diabls de Francois, who secured the Passe[n]gers and turned the ship adrift, if so it is most probable that the Captⁿ of *le Vaisseau*, threw the bag of letters overboard, ere he was taken, so that in some measure accounts for my not having heard from you. As I am no Politician, I shall leave the cares of the State to the Governors thereof, and proced to inform you of the Fashions. *general remarks* the hair dressed very full and high quite of[f] the ears, with a bandeau