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U.S. Frigate U.S lying at Sandy Hook May 15, 1813.

Dear Wife

I take oppertunity to Inform you that we are all ready for sea the first Chance, I have to Inform you that New York is verry strickly Blockaded by one seventy four gun ship and five Frigates witch is Something Superiour to our Little Navy. If they was anything like an Equal forse we should not hesitate one moment to Engage them, we have the Mortification to see them every morning close in,

I have to inform you that I wrote you a letter and sent you Twenty Dollars in it and have got no ans^r the date I cannot recollect, and on the 26 of April I wrote you another and sent you a Fifty Dollar note in it And have got no Answ^r to Nethur of them wicth makes me verry discontented as it was all that I could spare Convenianly and do for now at this time, as I Cannot go on shore I find my letters by any person I can I am afrade that this 70 dollars is lost, You will have the goodness to write me by return of post and let me know all pertickluars &c &c turn over

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My Dear Mary you will not be remiss in writing I may get it before we go to see, You need not write any but this unless I should write you again & I remaine Your Affectionate, But Discon[t]ented Husband John Hardy

P.S.

My Dear Mary you will not give any heed to tales that my Be Spread about me nor Believe them, I hope to be with you some of those odd days, My time is one the [torn]out and please God to spare me till it [torn] all out I shall come Direct home let me Be Discharged where I will; My Dear, Mary I hope you will not Believe those Dam lys that is going about, But let us recollect that the voice is but the instryment by wicth the preacher may play any tune he pleases, But in the Deed, the unequevelent authentect Deed we reade the heart. I would hope that you have got the seventy dollars I mentioned above But I am very much cast down about it, keep your spirits up for we stand in need of fortitude these Critical times So I leave you my good wishes and remain Your Loving Husband Till Death

John Hardy



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M^{rs} John Hardy Portsmouth N.H. In care of ricthard Parsons Kittery Point

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