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J.P. Yours Affly

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I should write you again & I remain
your Affectionate, But Discontented Husband

John Hardy

P.S.

My Dear Mary you will not give any
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nor believe them, I hope to be with you some
of those odd days, My time is over the [torn] out
and please God to spare me till it [torn] all
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be Discharged where I will; My Dear, Mary
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hope that you have got the seven or Dollars
I mentioned above, But I am very much
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Critical times, So I shall you my good
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In care of Richard Parsons
Kittery Point

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