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Description: William Bayley, a Continental Army soldier in General Wain's Light
Infantry, wrote to his mother expressing regret that he could not support her because
his wages were so low. His mother, Jean Bayley of Falmouth, was a widow.