



[unintelligible]  
 Valey Forge ~~apo~~ in Pennsylvania about ^  
 twenty miles Above Philadelphia April 16<sup>th</sup> 1778  
 Honoured Mother  
 I take this oportunity Rite to you Hoping these  
 few Lines Will find you and yours injoying your  
 and their Health should [unintelligible] you that I  
 With the rest of this [unintelligible] Have had the small Pox  
 and through the great goodness of God have had it  
 Very favourable and ~~have~~ Since I have bin  
 with a fever  
 Sick ^ but through God's mercy am Got Better -  
 I Should be glad if you would Send me Word  
 in your Next - Letter Weather these Shoes &  
 Stockings Was your Gift or the Towns if it  
 yours I have a Pair of Shoes & Stockings due  
 from the Town. I have Nothing more of  
 News at Present and so must Conclude  
 Remembering my Love to my Brothers & Sisters  
 relations and inquiring friends  
 So [rubbed out] no more at present from your  
 Dutifull Son  
 William Bayley

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 Description: Letter from Revolutionary War soldier William Bayley to his mother.



John Bayley