



Honored Mother West Point Oct^r 7th 1781
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I Received your letter by Mr Wescot the 5th Inst

Brothers

by which you Informed Me of your helth and that my ^
were gone to Sea I can do no more then wish them
Success I am glad to hear my Brother John is Able
to go for I was Afraid He never would be [smudged out] I am
Sorry to Inform You In Answer to [word crossed out] what you
wrote concerning My Not coming home that I have
ben better then A year and half in the Articens Promosd
Twenty hard dolers A Month and have never had
any thing yet tho We expected it every Day which
is the only Reason ~~not~~ of My not coming I hope
Soon to have Some Mony which My coming home
Must Depend Upon as I am loath to lose it I cannot
Set Any time to See you Since it thus uncertain
I Received a letter from you last Spring by which
I heard of My Marige which was Intinly news to Me
as I had ~~not~~ thought of it before but I think you
Must have heard the contarary before now
My Ink is So bad and My paper So Short I can only
assure you I am yet your Dutiful Son W^m Bayley

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