



1781
 Bagaduce Fort George 15th March

I am just now most agreeably surprised
 my dear Betsey, with the recei't of
 your Sweet Letter of the 13th Inst. by a
 Flagg, which is the only Intimation I
 have had from you since Major Bur-
 ton's. I am glad that your Difficulties
 are not to great as to have involuntarily
 forced them^ into your Letter, indeed my
 dear, You are a very fine girl to put
 [torn paper] with so many Troubles without Com-
 plaint & are doubly deserving of the Fu-
 ture Happiness that may be in Store
 for those who know how to bear adversity
 I am exceeding glad that you have good Ne[torn paper]
 from our friends, would they had the [torn]
 Same from us -- but what could be[torn]
 News for me, which you hinted at I am
 intirely at a Loss to guess, as my private
 affairs have long since been past the rea[torn]
 of good News.

This day for the first time I have got
 I leave
 on my Coat by riping open the Seam ^; my
 Wound is nearly well & my Arm well good
 except that it has an Elbow at present
 which I hope will help'd by Use.

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 Date: March 15, 1781
 Description: Letter from General Peleg Wadsworth to his wife, Betsey, about his
 imprisonment by the British and his concerns about his family.

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I could wish that your Situation could be made tolerable till the return of the Letters by Mr Burton from Boston which will probably be but 10 or 15 days when we shall know if there be any Exchange to be made & what ^{you} to expect.

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I wish my Brother may be able to carry
on my Salt Works -- & to dispose of the
Proceeds as he pleases.

My best wishes attend each one of my
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