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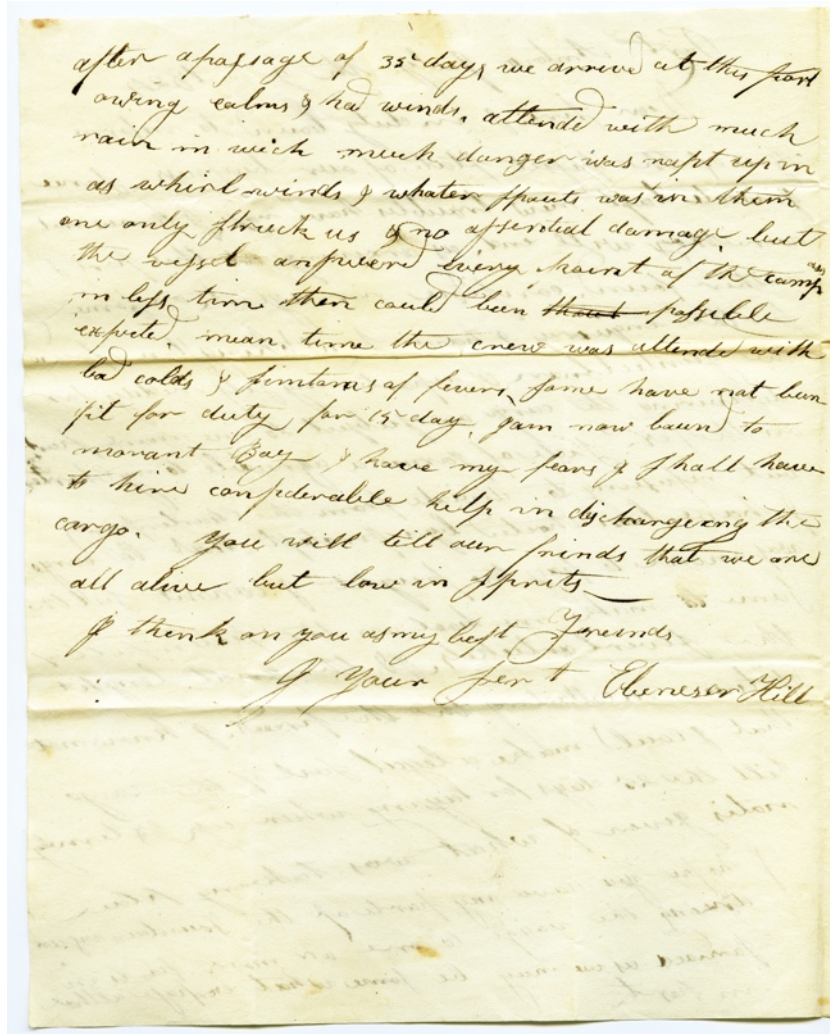
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Date: July 9, 1824
Description: Letter from Capt. Hill on ship issues, Jamaica



after a passage of 35 days we arrived at this port
owing calms & head winds, attended with much
rain in wick much danger was napt up in
as whirl winds & whater spouts was in them
one only struck us & no assential damage but

as
the vessel answered every point of the comp[^]
in less tim than could been ~~thout~~ possible
expected, mean time the crew was attende with
bad colds & simtoms of fever, some have not been
fit for duty for 15 days, I am now bound to
MorantBay & have my fears & shall have
to hire considerable help in discharging the
cargo. You will tell our frinds that we are
all alive but low in spirits —

I think on you as my best Friends
& Your Ser^t

Ebenezer Hill