

Philadelphia July 20. 1776

Honourable Father and Mother

I Send this Hoping it will find you
and all your Family in Good Health as I
am at Pleasant and have Been Since
I Left Annapolis as for your Advice
I am Very Much Obliged to you but
am Very ~~much~~ Sorry any Body should
Raise such false Reports. the Girl is
not in Company with me she is a Long
With the Soldiers in the Barracks with
five more Women I have Nothing to
Say to Her and I hope you will not
Think any more of it. Mr and Mrs
Roberts are me Very well and Desire
to be Remembered to you as for News
I have none to Acquaint you of But
that we Expect to go from here to New
York Tomorrow and when we get to
the Camp I shall Write we are all in
Good Spirits. Remember me to all
Inquiring friends

~~William Sands~~
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Upper left hand: — ^L — 1.00
To
John Sands in
Annapolis
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Philladelphia July 20.th 1776

Honoured Father and Mother

I Send this Hopeing it will find you and all Your Familey in Good Health as I am at Preasant and have Been Since I left Annapolis as for Your Advise I am Verey Much Obliged to You, but am Very Sorry aney Body Should Raise Such false Reports. the Girl is not in Company with me She is a long With the Soldiers in the Barracks with five More Women I have Nothing to Say to Her and I hope You will not think any more of it. Mr and Mrs Roberts use me Very well and Desire to Be Remembered to You as for Newes I have none to Acquaint You of But that we Expect to go from here to New York Tomorrow and When we Get to N [blurred] the Camp I Shall Write we are all In Good Spirits. Remember Me to all Inquiring friends

William Sands

New York August 14th 1776.

Honoured Father and Mother

I send to inform you that I am well and quite hearty as
I hope this will find you and all the Family our
Maryland Battalion is encamped on a hill about
one mile ~~west~~ out of New York where we lay
in a very secure Place there is about 200 ~~men~~
Sail of the Kings Ships Lay Close By us 2 of
which are ~~in~~ our ~~Service~~ North River but get
a good Deal of our ~~own~~ ~~Forty~~ ~~gun~~ ~~ships~~ ~~one~~ ~~of~~ ~~them~~
in the Channels to keep them from coming down a Gain
which by the help of our Regallies and Floating
Batteries we expect to have them for our own
Use in a little Time. Yesterday the Enemy had
A Reinforcement of that Damned Rascal
Dumoures Fleet as we expect. There was About
40 Sails. we are ordered to hold our selves in
Readyness we expect an Attack how by, we have
Lost a great many of our Troops they have
Deserted from us at Philadelphia and Elizabeth
Town. and a great many Sicks in the Hospitals
there is Rations given out at New York for 6000 Men
payley. John Anderson is in a Company of Kill Mers
Stationed Close by us. I should be Glad if
you will Write to me the first Opportunity
and Let me know the News if there is any in that
Part of the Country. we expect Please God to
Winter in Annapolis those that Live of us

Killed on Long Island
August 27th 1776.

William Sands

To Mrs

John Lucas in Annapolis
Maryland these

New York August 14.th 1776.

Honoured Father and Mother

I Send to inform you that I am well and Quite herty as I hope this will find you and all the Family our Maryland Battalion Li[e]s Encamp'd on a hill about one Mile out of Newyork where we Lay in a Very Secure Place. Thare is about 200 Sail of the King's Ships Lay Close By us 2 of [illegible] one Forty Gun Ship one 36 Gun [illegible] North River but got a Good deal damaged we have Sunk Shiverdepiede[?] in the Channel to Keep them from coming down a Gain which by the help of our Regallies and Floating Batteries we Expect to have them for our own Use in a little Time. Yesterday the Enemy had A Reinforcement of that Damn'd Rascal Dunmore's Fleet as we Expect. thare was About 40 Sail we are Ordered to hold our Selves in Readyness we Expect an Attack hourly, we have Lost a Great many of our Troops they have deserted from us at Philladelphia and Elizabeth Town. and a Great Many Sick in the Ospitals thare is Rations Given out at New York for 6000 Men dayley. John Anderson is in a Company of RifleMen Stationed Close by us. I Should be Glad if You will Rite to me the first Oppportunity and Let me Know the News If thare is Any in that Part of the Country. we Expect Please God to Winter in Annapolis [,] those that Live of us

William Sands