

Philadelphia July 20. 1776
 Honoured Father and Mother
 I send this Hoping it will find you
 and all your Family in Good Health and
 am at Present 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 all 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 Sandes~~
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Philladelphia July 20.th 1776

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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 Verrey 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 ~~down~~ in a very secure Place there is about 200 ~~men~~ Sail of the Kings Ships lay close by us 2 of

is a good great ~~strong~~ ~~armed~~ ~~ships~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Channel~~ ~~to~~ ~~keep~~ ~~them~~ ~~from~~ ~~coming~~ ~~down~~ ~~a~~ ~~gain~~ which by the help of our Royalist and Floating Batteries we expect to have them for our own use in a little time, yesterday the Enemy had a Reinforcement of about 4000 Men and a great many Sick in the Hospitals there is Rations given out at New York for 6000 Men payed, John Anderson is in a Company of 1000 Men 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

New York August 14.th 1776.

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