

We are apt to imagine or allow such has been my firm  
opinion for many years & thro' it have obtain many comfort  
in this chequered life. you cou. not expect your Bro<sup>r</sup> Thos  
to meet with a wife like y<sup>r</sup> first I fear they are few if any  
like her & it is wonderful to me he shou. venture you  
Did not mention wether your Mother or Charlotte was well  
if you see them remember me kindly or when you writes  
one thing I will again venture to repeat that if you shou. at any  
Time chance to meet with an officer belonging to y<sup>r</sup> alarm you  
Wou. think of your Decease. wether & inquire wether any  
writing was found or how his effects was dispose of I wou  
Have wrote when y<sup>r</sup> vessel came home but I think they  
often change their Captains know not what mode to pursue  
Neither do I make an apology for troubling you to a  
Benevolent mind y<sup>r</sup> acting y<sup>r</sup> part of a Father to y<sup>r</sup> poor  
Infant will meet its own reward your wether Charles &  
Family were well when I last heard of them but living  
fourteen miles distant do not often see or write. I cannot  
prevail with your Cousins to correspond with a Gentleman  
not personally known but I hope y<sup>r</sup> time will arrive when  
you will meet & persuade them. I long to see peace wave  
Her olive branch over this once happy Land but wether  
it will be in ones view I know not my dearest the smoothness

better than when I last wrote owing I believe to the  
mildness of y<sup>r</sup> winter is far from being establish<sup>d</sup> & I  
Have my fears that it never will may you enjoy that  
Blessing & every other this world affords is the wish

of your affectionate Aunt  
MBond

I hope in future you will be a better correspondent  
your wether is by no means offended that <sup>you</sup> do not write  
to him his time is so much taken up that I believe  
you wou. stand on worse chance than with me  
He joins your Cousins in kind Remembrance.