TRANSCRIPTION OF

Letter from
William Sharp Bush to Jabez Caldwell,
March 5, 1811

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Navy Yard, Phila\textsuperscript{da}.
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Here I am situated in
a place some distance from the City, but in
a situation which promises to be delightfull [sic]
indeed; every breeze which circulates I receive,
in the Yard grows a large Tree, in which
is plac'd a little Belcona, & in that Belco=
=na I flatter Myself, in thinking that we
shall quaff some of the precious Juice, come up as
soon as You can, & bring some of our Friends
along, then We'll Drink, Sing & drive dull care
away; To Day my Worthy Captain & Jacob Broom
will eat a Beef Stake [sic] with me, drink a
Glass of Wine smoke a Segar & then & then ---
We may goe [sic] to see some of fair- You would
be diverted to see my Establishment, but I
am having a large Bedstead made & that will
hold You & Myself, or Myself & some sweet ---

I have now wrote as much nonsense as
You will wish to read, therefore I will become
a little more reasonable & tell You that I have not, 
Yet made any acquaintance among the fair, 
that is the Virtuous fair, but will in a few Days 
Commence my Career among them; but what is 
truly Unfortunate my Friend Mr. Marsh, has 
left the City, & fear I shall have some trouble 
to become acquainted with that richly Laden 
Frigate which he told us of; however perseve-
rance may do Wonders- Try to assist my 
Brother in procuring Money for me, Sell if 
possible the little Farm- Keep a look out, 
& view attentively & sound if possible, that lit=
=tle Island Creek Girl, for I may yet return 
to pay my devoirs at Aher Shrine; provided there is 
a probability of Success - Broom has just Arriv'd 
therefore must conclude by requesting that You 
will keep up a regular Correspondance & Give 
my Love to M's Caldwell & the Children, to all 
Friends particular M's. Eccleston & family, Major 
Broom, Goldsborough, [?], &c

God be with You 
says
W. Bush
Major Jabez Caldwell
Talbot County
Maryland