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TRANSCRIPTION OF

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

USS Constitution Museum Collection [2270.2]

Navy Yard, Phila<sup>da</sup>.  
March 5<sup>th</sup> [18]11-

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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 <sup>have</sup> not,  
Yet made any acquaintance among the fair,  
that is the Virtuous fair, <sup>but</sup> 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 <sup>her</sup> 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<sup>rs</sup> Caldwell & the Children, to all  
Friends particular M<sup>rs</sup>. Eccleston & family, Major  
Broom, Goldsborough, [?], &<sup>et</sup>

God be with You  
says  
W. Bush

[postmark] 12½

Major Jabez Caldwell  
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