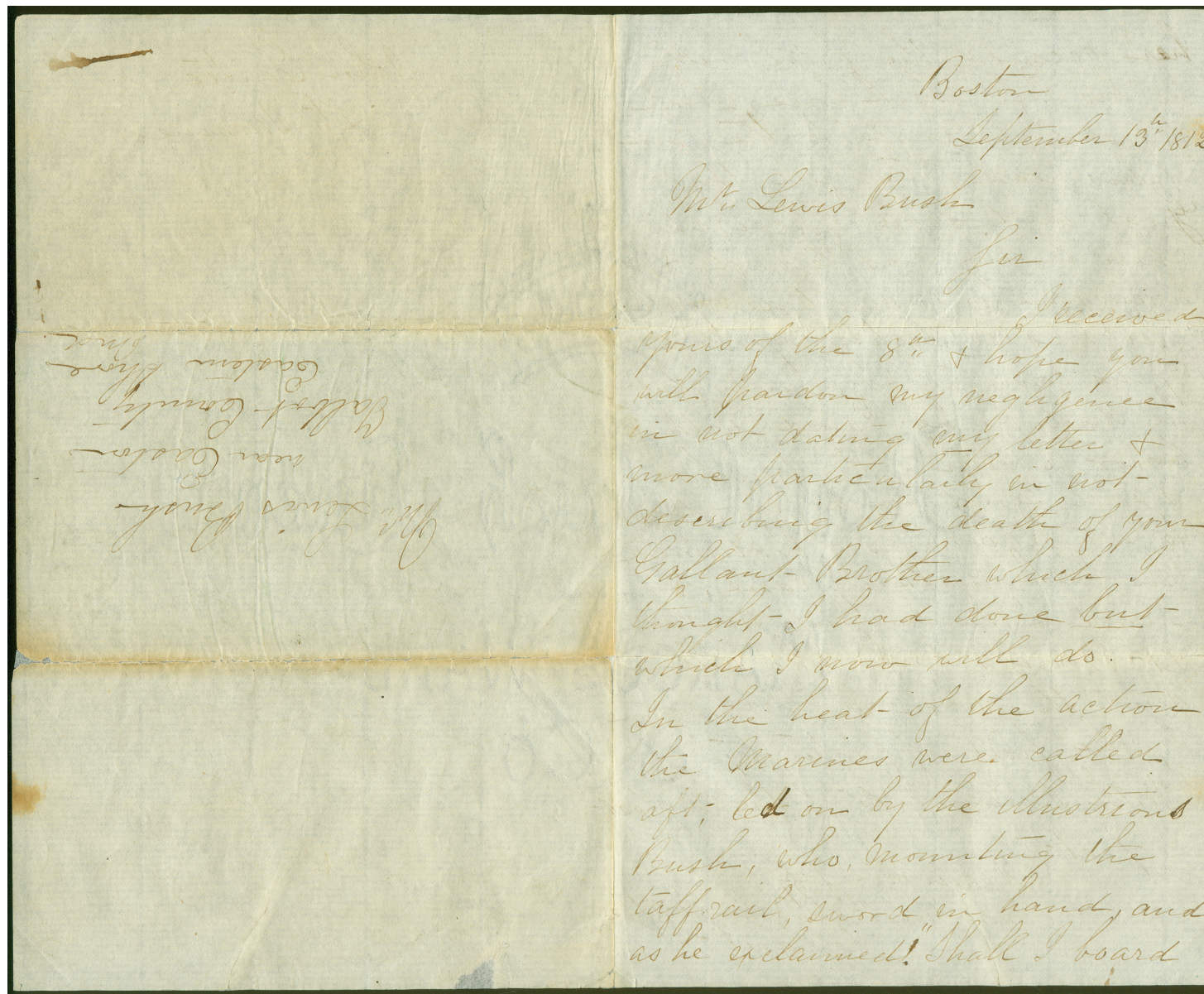


Copy of a Letter from a British Officer,
"Prisoner on board the American frigate
Constitution, St. Salvador, Jan. 1.
"My dear Sir—I am very sorry to inform
you of the unpleasant news of Mr. Gascoigne's death. Mr. G. and myself were shipmates
in the Marlborough, and first came to sea together. He was shot early in the action, by
a round shot, in the right thigh, and died in a
few minutes after. Four other of his mess-
mates shared the same fate, together with 60
men killed, and 170 wounded. The official
account you will no doubt have seen before
this reaches you. I beg you will let all his
friends and relations hear of his untimely fate.
We were on board the Java frigate for a pas-
sage to India, when we fell in with this fri-
gate. Hope this will reach you.
Yours, H. D. CORNECH.
"Lt. Peter V. Wood, 22d reg. of foot. Isle of
France or Bourbon."

Newspaper Article detailing battle against HMS Java, *Copy of a Letter from a British Officer*;
Salem Gazette. Salem, 2/19/1813, XXVII: 15 pg. 1



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His loss is deeply regretted
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he died as he lived, with
honor to both. His trunk
I will send in a few days
to Wm. Rawlings of Baltimore
His desk walking cane, &
sword I have put under
Lt. Brown's care who will
send them on to Washington
by the first opportunity.
With sentiments of the highest
respect I remain Sir
your most obdt. & most Noble
servant

John Contee
Lt. Marines.

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Boston
September 13th 1812

Mr. Lewis Bush

Sir

I received yours of the 8th & hope you will pardon my negligence in not dating my letter & more particularly in not describing the death of your Gallant Brother, which I thought I had done but which I now will do. In the heat of the action the Marines were called aft, led by the illustrious Bush, who, mounting the taffrail, sword in hand, and as he exclaimed "Shall I board her" received the fatal ball in his left cheek bone, which passed through to the back of his head, thus fell that Great and Good officer, who when living was beloved & now gone, is lamented by all. His loss is deeply regretted by his country & friends, but he died as he lived, with honor to both. His trunks I will send in a few days to Mr. Rawlings of Baltimore. His desk walking cane, & sword I have put under Lt. Boone's care who will send them on to Washington by the first opportunity. With sentiments of the highest respect

I remain Sir
Your most obt. & most Hble
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John Contee
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