
TRANSCRIPTION OF

Letter from
William Bainbridge to John Gwinn,
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My Dear Sir,

How are you and my dear adopted daughter Caro. and your lovely infant? I often think of you, and my best wishes are constantly with you. I live a forlorn Batchelor's [sic.] life, but hope and long to change it, at least in part. You have without doubt seen the promotion of the passed midshipman, which gave me sincere pleasure. I have faint hopes that some promotions in the other grades, L^t. & Comd^r, will take place and I expect August will give us some sloops the next summer. I hope you will all hands be kept very active at the yard. By a letter from L^t Ward I learn you have the yard in excellent order – you know I like a neat ship. Capn Shubrick will

probably have leave of absence from the yard. And you will then have an opportunity of playing L^t. & Capⁿ. and ^{^if you want} a Commodore. You know little Waddy is in the neighbourhood. Remember me affectionately to Ward & his amiable wife. Tell W. that I have recv^d his letter and will write to him soon, although I am becoming a very bad correspondent.

Give my love to my dear family and you may kiss all hands of them for me for on my return to Boston, I shall certainly kiss all yours.

Remember me affectionately to M^{rs} G. and kiss the [?] for me

Always, your affectionate
servant
W^mBainbridge

To L^t. John Gwinn
U.S. Navy Boston