

Ship Punder at Sea 6th Jan⁶⁶
To My Dearest beloved Wife

in great haste I will inform you of my health which is quite good at present with the exception of almost a constant headache attended with Rheumatism of those two I hope you are free from.

I have taken 70 of Gum and 10 of Blackfish and shall be at the Islands in March you must excuse me in this as well as in my former letters for the want of time at the islands I will explain to your satisfaction

You can imagine the desire I have to see you and those dear children I oft look at the miniatures with great pleasure and I think you have improved I was very glad you sent them kiss the children for me for I want to see them very
by