London. 4th April 1817.

Dear Peter,

According to my promise I give you some account of ourselves since leaving Surinam. Maddy was as you may suppose in dreadful low spirits that night when she parted with you, her eyes traced you wandering about on the beach by yourself, like a Jew without a Jacket. Poor soul she cried not a little, she was not sick after the second day, altho' we had some bad weather, but for the most part as fine as the middle of summer, indeed too fine for we were six weeks and a day before we landed at Hastings - on the Fourteenth monrng. after leaving you we passed Capt'n. Roos, we had Royals and all our studding sails set going 9 1/2 knots, he had not royal or Studd. sail set, the consequence was he was out of sight astern in four hours and half. We found Capt'n. Affleck every thing we wished, it is impossible for any one to be more attentive than he was to us, we only wanted your company to make the passage more agreeable; we should have had some good fun. We remained at Hastings two days then proceeded through Tonbridge Wells to this gay City, we slept at Tonbridge as Mrs. Valpy was there for the benefit of her health. This being the passion week Town is very dull, we leave it for Lavington next wednesday. Mrs. Hayward is daily expecting to be confined, but is very well. We did not forget you on the 1st Inst., had we been in the country many a leg should have shook that day. Mrs. Croft and my Father have been trying to persuade Charles and Ann C. not to think any thing more of each other, but I do not hear that they have succeeded. Charles will not go on with his profession; he is crying out now for the Army - but tis too late. Fanny Croft is still left for you, if you dont get better where you are. There have been many rows in England for the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act, but now every thing seems settled and quiet. Cobbett has left this country for America. Lord Cochrane is going to join the Patriots in South America or the Spanish Main. The Columbine will have arrived long ere this does, you will I hope take care of all my letters, you are already acquainted with my reasons; you will find many news papers. I would regulary send the papers out to Capt'n. H, if I thought he would receive them; just to convince him that I bear no ill will after all his latter conduct to me. I hope time will prove to him that I have acted as I think he would have done, had he been in my situation. In one of my letters you will find a ring, it is for your mother, give it her from your sister, but do not say it is from me, as she returned the few little things I did send her, I can not of course offer her any thing else. --- leave the Colony should you have to make a remittance be careful and not take any bills from Mr. Anthorpe, Capt'n. Wilson or Wilkinson, none of them are worth a styver, I have mentioned Wilkinson to you in secret, mind it goes no further, or you will ruin him in the Colony, he is not on his own account, he only gets half the profits on the goods he sells for Mr. Brooks, therefore if you have any friendship for him, do not mention this to a single person, I have told you this to prevent if possible your being a looser by him. How gets on W. and C. on the tandem way? You must write soon and let us have all the news. Mr. Bowden has not paid Capt'n. Willson for the Brandy Capt'n Hayward had; Willson never asked for it, and of course now Capt'n. H. will pay for it himself. Capt'n. Willson has had 50 casks of rum seized since he sailed. Frederick is not yet arrived, he said he would be here as soon as us. Maddy sends her love to her mother, my good wishes shall always attend them, remember me to Frederick and Wilkinson if the former has not left you.

Believe me yours very sincerely,

E. Wylde.