

Ship Wabster
off the Highlands Jan 10th 1840

My Dear Father

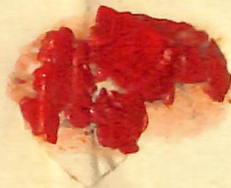
You no doubt will be very much astonished
in viewing this but do not be alarmed. I left Palermo
on November last in this ship on Duke Street - I have been sick
for a long time and am under very feeble & much reduced
owing to the length of ^{the} voyage & rather changes of the climate
I wish you would come down to New York immediately
you will find out on the the ship ^{has} arrived or not by inquiring
at the store of Mr Howland & Aspinwall to whom we
belong at present there is no prospect of our
getting up to day as the wind is a head from the N.W.
I send this letter up by the pilot boat
John Affenbort Dr
Edmund Burke

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