

Albany March 15 - 1812.

Dear Father

I have Patchy ^{written} to my Brother
several times, and promised to write him this day
again, but as I have just seen Mr Clinton who
told me that he would himself write to the General
to morrow, I shall not write him until I have seen
Mr Clinton - This day General Hull began his
defence, which was prepared by Mr Colburn he spoke
(or read it) about three hours, it will yet take him
about six more ^{hours}, to morrow & next day, As
far as he has gone it is a masterly defence and
in ^{the} opinion of every person who heard it pronounced
a perfect justification against all the charges
preferred against him as far as he went, which was
from his taking charge of the Army. marching to
Detroit, crossing over to Canada, his not attacking Fort
Malden & his recrossing again to Detroit he was tho-
roghly but severe against the administration, and proved
conclusively that they and they only should be blamed
for the surrender of his Army for not furnishing him
with supplies, reinforcements and the command of
Lake Erie As they had by documents he produced promised

him before he took the Command—

The Steam Boat question is not moved until Friday next, Fulton has come up, but the popular mind is very much against him - He has published a letter addressed to Aaron Ogden charging Mr Ogden with false hood, this he must becont or Ogden will I think make it serious - There are a great many applications for Boats, some of them I think will pass - There is great management used by the concerned to effect their Object -

Our friends here are all well and as usual
always enquiring about you — I dined with Brother
Newspaper this day with a large party — Sister and
Ann join me in Love to you & all wh.
Brother Am your Affection
Dear Sir

Syn Cortlandt Jr

I hope poor Abby is getting better. —

It now rains and I suppose the rivers will
soon open after which my stay here will be
short —



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