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Dear Aunt

With much pleasure I received
your kind welcome letter this morning—
for which I am very grateful as soon
as the mail came in this morning I sent
it to the Master at Arms, to see if there was
a letter for me and almost the first
one he served out was yours for me which
I have read with the greatest of pleasure
and hope to be able to profit by the advice
and experience offered by yourself to me
some of which came in very opportunely to
my thoughts on a casualty that happened on
the night before last in the middle of
the night a fire broke out in a wine

and Spirit Store and our boats and the boats from
the French and Spanish Fleets went immediately
to render what assistance they could and a Midshipman
belonging to the Jackall in his efforts to save the
innate fell in the Flume, and perished. The
just begun with the preparations for the Funeral
now he has just started from the Jackall followed
by the boats of the Fleet and the French Spanish
and Portuguese Fleets also. My Dear you must know
what my feelings were when I heard of it and under-
stand when you know that a man died in the Sick
Bay eight days ago in our own ship without any
one knowing it till he was gone you must imagine
what I felt when I came to consider from what
I had so mercifully ^{been} snatched myself by the grace
of that God whom I have and have so often offended
but who still promises that though scarlet they
shall be as snow. My Dear Aunt you say I am and
I feel it born to a new state of life. Prayers for a
long time I was a stranger to now is the only consolation

I have I have just been reading the poem your
sent was taken from and think and hope the 2nd
verse is applicable to my self. Bless the Lord O my
Soul and forget not all his benefits; You said
you were just going to Chapple and I do most
sincerely wish I was going with you once more
to the house of God to return thanks for the many
Benefits conferred upon me. My Dear you say that
our dear Aunt Mary took my directions and thought
it was with the intention of writing to me. Oh
what pleasure it would give me to find my
Oldest and Best friend, & keep up a correspondence
with me after so long a time neglecting them.
Give my best love to Ther and John Fanny. Father
Miss Berger and by of heart pardon my forgetting her
in the last time I wrote also Mr and Mrs An
and Mr and Mrs Kirk and tell me how little
affair Fanny, Eliza and George and Chary are.
I am much obliged to you for your enquires after my
wife I am happy to say that she is quite well
and comfortably situated she lives with her Father
and Mother also myself when I am at home.

