Bellevue 4 May 1812

Dr. Brother,

I will not call this a duplicate of my letter of the 1st Inst. by Captn. Toby, but rather supplementary thereto. If it arrives safely, it will give you notice of what you may expect by water, viz: your pantaletas, shoes, bark &c. Your pantaletas are of darker ground than I could wish; but this is so entirely the rage with our domestic manufacturers, that nothing light coloured could be had.

I have sent by Captn. Toby some Delaware newspapers of August & September last. I have been so careless as to let those since received be wasted. For the future, I will endeavour to save & forward them occasionally.

Judge Bedford is dead and John Fisher appointed in his place. C. A. Rodney, you probably know, has resigned his Attorney generalship and returned to private practice.

The sound of war, I suppose, has reached you as well as us. The drum has just begun to beat at Wilmington.

I yesterday met with John Warner in Wilmington and mentioned your bill of exchange. He said it had not come to hand; that when it did he would transact as you directed. He at the same time complained of the difficulty of

of communicating with you; said he had yet received no account of the wine sent you; that he had sowarded by mail and order for several hundred dollars, on some body in your country, that he could get no tidings of, and that he must lose the money, if his letter miscarried. Cannot you write him on these subjects, by water? —

I find you suspect politics to be a principal source of interruption to letters by the mail. It has been suggested to me, that single letters go safer than packages or those with enclosures. I adopted this plan in my last, and am glad to find it successful. By mail, I shall continue to write without enclosure. —

I shall be glad to know whether or not you have receceved the whole of my acct. current to the first of April last. —

I am your affectionate Brother,

James Tilton.

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Dat. James Tilton
May 4. 1812

Washington city 31 March 1814.

Dr. Brother,

yours of the 23 ult. came to hand a day or two ago, at this place. You do not mention whether or not you had received one or both of mine (for I have written two) since my return from the northward. — I find we need not expect you before the campaign opens. —

I intend to return to Wilmington through Talbot & Queenanns. I propose to pay Lydia her 500 dollars, and on my arrival at Wilmington, to arrange matter with Warner. I intend also to shew Jem your letter and adjust matters with him. — All that I have heard of the girls perfuades me they are comfortable & happy. —

I have written repeatedly to Micah, until he became more familiar and less reserved than he used to be. He speaks of his ship as a fine vessel fitted to outsail every thing. The peacock sailed lately from New-york and is now at sea.

Enclosed

Enclosed herewith are six copies of my essay, which are at your disposal. To make them as useful as possible, you may instruct your medical practitioners, after they have gratified their curiosity, to give them to such officers of the army, as they may suppose will make a good use of them. —

Our government, at this time is in a very factious condition. There seems to be a good deal of solicitude about the success of our new loan and the state of our finances generally. The federalists urge the removal of the embargo; and I have this instant heard, that the president has come into the measure and recommended it. — The recruiting business goes on well; and I expect, we shall, this campaign, have an army of 60 thousand regulars, besides militia, minute men &c.

We have had old work in Delaware. The democrats persuaded Haslet before he went out of office, to appoint the constitutional number of two more Judges.

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He appointed J. Way & Isaac Davis. On the meeting of the federal legislature, they by two thirds, memorialized the governor, D. Rodney, to turn them out, and he did so. The demos of New-Castle seceded & went home. New-Castle has since resounded with public meetings, dinners, toasts, publications &c. —

For the first time, within 14 years past, I have been seized with the gout, at this place, have had a regular fit, which is now going off. —

You will find this package franked at the war office, which I am in hopes will give it a secure passage. —

I mean to write you again before I leave to join the army, and am,

Your affectionate Brother,

James Tilton.

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Doct.r Jar. Tilton
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