

Isle of Bourbon 20th January 1811.

My dear Father

I embrace this Opportunity of
sending You a few hurried lines Thruely to let You
Know that I am Alive, And doing very well thank the
Almighty, After the Barron escapes I have had lately,
You may tell my dear Mother that I am as well as
ever I was in my life, Only a little lame: however
I am happy to say that I am able still to dance
a little, Some nights ago I had the pleasure of dancing
with one of the prettiest French Young Ladies in this fine
Island, I tried if I could dance the Highland Fling
but to my sorrow I failed in the Attempt, my
dancing days, I am afraid is for sometime done.
I have one Comfort that my Fighting days is as
good as ever - Not saying it myself, I am able to
manage any three Wastley French men still with
the same leg. — I would send you long legs

ago,

some money but cannot get an order on Home, You
may rest satisfied the first opportunity I can get that
I'll send you Fifty pounds and a great deal more, when
I get a little more settled but this Regiment is so
much knocked about in these days that we have scarcely
one moment to ourselves. - I am happy to inform
you, that I am the Oldest Lieutenant in the Corps
and I expect a company every day. - I was
Appointed by the Governor of this Island Mr. Targuham
to be his Town Major of St. Denis, a very troublesome
situation it is. - I also tell you that after paying
all expenses at the end of the Month, I can save
about Fifty pounds a Month & sometimes more a great
deal. - I am sorry to say I had not written
him from you, or from a soul in that Country
for this two years. - Give my compliments to all
Friends & Relations, to Presench & Family, long as
the sandy that he has forgot me entirely. tell
him that I am on the point of marrying a

a beautiful young French lady. - I wish he was near
the place to see if I could make him show his long
legs at my wedding. - Remember me to my worthy
Friend Goulin & to the best of his friends. - I am
much afraid when I go Home none of my friends
even my dear Mother will not know me, I think
to travel from one end of the world to the other
without a Man or Woman knowing me. - I
think they will take me for a David Leamy Taylor
with ^{the} leg of Man. - All the young men of
the Country are all such you may tell
Friends. - I conclude my God bless you and
my dear & beloved Mother, I remain in good
health.

My dear Father
Your Affectionate for life
Wm. D. Maclean

MS.

Write me all the news of the Country let me know
how many boys Annie McLean has; let me know
their names. ^{that married to John Goulin}



Per the Windsor



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Attest

