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Dear Brothers

Ramfey in the ^{11th} Fleetman 21st 5th mo: 82.

Having this opportunity if told not well, omit it but found that
alone or two by with you might have ^{a little} understanding how things
are with us, upon the 14th instant in the evening we left Liberty
and fell down to the black rock, where we stayed some few quays and
then got fair having a very fair gale of winds, but it did not
long continue but turned very rough so that it made the sea very
rough & caused the most of us to be very sick, and though we had
got part of the island on our right hand yet the night following by reason
the winds proved so rough, that we were forced to leave the south side
fall to the north, and so came along the island till we came to this
bay called Ramfey Bay, where some of us that evening went ashore
there it being the first day of the week, was met with some
friends and were glad to see them, and after we had refreshed
our selves, we went aboard again having got a little milk
we took it with us aboard was very acceptable to our sick
weak women and children, we stayed there at dinner that night
and the next day we came ashore again, and bought some fresh
provision and took in some fresh water, so that evening the wind
proved very fair we got sail and sailed all night very quietly
and the next morning we got sight of Greenland and was in hopes
to have gained the north shore, but the wind turning rough
ly proved very boisterous and being so rough that in the sea very
turbulent, that caused us to be many of us very sick, and that night
it was very stormy so that it made the sea very turbulent that
we were forced to go round the island and come to this bay again
where we are at anchor at this present, Randolph Blacker has
made some ashore with our maids to wash some linnen and is stole
away and we are in doubt what shall be done, for we are both of us
very weak in body yet very fervent in minde, for we look upon
high things to be but accidentall, although we are satisfied the
lords ordering hand is with us, and we can say that it is good, and we
hope that in his own due time he will bring us safe to our de-
sirable place, so with our unchangeable love to these thy dear wife and
children with the rest of your family we rest thy dear brothers
our children are aboard and are pretty well and ran out the ship
fare wonderfully, Dear Ellen you are all about stomach for head
ache and her husband Dear love is to you all,

W. J.

11 m and Jane Yardley

Ramsay

on ship board
5 mo 21. 1782.

to

James Harrison