

Dear Brooks.

I am now almost certain  
that I shall have no occasion to visit the Tax-Office  
for the next two months, come down therefore as  
soon as it is convenient to you, and stay as long  
as we can make it pleasant, ~~to~~ I should be  
glad if you could be here at the time Caspell  
is with me, and I should be glad if you would  
be here at the time Caspell is not with me,  
in short at all times we can find a welcome  
bid for you, and two willing servants, Thomas  
and Ann to receive your Honors commands. you  
need not therefore, unless you wish it, bring any

servant. Since the Libeller ~~of~~ of the English  
know who dares assert that we can produce no  
generals, and that we must as inevitably be beaten  
by the French on land, as we are sure of beating  
them at sea. you will I believe not go far to  
find such a libeller, <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ you will do me the justice  
to recollect that I always reprobated such doctrine,  
I am not quite so vain of my country as to believe  
that one Englishman is equal to ten Frenchmen,  
but I firmly believe that seven Englishmen would  
beat ten ~~of~~ of the Rascals out and out.

Dunwich

Adieu

ever yrs &c

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

B. B. Cane.

Bama Bama  
September 1808

Referring to the Duke of Wellington's  
first battle in the Peninsula.

Yusuf September the 10th 1808

William Byrd

1808

Albany

Secretly

Wm Bama