

D<sup>r</sup> Brother,

Beaufort Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1803

I sailed from sandy-hook on Sunday evening the 6<sup>th</sup> of this instant with a strong NW wind which lasted till Tuesday 12 o'clock when it rather increased and shifted so far to the westward that we could not lay our course — were forced to lay too till Wednesday 9 o'clock it moderated a little and shifted to SW. we stood in to get in with the land — wind shifted to SSW we again hove too with a severe gale till Thursday morning wind shifted to S.W. again & moderated so that we could carry small sail — stood in again till the evening when it became so moderate that the hands were called up to make more sail but no sooner were they on deck than the wind shifted suddenly to NNW — all our sails were immediately handed but a close reefed foresail under which we vudded with a tremendous sea till 12 o'clock the next day, the wind then moderated but the sea continued to board us at times till sunset when it began to subside — we came up with Hatteras at 12 at night and crossed the shoals at about 2 in the morning — Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> moderate we took a fine sea turtle which was very seasonable — had fine weather to dress a part of it which made us a most delicious repast, this was the first dinner which we were able to cook and enjoy with comfort on our passage — I had not eat any thing like a meal the whole time — in the afternoon the wind came ahead and we beat against till Sunday morning when we saw the land about 25 Miles to the northward of Cape Lookout — the wind increased suddenly and by 9 A.M. blew a storm at S by E we were again forced to heave too for about 12 hours when we began to be apprehensive of drifting on Hatteras; but fortunately the wind moderated in season

season, continued calm till monday morning - when  
the wind shifted to the northward and soon increased  
to a good sailing breeze - we crowded all sail and  
crossed lookouts about 5 in the evening; as it was  
too late to get in we anchored under the Banks  
and got under way at day light and anchored in  
Beaufort harbour about 8 o'clock after a most boiste-  
rous and disagreeable passage of 10 days. - Thus Dr.  
Brother after combatting with winds & waves, the same  
almighty power which seems to smile on us in the  
calms of quiet life, has preserved <sup>me</sup> in peace and safety  
- granted me once more a happy meeting with my fa-  
mily and friends: and laid me under new and lasting  
obligations to adore, love and praise him while  
my life shall last. - On my arrival I was in-  
formed that there was a ship to sail in a few days  
for New York, and altho' very anxious to write I should  
not have had time if the weather had been moderate,  
but no sooner were we in port but it came on so  
stormy that I have not been able to land my goods  
which circumstance has given me an opportunity  
to proceed thus far. - My family desire to be  
remembered to you - Please to remember me to  
all enquiring friends. - I am with all due regard

Your affectionate brother

Saml. Leffers