

Balt 12th Aug 1805

Dear Marcy

You are all well I am
happy to hear by Mr Vance who I have
just this moment seen I have not had a moment
to myself since the day after your departure
on that day I was informed of the loss of
my little favorite brig Jane shamefully
captured by the French – I am insured tho
[prime] cost but will lose some handsome
profit she is again recaptured by the
British and sent to Jamaica to which
place I have this day sent an found
H Child to pay the salvage and bring her
home – I have this moment got a letter from
Jos Gray he had an engagement
with the same privateer and made the
Frenchman strike his colors he had but 19
men – yet the Jane had 50 and was taken

by the same privateer that Joe gallantly
made strike his colors the whole town is
singing out in his praise – his name on every
bodys mouth – I have had for these
3 nights past a most violent pain in my
side it came on about 1 oclock and lasted
about ½ an hour last night [Bridget?] and
Dr Howard says it will not return
he has made me stupid with giving me
laudium – the moment the [Nonsuch?] is off
Ill go up if possible before Kiss my little
babies and make yourself merry while
I get up to you.

Your affectionate

JFKennedy

Your mother is better as is Betsy[?]