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U. S. S. Shawmut
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My dear Betty

I have just been told of an English brig that is to sail in the morning for New York and will take letters for us. Nothing has occurred since I wrote last, and I have nothing new to tell you, but I don't like to let the opportunity of sending go by, and so am scribbling a few lines to send on board this evening.

I have not been quite well for the last day or two; perhaps I dissipated too much on New Years. An Italian frigate which has been here several months gave a large ball on New Years eve (Sunday evening) but as I did not go I can't tell you much about it. I understand it was a very fine affair. I don't know when you will get this as it goes by a sailing vessel and will arrive on our coast during