Our Friends coming out as Privates in the New York Regiment, I know of numerous instances whereby the Regiment that were first called into the field particularly in the Georgia Regiment were a great many young men who were of fine families and handsomely situated indeed as privates just for the sake of adventure and the vanity to see a Battle, but they soon saw what a romantic affair Campaigning was and left as soon as they could find an excuse to do so. I can assure you that a long an duty day March is a sure Antidote for patriotism, I am glad the New York is so well represented and hope that least expectation shew will be as great as it is else where.

I embarked as I said before on the 12th of February on Board the Transport North Carolina for the Island of Tobago our Captain I soon found to be a good fellow although from Monee Our Ship the rest in the Government employ as usual. I had a return of that delightful feeling the result of the imagination, you have already had a detailed description of it any thing more would be tedious; for two days we were detained at our Anchorage (off the mouth) by a southerly wind, but a southern coming up we soon shot down here as we come in sight of Tobago, the fleet, weather, come in view, and from its size be supposed...
that very usual had arrived, and that they were found, about waiting for Captain Girardo, but after negotiations with the general, our last had arrived but a few hours before. It was found that not more than one half had entered the surrender of the men. They yet all the regular force of the Volunteers that were at chance here not. They will form in a few days our flot at present consists of nearly fifty vessels of various sizes. Chiefly their number and when they have rounded here, it will be increased to something like eighty vessels. The ship of one convoy is a great contrast to the clumsy craft that lie rolling about here. It seems almost to home to expose such a boat with a top to the heavy seas of the fort if such is their intention which I say much doubt. I don't believe that the Navy will vote any other place than or carrying our landing who will have to be done in small boats and no done in the face of a large force who will do every thing to annoy us and prevent if possible our landing at all. Our force will be (according to the estimation of General Scott to twelve thousand; one half regulars the remainder Volunteers about two thousand of whom one at the Battle of Monterey, the remainder have now been under fire and these just ordered out, except know one end of the room from the other and too much confidence cannot be placed in them. The force seems very small in comparison to the plan that we have to attack but not one of us has any doubts of success. We have reports that there are five thousand troops in the city and confiscate and ten thousand in the neighborhood so may force but we must stick them and in trust for at least twice time (with the protection of Divine Providence) I should be writing you from the City of New Rome, until the remain geographically close about my post. General Smith has command of the distance to think I am attacked do doubt to come here.