My dear Father,

having this moment arrived at this place after a delightful march of three days, I cannot but rejoice in the opportunity of sending you word so soon of my continued health & safety.

The town of Conway has been almost entirely destroyed by an annual overflow of the river, so that in the village containing about four inhabitants scarcely a single sound house remains. Although the matter is evidently lost, the journey has been pleasant because judiciously conducted. Percival left at 2½ A.M., we marched at 3 A.M. and by 10 A.M. had got over 14 miles of that day's march.

I am obliged to finish this letter as the mail is about to start.

Je. aff. son

[Signature]