6th inc. inclosed with a long letter from Sister & me from Emma, together
with a translation of a deeply interesting narrative.

In our absence a long continued rain is frequent here. I am
unhappy having to know now to attend church money
for pray. The people are so poor. I think it will take
a longer time to make payable for the order, is not this
how do these letters become worth the interest well? Should I write as go formerly
and after on 1st. means when they have to be post? Other
4th. you are naturally less to be blamed.

We have heard that the fate of the Pennsylvania
ship to have been attacked by her crew.

May. 18th. 1814. Am. Navy are reported to have been
shot on an attempt to force their guard.

New Taylor
the people who has been aroused away by these speeches

I hope...
The latter officer is formerly said with the best foresaking away all his regular troops, except Major’s squadron of dragoons, and some light artillery. With the exception of two squadrons of cavalry, & four batteries, Taylor has no 1 regular left. The force collected here, in consequence of a most extravagant ‘frenzy’, may reach about 4300, nearly all volunteers, originally belonging to Wolf’s Column. I have it from the best authority that, we will remain stationary during the next few weeks. It is known to be the General’s intent both to collect a sufficient force by that time to move on Sandridge, rather leaving that town to the left, to move by Thaleataco on the Capital. This of course on the supposition of Scott’s success at Buena Cruz. It is the design of Gen. L. to make this long march, it must be his intention to depend upon the country for subsistence and to give up all his conquests from Saltville to Metamora, for the simple reason that he will not have sufficient force to carry on his enterprises, yet hold the present line. The danger of leaving small.
garrison will be very great, as he may be more clear from recent occurrences, e.g. the capture of Maj. Canut, Commandant, and the Cheating War, by a large body of M'An Cavelar, of a full regiment of Arkansas volunteers. If it be Taylor's intention to unite with Scott in his attack on Mexico, and for this purpose to leave his present line, why not take the more certain way of embarking his army at the Brazos, to land as expected near Vera Cruz, to remain, biding for that port, and accompanying on his march to the interior? This mode certainly is preferable to one which would enable Santa Anna to attack Taylor and his rear guard, and perhaps prevent him from uniting with the (now) Commander-in-Chief. If European troops were engaged in the contest, we might predict positively the result of such unscientific movements, after the lessons taught us on the Wetsta & Lake Erie. (I think the nature is right, the idea of the Typography Gall that part of Northern State & the force certainly is)
Not much over 100lbs. can write, so for the present I must bid you, my dear parents Adam — I will write to one of my sisters next time I get them some account of my new house. This letter cannot go off for three days yet, so consider it undated from that time — yr. aff. love George.

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Philadelphia R.S.

Feb 20. Letter forgotten in the hurry of the business but I hear of a private opportunity of sending it tomorrow and although I distrust this mode, make use of it on this occasion because my letter is of little importance. I see a day or two ago tips of the