

Quincy June 7th 1716

My Dear Mother

Your two kind letters of May 25th and June 1st I received this morning, with the one enclosed; Oh my Dear Parents, how gratifying to me, is the assurance of your approbation; you think I have decided in favour of Mr Clark; indeed, I have never given him any positive answer, but have invariably requested him, to forbear urging me upon the subject, until I heard more explicitly from you. Never, believe me, my beloved Mother, will I assent, without the entire approbation of yourself, and my Grand Parents. It is true, that Mr Clark by his amiable manners, and strictly honourable conduct, has made an impression upon my mind; his morals are correct, and his character, as an officer, and a gentleman, stands unreproach'd; "his are the lasting virtues of the heart," and I know they will have more weight with you, than any other considerations; he is sensible, that I have small pecuniary expectations; his property is not large, but he has enough to live comfortably, and proposes residing in Boston; this is not so agreeable to me, as a permanent establishment in the Country; but his home, must be mine and it is immaterial where, if he does not carry me, out of the reach of my friends; his Ship, being stationed in Boston, I shall be near my Grand Parents. Oh what comfort, would it give me, to converse with my dear Mother, and