*Victory* January: 20th: 1804

My own dear beloved Emma I

Send a very neat watch for our god

child and you will see it is by a good

maker that is I suppose it will Tick

for a year instead of a month or two

You will impress her that is it only

to be worn when she behaves well and

is obedient. I am very sorry that your

Comb is not arrived the Brig is at

Malta, but I dare say it will arrive

sometime and you shall have it the

first opportunity I send you Mr: Val:

:courts (Valcourt’s) letter you will see how very

civil both of them are, Mr: Elliot is

a great minister but I doubt whether the

Queen has much real friendship for him

acton *[person’s surname]* has him fast, but I believe Mr: E.(Elliot)

had rather that acton & the King & Queen

looked to him for my services than

applying to myself, but circumstances

as I have been and am with that court

Sir William gave it up and no other person

shall deprive me of the immediate

communication. No my dear Emma

what if I do for them shall be for on

myself and not through him. They

are in very great fears at this moment

I have been towards algiers where

I sent a Ship with Mr. Fallon our

Connel *[colonel?]* who This Day turn’d away

but the Day has been made so Insolent?

by Mr: Norths conduct in giving him

30,000 £ that nothing I suppose but a

flogging will put him in order, and with

the French fleet ready to put to sea

that I have not time for. I have been

my own Emma but very indifferent

a violent cord? when my breast? aches?

milk would have done me much

service but I am better and I hope to

continue so ‘till the battle is over then

I hope my business here will be finished

that it may soon in the sincere wish

of my Dearest Emma your ever much

faithful & affectionate

Nelson & Bronte.

I send you the Queens last letter Dr. Scott

I fear will not have time to copy the other

I am hard pressed for time and am not very

stout today