Garrison at Carlisle
26th Decem: 1809.

Dear Mama,

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he had me so closely attached to his person. He has been
recovering to get Capt Vischer, his former aid, reappointed — and from
the received from a Member of Congress, yesterday — is now using all his
means — but ineffectually —. That the President will not, this Member
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the expenses of our march — transportation of baggage &c.. He was complaining,
declaiming to me, in his usual style of oratory, before several offi-
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officers were present — he and another were ridiculing the Colonel's
qualifications — he declared that whenever an order appeared, to the
they might swear that Gardner wrote it.

I presume Papa is in good health. Write me in your next
how he does — whether active, or confined to the house principally.
The sale of the Mare I think good, if you be secure. If you
should receive the amount of the two notes, the 1st of May, at
at discount of 7 per cent — they would then be worth 74 Dlls.
27 cents.

I did not see Capt. Smith's brother at N. Brunswick. He and uncle Aaron
have seen me, without knowing me. My horse I got of a teamster — for 5 Dlls
who had a large 5 horse Waggon for our Baggage.

With my love to Papa, & Julia, and to William

very affectionately

E. K. Gardner

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Mr. Thomas Gardner Senr.
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