

but in the same language that I would address a
beloved brother of my own, I would write. Let me say
a moment place before you the circumstances of
your friend at home. When the Ship arrived that
carried the mournful intelligence that a beloved husband
Son, and brother of your own is no more, that he sank
beneath the progress of disease which upon the mighty
waves, and his body was consigned to its waves, there
to await the angelic trump which is to summon
an assembled universe to the judgment of the last
day. I see in imagination those afflicted friends (for
bereavements are familiar to me) in all the agony
of grief exclaiming, "How mysterious are the judgments
of God, and thy ways past finding out." Yet still they
have got to learn that another equally as dear has
been greatly afflicted and was left in a state of suffering
at Oahu. After the keen sensibilities excited by these
repeated strokes have a little subsided, anxious solicitude
respecting this son and brother will naturally occasion
fears that he also should no more see his native
country. and why? Not because there are no skillful
physicians, or friends to perform offices of kindness,
for these are to be found. 'Tis, that this beloved friend
when almost recovered, falls a victim to that destructive
habit which impairs the intellect, wastes health & life, and
ruins the soul. Methinks I hear your mother exclaim,
Other afflictions I could have borne, time would have
mitigated their poignancy, but Oh! how does this aggravate
every other. If my Son returns, how altered, how changed!
Under this I must go down mourning to the grave, other
friends weep with bitter anguish, — but the subject is

too painful. Oh! Mr B. To die in our houses surrounded
with friends and with the consolations of religion, strips
not Death of its character of the King of Terrors, but
how dreadful the last moments and future state of
him, who brings himself to a premature grave. You may
perhaps be ready to say, I am not injuring my health,
I hope soon to leave this place and all its temptations.
But do not thus deceive yourself. Habits once
formed are not easily broken; and I would say to
you with all the solemnity the subject demands, the
only possibility of your recovery is in immediate
and total Abstinence. Gladly would Mr J and
myself receive you as a member of our family and
do all in our power to make you comfortable, and
if possible restore you from such a deceiving strong
Drink, were it not, that we fear that Capt A
might consider your removal from his house as an
suggestion, as an interference on our part.

I remain Your
Sincere well wisher
R W J