

On Board of the Ship William Tell at Sea 1853  
Return the 8 of July by Libas & Shearman this day  
This day I finished a Reading My Bible thro and  
Commenced a game and the more I Revid the better  
I liket

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting]*

Dear Mother  
I have just  
received your  
kind letter  
and was glad  
to hear from  
you. I am  
well and hope  
these few lines  
will find you  
the same. I  
am ever your  
affectionate  
son  
Wm Tell

