

A letter from Robert Honeyburn, a Soldier in India, to his family in Longbredy.

Honoured Father and Mother,

I suppose you will be rather surprized at receiving a Letter from a Person, whom I imagine you thought long since dead, - however this comes with my dutiful respects to you both, - also my Brotherly love to all my Brothers and Sisters, hoping it will find you all in a perfect State of health and happiness - as for myself, I am very well in health, and in as good circumstances as a Private Soldier can wish, - I also have the happiness to belong to a very Honorable Corps, which is the Bengal Artillery, but have been thro' great fatigues within these six years past, on account of the war. —

Brothers. — after my leaving Bengal, we sailed for Goa, a Portuguese settlement on the Malabar Coast, and on the news of Peace between France and England, my company left that place, and sailed for the Kingdom of Guzerat where we landed, and joined a Detachment that was under orders to march to the Borders of that Country to quell a Rebellion there, after storming and carrying the Enemies works and Lines we completed the Victory, - after which, we marched for Surat, a very large City to the Northward of Bombay, at which place we remained some months, and in October 1802, we left Surat for Bombay, on purpose of returning to Bengal, but have been detained here since

very few Dorsetshire-Men Stars from their Native Soil. — which I wish
that had been my fortune, but Providence ordained it otherwise — give
my sincerest love to my Sister Jenny, and tell that I am well, and I
by some means or other feels for her more than any of the rest, but for
what reason I cannot learn. — I have nothing farther particular
to say, at present, only

believe me — Honored Parents, to
remain,
Your dutiful S.

Bombay }
1st April 1803.

Robert Honeyburn

Robert Honeyburn has very neat handwriting so you may be able to read some words.

Have a go at finding out what he has been doing in India.

