gay March 27 1813

Ever Dear Friend

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Dear to my heart as lifes warm stream
That animates this mortal clay
For thee I court the wakeing dream
And deck with smiles the future Day
And thus beguile the present pain
With hopes that we shall meet again

From your Discosolate Friend till Death Martha Finch

Mr Isaac Finch

*Letter from Martha Finch to her husband Isaac during the war of 1812 impossible to discern address but sealed with red sealing wax March 27, 1813 He was wounded on May 27, 1813 at the Battle of Fort George***

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***Timeline… April 27 US troops attack and burn York (now Toronto)*
May 25 US bombards and destroys Fort George
Isaac is wounded near Fort George on May 27, 1813
May 29 US troops capture Fort George British retreat toward Burlington