

March 7th 1777.

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Gentlemen

Information being given to this Court that Persons of suspicious Characters have been procuring Provisions to send to Halifax by the Carlet Vessel, it is the Order of this Court that the Committee make strict Search that no Provisions be offered to be taken on Board more than are absolutely necessary for the Use of said Vessel, and that Guards be placed at proper Places for this Purpose & also to prevent any Letters being carried on board said Vessel, but what have been examined by said Committees to prevent intelligence to our Enemies

Letter to the
Committee of
Salem

By Order of Council & Pres^t

March 11th 1777.

Sr

We have the Honor of yours of the 15th Ult^o and are happy in the Prospect of having the Troops from your State arrive seasonably at Ticonderoga

We are very sorry to hear of our People insisting any of your Men it is in direct Violation of Orders and gives us great Concern - Eben Thompson Esq
We are now taking such Measures in this Matter as will we hope prevent any thing of this Nature in future

You may assure yourselves that We shall meet your wish in doing every thing in our Power to promote that mutual Harmony and good Understanding between our States, which the Welfare of each and the whole requires.

Boston March 11th 1777.

Gentlemen

We Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th February last, The Dispatches you forwarded to us, in yours of the 8th Feb^{ry} We have forwarded Ten Days ago, by a Continental Vessel called the Washington John Adams Comander to whose care we committed them, and directed him upon his arrival at Mandy immediately to proceed to Paris and deliver the Letters

Letter to Secret
Com. of Congress

Letters to the Gentlemen to whom they were addressed, and to receive their Answers and be governed by their Direction, touching his Return, and the Port he is to come to, the Dispatches N^o 2. We shall send by a Vessel bound directly to Nantz, under the Care of a Gentleman we have employed at the Continental Expence to go Passenger for this special Purpose to whom we have given the same Directions with Respect to the Dispatches last mentioned, as we gave to Capt Adams with Regard to those committed to his Care. As the Vessel above referred to will sail in a few Days directly for Nantz, we shall commit the Letter you inclosed us in yours of the 22 of Feb^r to the Charge of the same Gentleman, as it will be needless to put the Continent to the Expence of hiring one of the Armed Vessels belonging to this State for this Purpose. We shall at all Times cheerfully do every thing in our Power, that has a Tendency to promote the righteous Cause in which we are at present engaged.

In the Name &c
 To which, H. Lee, Francis Lewis & W^m Whipple Esq^{rs}

Council Chamber March 9th 1777.

Sir
 We have received your favor of the 15th Instant & have sent you the Prisoners, collected from Wrentham & the other Towns where they have been kept, inclosed you have a Schedule with the Names & Rank of the Prisoners to be exchanged for those of the same Rank, as also a Letter from Mr Edward Southhouse, & Mr Sam^l Esdaile directed to Marriott Arbuthnot Esq^r, proposing to be exchanged for Capt Sampson & his Lieutenant, We also send you a List of Masters of Vessels, Prisoners lately, sent to Rhode Island
 and put

Letter to
 Mich^l Derby Esq^r