



Morris Town Jan. 19th 1777.

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 14th, with the dispatches from Congress came safe to hand, & those for the Eastward forwarded on. — I am thankful to you for the Information of Capt^l Bell, Intelligence of the same nature had come to me before, & I have no doubt if the diversion intended to be made by Gen^l Heath towards New York, does not withdraw from the Jerseys, or detain part of the Troops said to be demanded from Rhode Island) but that a storm will burst soon, some where — How well we are prepared for it, my Letter to Congress, Inclosed, will inform you. —

I do imagine that the air will be at this Army — our numbers will be estimated larger than they really are, Gen^l Howe will not therefore, I should think, move forward, & leave us in his Rear: but clear I am in my own judgment that he will endeavour to disperse this Army, or move on to Philadelphia, unless his Force is much less than we imagine

or he greatly misconceives ours, neither of which do I believe. —

For this reason I again beseech to give it as my opinion, that no part of the Public Stores, that can be dispersed with, should remain in Philadelphia, and to request you, to urge General Howers not to continue the operations of his department a moment longer than he can avoid ^{in that place} as it is only intended, nor to be idle, while he is preparing his Laboratory &c. at York, or Carlyle. —

With great esteem & regard I am
Y^r Obedient Servant
Giff Washington

Please to find me a pound
a tin of good feeding Soap
if to be procured —

Rob^t. Morris Esq.

George Washington, Autograph Letter Signed, to Robert Morris thanking him for conveying intelligence from Captain Bell anticipating a major British attack, 1777. Estimate \$100,000 to \$150,000. At auction November 14.

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