

Historical Society of Penna.  
Camp 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>/1781 5 o'clock in the Morn<sup>g</sup>

My Dearest Kitty

I last night had the pleasure of the rec<sup>t</sup> of yours by Harry – the things agree with the list – It makes me extremely Happy that you & the Child<sup>n</sup> are well - & that you liked the Oysters, M<sup>r</sup> Lawrence must have been I(n)dustrious indeed. & found a copious Subject for Correspondence as he must have written every day once & Som times twice to give a Dozen for my one – but I will make up if I can – be Assured my Dearest I will do every Thing in my Power to comply with your wishes as Speedily as possible – I am very Sorry you have been disappointed in the Sheep – I wish with you to part with Bob & c<sup>a</sup> – you Suppose I believe the french are made up of Money & that they are Such fools they dont know what to do with it – but you are altogether mistaken –

The Drum Beats to call me to the Parade. & I am Afraid the Messenger, Capt<sup>n</sup> Colfax's Man, will be gone ---

Kiss my D<sup>r</sup> little ones for me – Adieu! my Life

most Sincerely  
yours

Edw:<sup>d</sup> Hand

M<sup>rs</sup> K. Hand

Capt<sup>n</sup> Colfax's Man  
I have Accidentally  
missed. but have been  
lucky enough to meet  
Major Hughs. who will  
deliver the letter -----