

Historical Society of Penna.

Camp near Dobb's Ferry 28th July 1781

My Dearest Kitty

from the tenor of my last you will reasonably be surprised at not hearing from me Sooner. but being disappointed in many efforts to procure you a few Oisters, and Ashamed to write or Send untill I could get them I was contrary to my Inclination constrained to be thus long. Silent ~~by~~ /^{my} being Obliged to march with a part of the Army to the vicinity of Kings Bridge also contributed –I now Send a few Oisters. procured this morn^g they are very Indifferent, tho you may rely on their being the best I could by Any means get –

your letter with one of my own to M^r Yeates I have forwarded by a friend to M^r Milligans Care –you have in the Port~~man~~mantua two Papers of tea rec^d from M^r Moylan. , I have not Opend them , the other things Are not yet Come –you have Also a little Sugar –and a Baby I got for Sally when near Kings Bridge, the only thing of the Kind I saw –Sam's Jacket & Trowsers I also Send –with Some linnen &c^a Harry may wate Untill they are washed. & Bring the whole together –the thread did very well –

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Harry takes a Bushell of Salt, & Bob follows with one or two Sheep, one only I am Sure of -----he goes with a party driving Cattle & Sheep to the Hospital –martin or Harry must watch for him at or Near M^r Beekmans to help him from thence with the Sheep –he wont be there before the day after tomorrow –

I am very Sorry there is no likely hood of procuring you quarters in this Country, almost all the Gen^l Officers are in tents. & Those who have by Accident got into houses find nothing but the Walls & Roof you cant have a just Idea of the distress of this neighbourhood –if you find your present Situation disagreeable will do every thing in my Power to Accomodate you on the Jersey Side –I am very Anxious to See you & will if Possible Accomplish it –I am obliged to be on the Parade every morn^g at 6 o'clock. & frequently Spend the whole day Out –Col. Lawrence is also very Busie at Present, I saw him today he is well –I beg my love to My dear little Girls, & Compl^{ts} to M^{rs} Lawrence & Family

Farewell my Dearest

Kitty most Affectionately

Yours

Edw:^d Hand

Mrs K. Hand
