

Dear Sir

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I arrived at this place last evening & tomorrow I intend to go to Congress. I have the pleasure to find Gen^l Sullivan well & as our State has had no vote in Congress for some time past he is determined to tarry here for the present. There is nothing here so interesting as the present fluctuation of paper currency. The old continental is as low as 500 for one. Our State new emission is not known here as Pennsylvania have not emitted their new emission of Continental but made an emission of their own State money in stead of it. Connecticut did the like. So that I had the utmost difficulty to travel thro^{ugh} ~~you~~ Connecticut York Jersey & Pennsylvania on paper money. And being here I can't live one day on our State money. Their own State money which they made to be equal to hard money goes at about six for one. The tavernkeepers on the road made a great merit of taking our new emission money which I brought with me at that rate. I am drove to the necessity of drawing a bill on the state for hard money which I shall do as soon as I can find a purchaser. General Sullivan tells me a purchaser can be got. I hope the court will approve my plan and answer the bill, otherwise I must return immediately home. My first bill will not exceed £100 hard money in order that I may have the sense of the Court how to proceed farther. The paper I had out of the treasury except what I expended for fitting out & my expence on the road lies by me at dead letters. My journey was long & tedious the roads being bad — rainy weather, & forrage very scarce I was obliged to put up one night without an ounce of hay other nights the vilest fresh meadow hay was about as bad as none. However I made the journey in 18 days.

It is said a French fleet is hourly expected here in America
as a vessel is arrived here that left France several
days after them. And the British are retreating at
the Southward. I shall inform from time to time of
whatever turns up that is interesting to the State or to
the united States I beg the favour of a line from
you per return of the Post.

I am Sir your most Obedient humble
servant Samuel Livermore

The Hon. th Presid. Weare

If I think on further information that our old acquaintance
& friend Papillon is going to be ranged out.

Letter from Hon. Saml. Liv.

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