

My good Sir

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On board the Flagg Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1778

My Ignorance of your Government & the  
proper Officer to apply to in order to facilitate my  
Departure with the Flagg of True under my direction leads  
me to give you this Trouble I am the more induc'd  
to do it when I think I have a right to expect from  
a Gentleman of your known humanity & Candour  
every thing that a man of nice Honour & delicate  
feelings can afford. The Season Advances the Voyage  
becomes daily more hazardous & should the Women  
go the difficulties & hardships will be much increased  
as I can perceive no possible Advantage can accrue  
to either Side by my detention I therefore could wish  
you would use your Influence which I flatter  
myself is fully adequate to obtain Leave for my  
return & that I may have the proper papers It will  
be needless for me to add that I shall not be want-  
ing in any good Office within the Compass of my  
Spender Abilities - I have the honour to be

yours &c &c

To  
Honble John Langdon

Saml Hale

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper. The text is mirrored across the page, suggesting bleed-through from the reverse side. The paper shows signs of wear, including creases and discoloration.]*