Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1780

Dear Sir,

Since I last wrote you nothing has turned up so worth your notice except General Sibley having been evacuated Virginia and going off by Water, some apprehension he is going to join Lord Cornwallis at Carolina.

Congress are employed in making new arrangements and satisfying them. Daily report is kept down with some difficulty. Negro affair sleeps at present; if apprehended it will rise in that time.

The merchants of Philadelphia have given the most striking proofs of their patriotism; when the exchange took a sudden rise from 13 to 15. They were called upon by the assembly & intend with some difficulty to soothe the exchange at 15. They satisfied the assembly and Congress for a season, they went home. Doubled the duty on their tickets, and the Congress received 75 paper dollars for one silver one if I remember them. Doubled the duties on their tickets which they would have done had Congress and the assembly known. Silent on the subject. Hope their patriotism will not extend itself to this Hampshire.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant

John Sullivan

Your Father's Mind, Ocean Bay.
From Genl Sullivan
3 Dec 1780