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Head Quarters Boston Nov^r 1778-

Sir

I am this moment informed by the Hon^{le} Mr. Whipple that a cartel has just arrived at Portsmouth from New York. As the Enemy appear by our latest accounts from the Southward to be on the eve of some important movement perhaps the sending cartels this way, one of which has lately arrived here, may be with a view to discover our situation. If you should be in sentiment with me, permit me to suggest whether it would not be advisable to detain the Flag Ten or Twelve Days; however of this you will be best able to determine from the appearance of things.

I have the honor to be with the greatest
respect,

Your Honors
Most Obedient Serv^t

W. Heath

Hon^{le} M^{rs} Heath

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