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Garrison Saratoga Sept. 25. 1782

Dear Sir

the often called for papers will be sent on in a few days by M.^r Blake, I expect he will set out from hence within ten days; a number of Jockeys have been in this quarter lately purchasing the Soldiers pay due for 1780 & 81, some of whom I suppose will present their orders soon, but as many of the soldiers have sold their pay already to Searg.^t and others who have I believe honestly paid them for them, and will send on the orders by M.^r Blake, ~~with the money~~; I therefore wish, if you and the other Gentlemen of the Committee have no objections, that you would discontinue settling with any one, for those two years until M.^r Blake arrives; a number of men have deserted since the return was made to the State, who have given orders for their pay, the names of whom I shall send home by M.^r Blake, — — — — — I have is

all the talk here, what do you say about it in
Dexter; - The dutchmen in this quarter are clear
for going to New York this fall by the middle
of Novem^r at furthest. They are riging up their
old Sloop, and begin to make their old pipes, -
but to be serious, it is very generally believed
in this State that the Enemy will leave New
York this fall, it is said they have taken no
measures for procuring wood or forage, and
that there is a very large number of empty
transports lately arrived at New York. Gen^l
Carleton has uniformly insinuated that the troops
are to leave New York this fall, but I trust much
more to his actions than his word. I believe it
may be depended on that they have provided no
wood nor forage for the winter, indeed all parts
of their conduct looks like leaving the place.
but I must acknowledge I am not very sanguine

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in the matter, some times I almost work myself
up into a full belief that we shall have peace
within a few months, and enjoy all the sweets of it
in contemplation for a short time, and then the
pleasing phantom vanishes again, — we have been
rather in a state of peace than war, for some time ^{past},
both at the main Army and in this quarter, and
indeed in all parts of our Army, no fighting
any where that I hear of lately, but we are not
nothing watching, and scouting, — I wish
it might be in the power of the Board of War to
send on a quantity of shirting for the troops, the
men begin to be very bare for shirts, and some of
the Officers are nearly destitute, if you can relieve
us pray do it as soon as possible.

will you be kind enough to give my
best compliments to Mrs Gilman, and ask her to
give my complement to Miss Prince, I should be very
happy to hear from you, will you try to find leisure

enough to write me a line, please to give my
compliments to bap^t. Josiah; — Mrs Dearborn
tells me she is very low spirited; I shall esteem it
a very particular kindness if you & Mrs Gilman
will visit her as often as you can conveniently,
or either of you, as I know your visits will
give her ~~the~~ infinite pleasure.

believe me to be, Sir with sincere esteem
and regard, your most Obedient

P. S. we have heard not
one word yet from our agents.

in Europe respecting the friendly
measures that Holland has taken,
or the treaty at Paris which our
newspapers say so much about,
and have said for several months past
which appears unaccountable
to me.

Y^r very Humble Servant

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