

Philadelphia 8th Dec: 1777 ² 11

Sir

I had the Honour of receiving your favor of the 6th ult^o with its inclosures, tho it did not come to hand till the 8th of this month.

Your Letter to the President has been laid before Congress and is refer'd, with the depositions to the Treasury Board, my best endeavors shall be used for the accomplishment of your wish in that business. -

I was informed by Col. Ethan Allen (who left this City a few days ago) of the proceedings of the Green Mountain People, that Gentleman promises to use his influence to prevent any farther trouble to New Hampshire from that Quarter, whether his influence is sufficient to effect the purpose is a matter I can not undertake to decide upon, but by the appearance of so small a Majority in favor of his propositions I should suppose it at least doubtful, I am rather inclin'd to think that nothing will effectually settle the dispute but New Hampshire's

opposing her claim to that of New-York even if she should afterwards (supposing the decision to be in favor of New Hampshire) agree that the grant on the west side of the River should be a separate State, because in that case New Hampshire would have it in her power to ~~be~~ settle the line to her satisfaction, and perhaps avoid some disagreeable disputes that may otherwise arise.

W. Wheelock has been here with a memorial to Congress from those people who withdrew themselves from the Windsor Assembly, after giving it to the President, he met with some discouragements and made application to withdraw ~~it~~ it, but I understand was refused by the President, this Memorial has been read in Congress & filed, I shall endeavour to transmit a copy of it by next post, I don't know but W. Wheelock is still in this City, I have not had the pleasure of seeing him, from some particular circumstance, I am led to suppose he avoided me, his reasons for so doing I am unacquainted with.

A Packet is lately arrived from France but has bro't nothing new having had a long passage, the latest dates by her is 31st Aug.

Intelligence is just received that the Enemy are gone up Hudsons River with fifty transports, their intentions by this Manœuvre at present rests entirely on conjecture, perhaps it may be a feint to cover their retreat, this however is only a conjecture of own and without any real foundation, I wish I may soon have the pleasure of congratulating you on so desirable an event. —

I have the Honour to be
with the highest sentiments of Respect

Yr very Humble Serv^t
Wm Whipple

Honble Meshech Weare Esq

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