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Dear Sir

I did myself the Honor of writing
you from Trenton, last week respecting the
Revolt of the Pennsylvania Troops & I now
take the Liberty of Inclosing you Copy of my
Letter to the Minister of France which contains
a Narrative of the whole affair - I ^{sent} ~~sent~~ this
State of Facts to him lest a Rumour of this
Mutiny should reach Europe & make some unfavora-
ble Impressions respecting America I know he
would ~~send~~ send a Copy of it immediately to
France which would be published & present any
ill Effects which might arise from false or
exaggerated Accounts - I submit to your Judgment
whether altering the First Paragraph of Publishing
it as a Letter from me to you will not answer
a good purpose I have no objection to my
name being put to it if you think it will
have more weight than an Anonymous Letter
would be likely to have. My wish is to have
the Facts stated as they really were and this Event
will not appear of that alarming kind as at
first was apprehended I have been particular
in stating facts as they really were & as every
person must allow them to be without
any false coloring I can give you no news except
that the Traylor Arnold has landed in Virginia
Burnt all the publick Buildings and destroyed
what

publick Stores were to be found there & although
he had but 1500 men not a Shot was fired
at him. This I cannot pretend to account
for at present it however does the Virginians
no Honor our Last Accounts are that he is
surrounded opposite Williamsburgh & Baron
Stubbs & General Nelson are opposed to him
with only Fifteen hundred men but that more
were collecting. I shall leave this letter open
till the Post sets off ~~that~~ that I may give
you such further Intelligence as may come to
hand. I wrote you in several Letters for
money Congress have resolved that members
shall not draw from the General Treasury and
I must live by borrowing or do worse I have
drawn some money from the Continental Treasury
but can draw no more I have used every economy
in my power & can truly say that I never lived
so sparingly in my Life yet I am assured of
the nominal expense - that you may form some
Judgment I will give you the price of wood which
is by far the Cheapest Article I know; this costs
Six hundred & thirty Dollars per cord I am con-
vinced that three hundred Dollars would in the year
1775 purchase more ~~wood~~ than a Thousand
Continental Dollars will now do).

The Southern Post has this moment
arrived

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but brings no further Intelligence from
the Southerland. I have the Honor to be
with the most perfect
Esteem, &c. Sir your most
obed^t Serv^t

J^{no} Sullivan

Hon^{ble} Messrs Weare Esq^s

Thompson & Sullivan
Jan 21 1781

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Honorable

Wesley, Weare Esq,

President of the Council

Dear

Sullivan

New Hampshire