

Walter Stewart to William Irvine

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Autograph letter signed, 3 pages + address leaf.

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Dear Sir

Accept my Sincere thanks for your different favors; as also for the Books you were good enough to forward me by General S^t. Clair. The Advertisement you Inclos'd me was malicious to a degree, sent in by a M^r. Blair who is at this moment largely in M^r. M^cClenachans debt, and who is now actually [sued] for the same by Him. He begs me to return you his Sincere thanks for the Early Information you forwarded us of this Affair.

Yesterday our Assembly were to meet, and I suppose they will be able to make a House this Week. It is Expected by the Anti Federal Party that very extensive Petitions will be laid before them Against the New Constitution. I however think they have [2] abated much in their Warmth Since they see Masachusets have come into it, And they at last say they think Amendments may possibly be made. I Sincerely hope they will, as it Would be a means of Reconciling all Party's, and Enable us to Carry it through; Without them, the Opposition will be so powerful as to Clog its Execution in too great a degree.

M^r. Fitzsimmons is Clearly of Opinion in Official Letter from the Delegates of Pennsylvania to either the Assembly, or some one of the Members, stating the Situation in which Congress use might have a desireable Effect, to Himself I think it might be as properly address'd as any other Person.

I much fear Matters will be Carried to great lengths against the [3] People Concern'd in the Riot at Carlisle, I have spoken to many on the Subject, some of whom think it Would be best to bury the Whole in Oblivion, whilst others fear the People then might Conceive it a Want of Ability in Government to punish the Offenders th[*text loss*] letting the prosecution drop.

The River still Unnavigable, Money scarce, And every thing dull here

I Am D^r Sir With

Much Esteem Y^r.

Most Obed^t. Serv^t.

Walter Stewart

[*address leaf*]

General William Irvine

M^r. Ellsworths

New York