

W. Livingston

Fort George Dec 17. 1775

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May it please your Excellency

I return'd ^{on the 11} here with ^{to this place & brought with me the} the Cannon ^{the} ~~the~~ being nearly the time I computed it would take us to transport them to ^{consequently} ~~there~~ it is not easy ^{concerning} ~~to estimate~~ the difficulties we have had getting them ^{over the Lake} ~~here~~ away to the advanced Season of the Year & contrary winds, but the danger is now past ~~of which~~; three days ago it was very uncertain whether we could have gotten them this Season untill next Spring, but now please God they must go - I have ^{had} ~~gotten~~ made forty two exceeding strong sleds & have provided eighty yokes of oxen to drag them as far as Springfield where ^{I shall} ~~we will~~ get fresh Cattle to carry them to Canage - the route will be from here to Kinderhook from thence into Great Barrington Massachusetts Bay & down to Springfield

There will be ^{scarcely} any probability of getting ^{conveying} them from here to Albany or Kinderhook but on sleds the roads being so very much gullied, there is good sledging from ~~this~~ at present the sledging is tolerable to Saratoga about 26 miles; beyond ^{that} ~~there~~ ^{is} none - I have sent for the sleds & teams to come here & expect ^{begin} to move them to Saratoga ^{Wednesday or Thursday} next trusting that between this & then we shall have a good fall of snow which will ^{enable us to proceed further} make the carriage easy - if that should be the case I hope in 16 or 17 days time to be able to present to your Excellency a noble train of artillery ~~as will appear by the Inventory~~ ^{to} which I have

Inclosed X I also send a list of those stores which I desired of Mr Dougal to send from New York - I did not know then of any 13 Inch mortars which was the reason of my ordering but ¹⁷ ~~13~~ shells of that size I now write to him for \$500. ¹⁷ ~~13~~ also for 200. ¹⁷ ~~13~~ & 400 - ¹⁷ ~~13~~ - ^{which for the purpose} ~~at present~~ if those sizes ~~could~~ be

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had them ^{as I think they came} ~~from the~~ ^{from the} ~~camp~~ ^{camp} I should imagine it would save time
to get them from thence rather than cast ^{them} ~~them~~ if you think
otherwise or have made provision for them elsewhere you will
please to countermand this order — There is another news
of Col. Arnold than that from Col. M'Keens having burnt the
houses round Quebec (Col. Arnold was oblig'd to go to point
are tremble about 6 miles from the City — That Genl
Montgomery had gone to join him with a considerable
Body of men & a good train of Artillery — There are
some terms of some malevolent spirits which make
this matter worse — but by the different accounts
which I have been able to collect I have very little
doubt that General Montgomery has Quebec in
his possession

I am with the utmost
Respect Your Excellency's Most
Obedt^h Noble Servant

P.S.
You will please to observe that there
are no carriages nor implements to the Cannon nor
beds to the Mortars, all of which must be made in
Camp

Your Excellency General Washington

Copy letter to
General Washington
Paris Sept 21 1787

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