Dr Papa — P.M. 30th Aug. 1776.

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Thou yours of yesterday: it is with pleasure I inform you that Mr Johnson was elected with ye greatest unanimity for Caroline & this afternoon took his seat in the house — I send you our bills of rights as drawn up by the Committee: it has not been debated in the house: the provision made for the present incumbents of the church of England will be rejected. Mr Deards sends you the newspapers — ye 4th Septr is fixed for the election of 3 members: on tuesday the validity of A. A election will come on before the house: if the facts set forth in ye petition can be supported it will declared void.

Letters from N. Y. of ye 26th instant advise that a body of ye enemy supposed to be 8 or 9 thousand strong have landed on long Island and have marched within 3 miles of our intrenchments & batteries on that Island: several skirmishes have happened in all wt we came off victors; tho' some have been killed on both sides: in the pockets of one of ye slain on the enemy's side were found 9 guineas: an attack on N. Y. was hourly expected — our men are reported to be in great spirits & desirous of a battle — a much question whether Howe will attack N. York tho' he has attempted to dislodge our forces from their post on Long Island: we have at that post 12 thousand men, washington having lately ordered, 6 thousand over since the enemy's landing there: for other news I refer you to ye public prints. Molly gives her love to you & sends you 6 Dozn crabs — my love to Mrs Dernall. I wish you a long continuance of your health — & am

ye affectionate son. C. C. Harwollton

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