

[St. Clair to Sharpe.]

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Dear Sir

In all this unexpected revolution of our Military Affairs you will certainly be curious to know what has become of your old friend and well Wisher. If I am not much deceived I may rank you amongst the number of those who regret our General Loss, if you do not you will be one of few and in damn'd bad company to the bargain. As to my self I am just in the same way as when our acquaintance began only two Steps higher in the Army or more properly in America. I am just going about the same Duty as this time three years. My comfort is that my Superiors are good men, whom I love and will enter into the Spirit of the thing we are going about. I have ventured to assure Gen^l Forbes that he may depend on your doing every thing in your power in forming your men, and removing every obstacle we may meet with, and whatever you wou'd have me do in your Province shall be cheerfully complyd with. The Gentlemen of your Assembly shall have my liberty to take cognoisance of my Actions.

Gen^l Abercrombie desires me to make his Compl^{ts} to you, he has been so bussy in writing and sending of the Packett that he has not had time to write to you by this Express. Gen^l Forbes has wrote to you very fully. I shoud think it very much for the Good of the Service if you cou'd contrive it so as to be disengaged from Business in the beginning of April to come and meet the Brigadier Gen^l at Philadelphia, he will by seeing you be let in to a great Many things which must be of the utmost consequence. Before I can hear from you I shall be at Philadelphia so direct your Letters for me at that place.

The last Campaign I made in your Province you was so good as to supply me with wine, this must be the case this year, for as there is an Embargo laid you cannot expect to have the pipe I gave you an order for but you shall have as much as you please when I come to your upper Settlements, where I hope you will condescend to come. I beg you will not let slip any opportunity of letting me hear from you, and so soon as I get further South I shall tell you what I am doing. I am with the greatest sincerity

My Dear Gov^r
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
John S^t Clair.