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[Jenifer to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadelphia June 14th 1779

Dear Sir

There have been so many accounts by different ways of the defeat of the Enemy at Charles Town, that a man must be an infidel not to believe it; yet Congress have not had any Public Letter on the occasion, nor have any private Letters from South Carolina, informing of that happy event, been received by any person that I can hear of in this City.

The Enemy have looked at Fort Arnold, & fell down the River 40 miles, to Kings Ferry, and are Fortifying on both sides of the River. It is said that the Reasonable a 64 exchanged some Shot with the Fort, and that she was dismasted. It is a misfortune to the States, that Congress had not recommended the recruiting Service at the beginning of the year. Charles was always a spirited County and I am pleased, that it still continues its elections.

Crops are very promising throughout the Continent, and could our Money be prevented from further depreciation, we should have nothing to fear; but if it continues, God only knows what will be the contingent event. The States have it in their power to appreciate it something, but there are so many speculating individuals, that will counteract every public measure, that I despair of the wished for success. Could we assure the States that there would not be Emissions beyond a certain Sum, the business would be done; but as Congress is uncertain whether sufficient Supplies will come into its Treasury by Taxes or Loan, the Press must be kept going so long as the money will purchase any thing, or at least till supplies can be otherwise had.

I think you have judged right, in not convening the Assembly before harvest, its very probable few would have attended had you attempted it

This moment came to Marketstreet wharf, a Privateer mounting 24 nine pounders fitted out of New York, & owned by Liverpool. Captured by the Boston frigate, it is said there are 90 Men on board of her. With my respectful Compliments to M^{rs} Johnson

I am Dear Sir, Your Excell^{ys}Affectionate Serv^tDan of S^t Tho^s Jenifer15th

P. S. The above Capture is a Letter of Mark from Liverpool, called at New York & bound at Jamaica