

October 12 The Charon of 44 Gun and two large Transports have been burnt
 Brown Book by hot Balls. The Guns and Stores have been previously taken out of
 No. 1 the Frigate
 Letter 44

We last night advanced our second parallel within 300 yards of the Enemy's Works without the least annoyance from them. Lord Cornwallis's conduct has hitherto been passive beyond conception, he either has not the means of defence, or he intends to reserve himself untill we approach very near him. A few days must determine whether he will or will not give us much trouble.

I have the honor to be with great respect Your Excellency's Most Obed^t Servant

October 13 [Dan'l Carroll, John Hanson, Phil^a to Gov. Lee.]
 Red Book
 No. 5
 Letter 91

The Contents of the inclosed appear of such consequence, that two expresses are immediately to be sent of, one to proceed by land, the other by water from the Head of Elk—we have likewise thought it proper to forward copy, to you, not doubting but that you will think the intelligence of sufficient consequence to require a fast sailing boat to be dispatch'd with it to the Count de Grass, least the Letters sent by the President shou'd meet with some delay.

October 7 [W. Heath, Head Quarters, Conti^l Village, to His Excellency,
 Red Letter the President of Congress.]
 Book No. 5
 Letter 93

Between twelve and one oClock this morning, I received the inclosed intelligence through a Channel which Generally afforded such as has been Authentic. I forward it by Express, and Submit to your Excellency of how much importance it is that the Count de Grasse should have notice of it, if it be possible, in Seeson, a Deserter from the Princessa, Admiral Drakes Ship, came here last Evening. He informed me that when he came away, the troops were embarking at Staten Island—that as he came up to the City, two Scows full of Horses, and one with three peices of Brass Cannon twelve or Eighteen pounders, passed them going down to the fleet

The person who sent me the inclosed intelligence observes—"In-closed you will receive a letter from one of my old Correspondents which has this moment come to hand, who for particular reasons has been silent for some time. When I tell you it comes from the same person, whose information you frequently received from me while at Newport, you will Judge of the credibillity of his accounts. The destresses of the Tories and loyalists at New York as well as the principal Officers of their Army for Lord Cornwallis is hardly to be described my Correspondent informs me that they put the Issue of the Contest allmost upon his defence or defeat the latter they expect and almost realize his Capture."