

that he would have been at Monrovia before this time but it seems the French had so many armed Rebels on Lake Champlain that it was ~~not~~  
prudent to attempt a Passage in the Boats wherein his Army was transported  
over Lake George without some Ships of Force to convoy & cover them  
which Ships could not be got ready before the middle of this Month, however  
I am not yet without hopes that the General is by this time again in Motion  
that notwithstanding the Preparations which the French are said to have made  
at the 10th End of the Lake for his Reception he will be able to pay a  
Visit to Montreal before Winter, if H<sup>r</sup> Wolfe can remain up the River St. Lawrence  
a few weeks longer. The latest News which hath been received from that quarter

for being inserted in our Yesterday's Gazette I shall herewith transmit it & in the  
same Paper you'll see an Account of General Gage's being gone down the River  
St. Lawrence from Oswego with a considerable Body of Soldiers & Indians to fall on  
a Settlement which the Enemy have made at a place called La Gallotte or  
Gowgashie. By M<sup>r</sup> Campbell H<sup>r</sup> Stewart's Partner who charges himself  
with the Settlement & the Papers which I have mentioned I shall likewise send  
you a Rent Roll for Calvert County made out & examined agreeable to his  
Supt's Instructions, H<sup>r</sup> Thomas has likewise made out Rent Rolls for Cecil  
& Dorchester Counties (in the same form) which he was in hopes would have been  
transmitted by the Fleet but the Judges of the Land Office having not  
quite examined them I must defer sending them till I have another opportu-  
nity of informing you that I am with the greatest Regard &

P.S. I inclose in a Cover marked E. You a Bill of Exchange for £125

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To Lord Ballincare. I enclose the 2d Febry 1780  
My sd.

Having lately had the pleasure to receive your Supt's Lett dated  
the 2d of Aug<sup>r</sup> last I now do myself the favor to acknowledge  
the favor & to assure your Supt that nothing could give me, or