

Camp on Philip's Heights Oct 23<sup>d</sup> 1776 -

Sir - The bearer Capt. Peter Adams from past services being very much reduced and rendered incapable of attending his duty, in his Military Department, proceeds to Philadelphia for recovery of his health, and being in want of money which at this time I have not an opportunity of drawing, tho' upwards of two months pay due, must request you would advance such sum as he requires or may think due him, and much oblige Your Obedt<sup>h</sup> Humble Servant  
To Mr Oaca Esq, or any other of the many laid Deputies at Congress, W<sup>m</sup> Smallwood -  
Philadelphia 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1776.

Sir - Inclosed send you a line from Coll Smallwood - requesting the favor of you, or any other of the Deputies from Maryland, to furnish me with such sum of money, as I might require. Should be much obliged to you if you could send me by the next post forty pounds. I want to buy some necessaries to take to camp with me - I am, Sir, Y<sup>r</sup> Obedt<sup>h</sup> Servant  
Peter Adams -

M.B Please direct the Post to call on me at Mrs Fords at the corner of Walnut and second Street -

At Sea, Ship Defiance 30<sup>th</sup> October 1776 -

Hon<sup>d</sup> Genl.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of this Instant I wrote you by Capt. Brown & Walker, who I sent in with a Snow and Sloop taken off St. Augustine, which I hope have got safe in - I flattered myself at that time that you would have heard from me soon, I this day have taken a small schooner with 40 blks Rum, three blks Sugar, 1 butt Coffee, a few Barrels Limes &c from Dominica by her clearance bound to Newfoundland, but have reason to believe the Capt of her intended to New York to supply the Ministerial army. he gives me information of two Briggs and three schooners to sail from Dominica in a day or two with rum, sugar and coffee for New York, or Halifax. I shall endeavour to be in their way, and hope you'll be no way uneasy should I stay rather longer out than you might expect. I have spoke a schooner from Charles Town for Cape Nichola, and yesterday spoke a French Ship from Cape Nichola bound for France. We have spoke every thing that we have seen, but one schooner which we did not attempt, being in chase of the French Ship which gives me great reason to think our Ship sails fast.

Our Ships Company keeps their health extremely well, and have the Pleasure to inform you we are all well satisfied, and that the greatest harmony subsists between us.

I hope you'll pardon the freedom I bear use, being a young officer in this service, in pointing out to you three officers under my command that is deserving of appointments, but I should in every degree think myself blamable to my Country, should I not mention such to you: Mr Ausharlick and Mr Burnell my two Lieut<sup>s</sup> from every circumstance since with me, I find them to be experienced and brave officers, have been a considerable time in the British Navy, and from every thing I can observe hath entered into our service entirely from principle. I have likewise occ<sup>asion</sup> to mention Mr Joseph Smith second Lieut of Marines on board, who has behaved

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