

should have thought it an Honor, and would with Pleasure have
furnished any of his Majesty's Ships with Provisions, and we
still not destitute of Hope, a Time may yet come, when we
may enjoy that Satisfaction.

We have always considered Capt. Lewis
as a Man of Humanity, and a Gentleman, and as such,
cannot account for the burning of a Vessel in full View
of the People of this City, as if meant to add insult
to Misfortune already too severely felt by the People of
this Province, who were always attached to his Majesty
and his Family. And who cannot be reproached for
defending themselves against any Invasion of their Rights
and Charter-Rights: We are willing to believe and shall
be glad of being confirmed therein, that this Step was
not in Consequence of any Order from him.

We are much obliged to your Excellency
for the Pains you have taken, to preserve the Peace
of this Province, and beg that you will still exert
your Endeavours for the Restoration of those happy Days
that we enjoyed under a Constitutional Dependence on the
Mother Country.

We are &c.

10th March 1776.