

great question is decided, we leave it however to your
father to judge whether you can be spared from Congress, and
hope whatever is done, will be generally agreed to — from
the Virginia paper we have heard that Clinton left
Long Islands with his troops on the 29th of May, this comes
to that colony by express in a letter from General
Lee to their Convention in Genl. Howe's hands was
burnt and some of his domestics ill-treated, no other
damage of consequence, say the papers; and Clinton
published a proclamation warning the people of
N. Carolina to flee from the wrath, that was
hereafter to come upon them, and exhorting them to
return to duty; where he is gone, is not ascertained,
the paper says that the prevailing opinion is, they
are gone to the Southward, Genl. Lee writes he thinks
they are coming round to Virginia — if they are
coming this way, we shall soon hear of them and
will let you know. —

We are y^r

11th June 1755.