

your commander in chief, whose excellent qualities
cannot, we conceive, be equaled — Glad those, who have had
the supreme direction of affairs been as vigilant and provident,
our men would have suffered much less, than they have.

We wish that the service may
allow our Troops to return into Winter Quarters in their own
Country, where nothing in our Power shall be wanting to furnish
them with every Comfort, which is so much their due — we
are making Provisions towards their cloathing &c. and wish
to see them in situations agreeable to their desire. — We
are pleased to hear that General Washington has removed
his Camp to a Place so much for the better, and where
its probable you cannot be outflanked or surrounded —
Pray present my Compliments to him and believe us to
be Sir

Your obt. Servant

P.S. We have an armed Brig, just now arrived in the
Rock with a valuable Cargo for this State & have
by Order to have a Provincial Store properly appointed.
Oct. 31st 1776.

Capt. Alex. Lawson Smith

Sir

You will with all possible diligence march
your Company to Philadelphia, and then apply to the
Continental Board of War for further orders, and for what
your Company may want.

We are &c.

Nov 10th 1776.