My Dear Win I arrived here the 30th Utto & had bleasure of receiving your favor of wish the name day, It ging me Pleasure to hear of the arrival of the Mones, & the other Sepel you mention, I call on good dumber in my way this connecticut, who in formed me of viale of afair at the Laker, which as you observe have a much better appearence then they had some time ago, - at Providence I endeavor to get guns for the Dujate but found that the owners of Furnis were determined to take every advantage of the times they talk I of go Law Mo O'Son but would not contract at that, unless half the Money was paid at the Signing of the contract, I think it better to Comply with their extravegued Germs Then to let The whip lay have, while one of the Enemis ships (the Milford) is takeing every thing on our loast I therefore have adois Mi Langdon to get the guns on the best terms he can, he talk, of seling off for drow dence to morrow, if he gets the gams the whip will you be ready for sea _ I have sometimes Laughid at M: Langdone Banegyie on this Ship, but I am now convince he has said no more in her praise. then who deserves, who is really the Best whigh by far, of the Home which I have seen, & is as well Officered as any thing in the Service I hope justice will be done these gentle" in Kanking their, thay to the committee of am vare they would be -I found on my asseras that our afternay had

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My Dear Sir,

I arriv'd here the 30th [?] & had pleasure of receiving your favor of [?] 18th the same day, - It gives me Pleasure to hear of the arrival of the Morris, & the other [?]. you mention., - I calld on Gov^r Trumble, on my way thro' Connecticut, who informed the me of hate of affairs at the Lakes, which as you often have a much better appearance then they had some time ago, - of Providence I endeavor to get guns for

the Frigate but found that the owners of ^ [?] were determined to take every advantage of the times they talk.d of go-- Law Mos & Son but would not contract at that, unless half the money was paid at the Signing of the Contract, I think it better to Comply with their extravagant terms then to let the ship lay here, while one of the Enemy's ships (The Milford) is taking every thing on our Coast I therefore have advis.d M^r: Langdon to get the guns on the best terms he can, he talks of seting off for Provi – -dence tomorrow, if he gets the guns, the ship will soon be ready for sea, - I have sometimes laugh.d at M^r: Langdons [?] on this ship, but I am now convinced he has said no more in her praise then she deserves, she is really the Best ship by far, of the Nine which I have seen, & in as well Officer.d as any ship in the Service, I hope justice will be done then gentle^m in Ranking them, they really deserve to be high on the list, were they known to the Committee I am sure they would be -I found on my arrival that our assembly had

contled 23000, in addition to the 60,000 emitted before I went to Philadelphia, I could not help Eggressing my to the committee taking this step without askin, a supply from the fortinental Freasury, I think very wrong to your such Quantities of paper Mo The Prizes Brot into this and the Neighborning Sort have Lowered the from of West India goods amaisingly, Jugar are sold at also five Dollar & C' The vacife brivatees have met with has ver every body Mad for that Burness, & wice cause some Deficulty in geting the Fugates Mand, however, the Raleigh, from Present appearances will be mand the first, The has now about 50 men & when her gams are on board I make no doubt wice soon have her complement, Ecople prospect of geting to see, Especially while there is such a demand for men for Brevaleus. I have just seen Mi Langdon he is determined to out for Providence to morrow he will write to you from that place & desire, you'le execuse his not writing by this post, many articles will be wanted for this whip which its Probable are in the Sublic Stores in Boston, wo is not be propos to give the commanding offices there, orders to deliver vail Stores as may be wanted for the Migs; I am informed There is a large Summitty of Short at Boston, which I suppose cannot be obtained without an order from some higher Power on the commanding Offices there, I shall ottend the Gen! court at Exeter next Thursday I hope in my next whale be able to inform you who is to be our colleague - I am with great Inventy four very affect Friend &c from on My assesses that our abounder had

emitted £23,000 – in addition to the 60,000 emitted before I went to Philadelphia, I could not help Expressing my to the Committee surprise ^ at their taking this step without asking a supply it from the Continental Treasury, I think ^ very wrong to issue such Quantities of paper notes – The Prizes Brot into this and the Neighboring Ports have Lowered The price of West India goods amazingly, Sugars are sold at abo¹ five Dollars & I¹ The success Privateers have met with has set every body Mad for that Business, & will cause some Difficulty in getting the Frigates Man.d, however, the Raleigh, from Present appearances will be Man.d the first, she has now about 50 men & when her Guns are on board I make no doubt will soon have her Complements, People are backward about entering on Board till they see a prospect of geting to sea, Especially while there is such a demand for men for Privateers. –

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I shall attend the Gen¹: Court at Exeter next Thursday & hope in my next shall be able to inform you who is to be our Colleague - I am with great Sincerity

Your very affec^t Friend &e W^m: Whipple