



Dear Sir,

The enclosed was a cover to a packet for Mrs. Thompson, I met with it in Congress and it lay by me several days at length as I was about to write to her I took the freedom to open it knowing the superscription to be for Mrs. Thompson's handwriting. I declined sending it to Carlisle least you should have come away before. I am now at Wilmington detained by an alarm that there are 3 Men of War in the river abt. 20 miles below N. Castle and hourly expected me being a Member of the Committee of safety. I must know that they have returned down the Bay before I can attend at Philad. example this hand as the [] is waiting and believe [] [] Most sincerely

Geo :Read

Wilmington 17th May 1776.

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