



D<sup>r</sup> Toatty,  
I send you by Mr Hanson 5 half for  
which I hope will answer your wants until  
I can get some Tobacco to Philadelphia  
which I will endeavor to do shortly - You must be  
as carefull as possible but do nothing which  
would be improper for a gentleman and a man of  
the most enlarged Principles of Integrity. You are now  
in a Situation where much Caution and the  
strictest Attention are necessary. I hope you will  
reflect fully on every step before you take it and  
that you will by your prudence Industry and  
Honor establish such a Character as will  
recommend you to the Confidence and Esteem  
of all good men. It will be necessary sometimes  
here to know with certainty you what footing  
you are to have with the Financier, for  
however well inclined you might be to devote  
your time to the publick Service now You  
in circumstances to do it for nothing. Your  
Property will not last long if you are to  
be supported altogether out of it - You will  
be able to Judge and will write hopefully  
hereafter what you have to rely on that  
I may give you such advice as is proper  
In this state the publick Officers are paid  
and I have no doubt but you may get a  
Birth here if you cannot be supported where  
you are, but I had rather you should live in

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Description: Thomas Stone giving advice to brother, Annapolis

in Phil<sup>a</sup> for sometime if it can be done as  
 you will there have a greater opportunity of  
 improvement than you can have here —  
 We have just heard that our Army has taken  
 Pigeon Hill an high near York which the  
 Enemy had occupied for this the Town of York  
 may be battered in such a manner that it  
 will not be tenable long and I have most  
 sanguine expectations that Cornwallis and his  
 Army will shortly furnish a Triumph for our  
 General & allies. — Our friends are all well  
 Michl again [berthed] into the House of [Dolega]  
 as is Mr. [Jornifer]. — Make my best [oppose]  
 to Mat<sup>r</sup> [Jornifer] and let him know his family  
 at [Stoppery] are in a fair way. — Old Jacob is  
 dead. — an Outhouse of his was the House  
 Brown lives in At Annapolis <sup>^was</sup> burnt down  
 a few nights ago by [Avidout] or [Cowloprowh]  
 tho I believe the latter. — [Let] [the] [bar]fully  
 from you by Mr. Hanson and [be] [a friend]  
 I think frequently of you and am deeply interested  
 in your welfare  
 Annap. Oct. 17. 01 — Yr most aff. Brother  
 T. Stone

Original copy  
 Oct. 17. 01  
 T. Stone

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 [Annap. At. or. you] ~ T. Stone