

**Samuel Mostyn to Thomas Pennant**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1778.

Autograph letter signed, 3 pages + address leaf, docket.

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D.<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yesterday Gen<sup>l</sup>. Clinton was pleas'd to appoint me to be a Lieu<sup>t</sup>. in the 49<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> – for which good fortune, I am & ever shall be grateful to you & your good friend Judge Barrington, who I look up to as the first Cause of whatever Success I may be so fortunate as to meet with in the Line of Life your Goodness has thrown me into. I sincerely hope your Amiable Consort and the worthy Mostyn & Bichton families are well & happy:

I wou'd be glad to give you some News worth the Trouble of reading but I have none, except that the Comm<sup>rs</sup>. – are come, and we are in great anxiety [2] to know what Plan will be fix'd upon for the ensuing Campaign – Peace is not wish'd at all, nor hardly talk'd of as the Rebels have declar'd they will not treat but as Independent States. All the Goods of this Town, are put on board Ships, and fallen down the River by Order of the Commander in Chief – Many People who fear'd being left behind, have embark'd in these ships, all the heavy Baggage of the Army, the Women & Children are embark'd also; The Rebels have publish'd a List of Persons whom they mean to treat as Traytors to the States of America, if they will not give them selves up before the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1778. [*inserted*: Even] then to take their Tryals for their several Treasons &c&c. This has oblig'd several People to leave [3] This Town & put them selves on board the Ships, some for England and others to take their Chance with the Army. –

And now that I have taken up quite enough of y<sup>r</sup> Time with my scrawl I shall take my Leave with wishing you M<sup>rs</sup>. Pennants y<sup>r</sup> good Sisters & family all manner of Happiness, & that greatest of Blessings, Health.

I am D.<sup>r</sup> Sir, your much

oblig'd Hum. Ser<sup>t</sup>.

Sam Mostyn

L<sup>t</sup>. 49<sup>th</sup> Rg<sup>t</sup>. –

I have not had the  
Happiness to hear from  
my D.<sup>r</sup> Parents since I  
left England – owing I am  
sure to the Accident of my going  
over to the West Indies.

Philadelphia June 7th 1778. –

My Comm<sup>r</sup> – is dated May 31<sup>st</sup>. 1778. –

*[inserted on the address leaf]*

D.<sup>r</sup> Sir, permit me by y<sup>r</sup> means to present my most respectful Comp<sup>ts</sup> to Lord Barrington & his  
worthy Brother, & thanks for their kindness. –

*[address leaf]*

Tho.<sup>s</sup> Pennant Esq –

Downing near Holywell

N: Wales. Flintshire.

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M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Mostyn.