

William Whipple to John Langdon, 1776

Transcript

Philadelphia 16th July 1776

My Dear Sir

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You may depend the Officers will be appointed agreeable to your recommendation, their Commissions not being sent need be no hindrance to you in engaging Petty Officers and men. Provision I wrote you about last post, I agree with you that these matters have not been properly attended too, but I by no means take any part of the charge of neglect to my self for no poor Devils ever begin for Alms with more earnestness than I have to get these matters settled & am still determin'd if possible to have every thing compleat before I leave this, — Two of the ships were launch'd here last week, viz. the Randolph & Delaware, but when they will get to sea is uncertain as they have no Anchors yet —

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in very great haste
Yours,
W. Whipple

Please to send the enclosed paper to the north end

I have sent the play you mention to Mr. Bracken

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