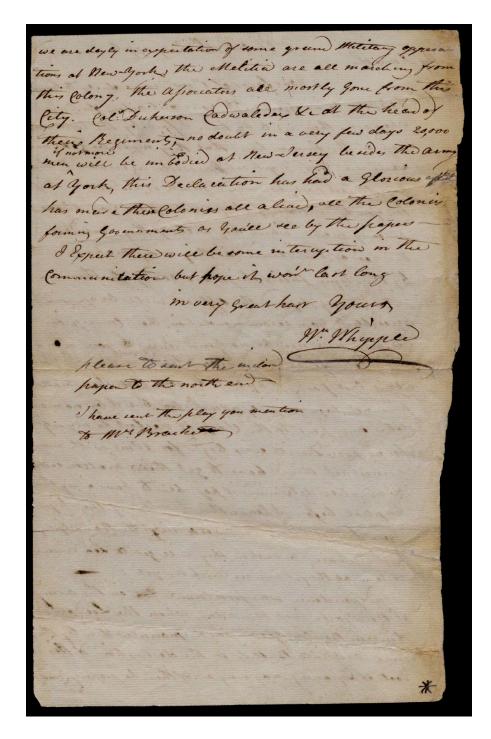
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## Transcript

Philaa 16th July 1776

My Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st inst came duly to hand there can be no objection to your contracting for Guns where ever they are to be had, I find by the backwardness of the surmises here that they must be got somewhere else, Govr: Hopkins has wrote agreeable to what I wrote last post, however I think it wod not be amiss for you to contract, if they won't spare you those already made, which they will if they consider the good of the service as they may make more by the time their ships are ready for them-You may depend the officers will be appointed agreeable to your recommendation, their commissions not being sent need by no hinderance 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 attend too, but I by no means take any part of the charge of neglect to myself for no poor Devils ever beg'd for alms with more earnestness then I have to get these matters settled & am still determined if possible to have everything compleat before I leave this. - Two of the ships were Launchd here last week, viz, the Randolph, & Delaware, but when they will get to sea is uncertain as they have no anchors yet - Independence was proclaim'd [strikeout] in the army at New-York last Wendsday, when the Leaden King in [inserted: the] Bowling Green was dismounted & is by this time cast into Bullets for the destruction of this Tools of Tyranny may every one of them be properly commission'd

We are dayly in expectation of some grand Military opperations at New-York, the Militia are all marching from this Colony, the associators all mostly gone from this City. Col: Dickerson Cadwaleder &c all the head of these Regiments, no doubt in a very few days 20,000

men [inserted: if not more] will be embodied at New-Jersey besides the army at York, this Declaration has had a glorious effect has made these colonies all alive, all the Colonies forming Governments as you'll see by the papers-

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I Expect there will be some interruption in the communication but hope it won't last long.

in very Great haste Yours, Wm. Whipple

please to send the enclosed paper to the north end -I have sent the play you mention to Mrs. Brachet

[docket] William Whipple Esq Letts