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Camp Bedford October 28th 1794

Dear Lydia I Received your Letter of the 26th by
Lieutenant Hun yesterday which gave me the greatest
Pleasure as I had not heard from you since I left
Jersey with what Pleasure have I Read it over and over
To see the account that you were well and in good
Spirits may they be continued is the ardent wishes of
your Dear Friend who knows not when he shall have
the Pleasure of seeing with you - I have had my health
Very well since I left Jersey and am at Present in
good Health Praying that yours may be Continued - You Blame
me my Dear that I had not Wrote to you before which
hurts my Feelings to think that you have not Received
none from me - This makes the Seventh Letter that
I have Written it must be the Fault of the bearer
of them - The army left Carlisle the 11th and arrived here
the 18th which is about 90 Miles our Marches are Very
Slow & tedious we expect to march to morrow or next
Day in Detachments for Fort Pitt which is About
130 Miles from this the Alleghany is about one Days
march from this which we expect for it is 2 Miles
over which will be a fatiguing march for is the
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Coming on for them there is a fine Army here
and at fort Cumberland which is about 30
from this is the Virginians & Marylanders of both
their armies tis said to Compose about 14000 Men
Completely Supplyd with all kinds of warlike Store
- We have since we have been here taken about twenty
of those whiskey Boys four of Very Noted ones
there is no opposition from any of them they are
all frightened out of their wits and know not what
to do Report says this morning that these out laws
Beyond the mountain all have given up and mean
to throw themselves on the mercy of that Govern^{ment}
that they have abused - we shall have nothing to
do but to march forward pick them up where ever we
find them it is reported that they have all agreed to
Come in to the President and have any punishment
that he will inflict upon them - But it is said
he will hear nothing they have to say - General
Lee is here and reviewed all the troops here yesterday
who has the Command of all the troops - I think if
we are to march to fort Pitt we must some of us suffer with
Colts & the Severe Storms that we must expect
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about 3 days march we have Crost some of the highest
that I ever saw it appears Impossible to ascend them
When got to the top & going down them is Very
Diffiult some places the horse ready to pitch headlong
Down without Care — ~~But~~ my Dear Lydia What shall
I say — I am still going further from all my Com^{rs}
When Oh when will the happy Day Come that
Brings us in each others arms — Cruel fate was
so hard to separate such Near friends — Oh if I had
But wings how soon would I see my all — You
know how anxious I was to hear from you at this
time you would pity your absent & Near friend
But time that moves so slow will I hope thro^{ugh}
the Interposition of a kind Providence Bring us

Safe to each other — What more can I ask
a Safe Return to my Dear Wife —

Tell Daddy Williamson I thank him for his letter
which gave me much Pleasure tell Daddy and ^{my} ^{and} ^{my}
I long to see them & give my Love to them & Bob
our Sisters and their Families Daddy & ^{my} ^{and} ^{my}

Johnes
Wrote you by you might forward letters to ^{my} ^{and} ^{my}
By a former ^{Letter} which I think must ^{be} ⁱⁿ ^{your} ^{hand}
hand as I think it went by a ^{hand} ^{of} ^{mine}

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Mrs Lydia Johns

Road Hall

Major L. Gordon
Will please to forward
this and oblige
Stephens Johns
appt J. C. Christy

Near Cranbury

New Jersey

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which gave me much pleasure tell daddy and mommy I long to see them and give my love to them and both our sisters and their families daddy and mommy Johnes.

I wrote how you might forward letters to Carlisle by a former letter which I think must have come to hand as I think it went by a – [page torn off] and is Lost [page torn off]

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Mrs. Lydia Johnes
Road Hall
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Stephen Johnes