Title: Letter from Charles Nisbet to Mary Nisbet
Date: September 24, 1798
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Dear Mary,

I received your letter only yesternight, by a young man going to Pitts-
burgh, who found it in a window in Mr. Slough's at Lancaster. We were anxious to hear of
your safe arrival, especially as we had heard a distressing story of Mr. Wood of Washington County,
who was reported to have had a stroke of the postturning of the stage near the
Sarah Eagle, which is now said to be without foundation. We are sorry to hear that you are ill of yellow
fever, but assure you that you may be safe by continuing yourself to your house, and your
friends from the infected part of the city may visit you. Mr. Turnbull may be engaged by going
about on business. A large packet, directed to Mr. Turnbull, for which the packet of Village
was charged, was brought up by the mail last Monday. We designed to send it to a passenger
in the stage, but as he did not set out, Mr. Weakley, to whom your brother gave the charge
of it, gave it to Augustine Green, who promised to put it into the stage office at Lancaster. I
shall be uneasy till I hear that Mr. Turnbull has received it, as it seemed to be a packet of
importance, and probably came from England. I hope this will be delivered you by Mr. Irvine,
of this neighbourhood, who should have brought the packet above mentioned, but did not
set out last Tuesday on account of the severity of the weather, his bad state of health. The
snow, however, still continues, and we have had much less rain since the time you have
had at Philadelphia, as we were informed by the bearer of your letter. Our mother
directs me to inform you that Mr. Turnbull need not be at the mercy of
the things he spoke of, till we write you, except the Mustard, which
he can truss. Mr. McGraw's company of players are here at present;
under great encouragement. Your letter went out last night, and I hope
the paper would inform you of the Major,
notwithstanding the severity of the snow. The paper would inform you
of Miss Talley
Montgomery, who married on Tuesday last night, to Mr. David Harris, Merchant at York.
A number of Mr. Turnbull's Western Telegraphers was sent here by Mistahie, the publisher,
not having advertized to his direction, so address it to him at Philadelphia. I hear that
the adventure of Greenock arrived lately at New York, but I have not heard by
that vessel, you ought to be very cautious in receiving letters, &c., to your
friends, to invite them not to see you, rather than endure visits, which
are always suspicious. William Brown & all our Democrats are
Well, as the news of the late glorious victory of the English over
and I doubt not that the Governor & all your Democratic Society are in deep
Dear Mary,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to you with the news of the recent developments in the city, which I fear may bring much concern.

The French have begun their attack, and reports are that they have taken several towns along the coast. The news has spread rapidly, and people are now preparing for the worst. The city is in a state of readiness, with troops stationed at all major points.

I hear that the English are also planning an attack, and the situation is growing more tense every day. The governor is in constant communication with the army, and all efforts are being made to ensure the safety of the city.

I am concerned for the well-being of my dear Established, and I hope that you are both safe and well. Please give my regards to the children and let them know that I am thinking of them always.

I am writing to you to relay the news that the French have taken several towns along the coast, and the city is in a state of readiness. The situation is growing more tense every day.

I hope this letter finds you well, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Surnibul,

No. 229, Market Street,

opposite the post office, to the

President of the United States,

Philadelphia.