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My dear Sir,

I am much oblig'd to you for your
 letter, and sincerely wish, they may have the
 desired success, tho' I cannot but say, I am afraid
 they will not have so happy an issue. The
 seeds of Faction sown in Pennsylvania, are
 many, and have taken deep Root. Even a new
 Convention will not eradicate them. The subject is
 equally common & mournful. For my Part,
 no Temptation, except that of serving my Country,
 America, could engage Me ever again to take
 any share in Pennsylvanian Affairs; and I
 am

perfectly convinced, I stand a better Chance of
answering that I did in any other State, than
that to which I am bound by an affection
superior to all Unkindness, and by so many
other strong Ties. Therefore I wholly waive
every Thought of acting in that Sphere.
I have had Honours truly respectable offered me
elsewhere, which some private Affairs have
oblig'd me for awhile to decline accepting.
But as my Life and Fortune have been nearly
pledged in the Common Cause, at a Period,
when the Danger was the greatest, from the
Uncertainty of an united & vigorous Support,
I shall hardly seek for the Security of Life or Fortune

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As to the Assistance you speak of, I have frequently
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whatever can be inflicted.

I thank you for your
friendly Attention to my little one. She is well
recovered. Mrs Dickinson presents her
respectful Compliments to you. Please to
give mine to your good Mother, Mr & Mrs
and your Brother. I am, Dear Sir, with
the utmost Sincerity,

your affectionate Friend
& very humble Servant,

Wm Dickinson
Kent June 11th 1777

Dr Bush

John Dickinson

June 14. 1777

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My dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your letters, and sincerely wish they may have the desired success, tho I cannot but say, I am afraid they will not have so happy an Event. The seeds of faction sown in Pennsylvania, are many, and have taken deep Root. Even a new Convention will not eradicate them. The subject is equally copious & mournful. For my Part, no Temptation, except that of serving my Country, America, could engage me ever again to take any share in Pennsylvanian affairs; and I am perfectly convinced, I stand a better chance of answering that End in any other State, than that to which I am bound by an affection superior to all unkindness, and by so many other strong ties. Therefore, I wholly waive every thought of acting in that sphere. I have had honours truly respectable offered me elsewhere, which some private affairs have obliged me for awhile to decline accepting - But as my Life and Fortune have been early pledged in the Common Cause, at a Period, when the Danger was the greatest, from the uncertainty of an united & vigorous support, I shall hardly seek for the security of Life or Fortune amidst the Ruin of American Freedom. As to the assistance you speak of, I have frequently & earnestly endeavoured to procure it, but in vain. All future attempts I know will be fruitless. A Resolution is formed to stand still and bear whatever can be inflicted.

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Dr. Rush