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1849
Dear Sir,

Pittsb. Oct. 4, '14.

I inclose to you a copy of y^r declaration
and my notes in y^e case of Gray & Portland.

The bearer, before he leaves Phil^a, will call
on you for y^e papers mentioned in y^e Memorand^m.
w^h I had y^e pleasure of handing to you when here.

We have no news of much importance -
The Indians are renewing their depredations in
y^e neighborhood of Detroit, and have recently
committed several murders. The Buffalo mail
of y^e day before yesterday brought us y^e news of
Gen^l Drummond having raised y^e siege of Fort
Erie and retired very precipitately. He is
now fortifying himself at Chippewa and Duns-
ton Heights. The Enemy, I presume, have been
induced to this hasty retreat, in consequence of
y^e severe "scratching" (to use a new military phrase)
w^h he rec^d in y^e late very successful sortie made
by Gen^l Brown, and y^e intelligence of Izard's
movement. Our Army at Fort Erie certainly are
entitled to much praise for having so successfully
withstood y^e siege and attacks of a daring enemy
considerably superior in force. And if y^e object
of Izard is to cooperate with Brown and fall on
y^e rear of Drummond their united efforts will, in

all likelihood, be rewarded with the capture of
this army of the Emperor.

A brother-in-law of Mr. Gallatin is now in
town, and who has in his possession a letter from Mr.
G. written on y^e day he left London for Ghent.
He writes that there is little or no prospect of
peace.

Will you please to present my respects to
Mrs. Gates, and believe me,

very truly, y^r friend,
J^r St^r John. Sew^t.

C^o M^o W^o M^o S^o S^o

Humble

19th Feb^r 1794.

Seely W^o

Wm. Wilkins - 5. Oct. 1815
rec'd Oct. 19. - 1st sum of Oct. 19. 18
sent the paper & requested

rec'd Oct. 18
am. Oct 19.

Amble

Wm. Tilghman Esq.
Ch. Justice

1799 - 1865

Joint
Senator

Member to Russia

Sea War

Pitts^b. Oct. \$, '14

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you a copy of ye declaration and my notes on ye case of Gray and Penttand.

The bearer, before he leaves Phil^a. will call on you for ye papers mentioned in ye memorand^m w^h I had ye pleasure of handing to you when here.

We have no news of much importance - The Indians are renewing their depredations in ye neighborhood of Detroit, and have recently committed several murders. The Buffalo mail of ye day before yesterday brought us ye news of Gen^l. Drummond having raised ye seige of Fort Erie and retired very precipitately - he is now fortifying himself at Chippewa and Queenston Heights. The Enemy, I presume, have been induced to this hasty retreat in consequence of ye severe "scratching" (to use a new military phrase) w^h he rec^d in ye late very successful sortie made by Gen^l Brown, and ye intelligence of Izard's movement - Our army at Fort Erie certainly are entitled to much praise for having so successfully withstood ye seige and attack of a daring enemy considerably superior in force. And if ye object of Izard is to co-operate with Brown and fall on ye rear of Drummond their united efforts will, in all likelihood, be rewarded with ye capture of the army of ye Enemy.

A brother-in-law of Mr. Gallatin is now in town, and who has in his possession a letter from Mr. G. written on ye day he left London for Ghent. He writes that there is little or no project of peace.

Will you please to present my respects to Judge Yates, and believe me,

Very truly, yr friend,

& ob^t. hum. Serv^t.

(signed) Wm Wilkins

Honorable
Wm. Tilghman