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Gros) 1777 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.

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, Mrs. Rush and your Brother. I am, Dear Sir, with the utmost sincerity,

your affectionate friend & very humble servant

John Dickinson Kent June 14th 1777