

London Nov. 21st 1776.

Dr Sir,

Mr Forster was at Lamb. He says he can engage 10 to 20,000 pounds of Beef at the prices you mention 3^d to 3¹/₂ but it must be sent for next week, as the people who have it will not feed it and without feeding the Beef will fall away now. He cannot engage to cure it. You must send salt and casks to take it away. There is a good deal of Pork in that neighbourhood. Some ask 3^d others say they will take market price. If you will give Directions he will engage that too. He has no one to assist in looking after the curing of meat and therefore even coming on the purchase will not make it worth his while to undertake that part of the business.

I have carried your letter and the Cash to Kinsley on Tuesday Night. Mr Forster has no inclination to go to Virginia. I shall be glad to hear from you, and you must give Mr Forster notice to engage the Beef.

Dr Sir,

Mr Stephen Steward.

West India.

Your ready Servant.

Charles Graham

Philad^a Nov 21st 1776.

Thursday Evening.

Gentlemen,

Congress have not received any further particulars of the loss of Fort Mifflin, than the account published Nov 19th. Capt. Ramsey arrived here this afternoon. I am informed by Dr Rush, that he relates the affair in this manner (from Colonel Cadwallader, who is released by the Enemy without any Ransom, on the Request of General Prescott, for the Civilities and attendance of his father the Doctor, on the General when a prisoner in this City) That Fort Mifflin could not contain any thing near the number of our Troops adequate for its Defence; That there were two lines thrown up, the first at a considerable distance from the Fort, the second (and by far the strongest and capable of holding all the Garrison) much nearer to the Fort. Our Troops were posted chiefly in the first Line, and were there attacked by the British Troops, at this time a large Body of Hessians crossed the Delaware River, and landed within the second Line, there not being any Lines, Breast-works or fences to oppose them. as soon as this movement of the Enemy was discovered a Body was sent to oppose them. of the British Troops there were only 40 privates and one Captain killed. of the Hessians there were 200 privates killed, and 27 officers killed and wounded of our Troops only 30 privates and a Colonel Banta, and a Capt. Miller, of Pennsylvania, killed. 2,200 of our Troops are prisoners. The Fort was well supplied for three months and amply supplied with Cannon and all military Stores. If this account be true, we have again