

Annapolis Royal 13. Sept. 1783.

Sir,

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I am pained with your Letter of the 8th Instant, and am much oblig'd to you for the particular Information contain'd therein. — The orderly and regular Conduct of the 84th Regiment during their Residence at Windsor, and on their March to this Place, does them great Credit.

I have perus'd the Copies of the Official Representation of the Assistant Commissary General, & of Capt. Henry's Letter requiring additional Assistance to disembark the Coals, and I am gratified that the Assistance was so readily afforded.

A Reinforcement of the Men employ'd at Spanish River, as applied for in Capt. Henry's Letter, appears absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service. I wish it may be immediately complied with; I am to request that you would send any Number of Men which Capt. Henry may require to be taken by Detachment from the Garrison & its Dependancies. And it is also my Wish that a Captain may be sent to that Post.

I am particularly gratified at finding that the very serious & alarming Appearance of the Full Magazine at Halifax had in some Degree abated. And I am perfectly convinced that every Exertion has been used in extinguishing the Fire.

The Express which brings this will return immediately to this Place, by whom I must request that you will be so obliging as to forward any Official Letters, or any Information which you may think necessary to give me.

Lt Col Small Command^g &c.

I have the Honor to be

Y^r Obed^t Serv^t

Halifax Sept. 13. 12 O'Clock Noon

Sir,

About an Hour ago the Narcissus arriv'd from New York after a Passage of sixteen Days — To your Dispatches I must refer you for all public News. As the Governor's Letters were known to be in the Bag directed for you (it became after some Debate) necessary to open it. As soon as they, and some other Letters for different Departments and private Persons were taken, the Bag was again seal'd and deliver'd to the Express: who I hope will meet you on your return to this Place — The Fire is not yet quite extinguish'd in the Coal Yard, all Danger is over, but the Loss of Coals and the Expence attending their Removal, must be considerable — however upon the whole we have had a great Escape — There is nothing here worth troubling you with at present.

I have the Honor to be

Sir Your most obedient
most Able Serv^t

Chas. Lyons.

General Fax.

Halifax Nova Scotia
Saturday Noon Sept. 13. 1783.

Sir,

I do myself the Honor of informing you that about a quarter of an Hour ago was deliver'd to me a packet from on board his Majesty's Frigate Narcissus, Command'd by Captain Edwards, just come into the Harbour from New York) containing Official Dispatches address'd to you from his