

Excellency the Commander in Chief. The Lieutenant of the Ship of War just mentioned who came on Shore with these Dispatches informs me they have had sixteen Days Passage - From the strictest Compliance with the Directions you were pleased to Honor me with, I have desired the Town Major to provide instantly a Courier who shall, without a Moments Loss of Time, be dispatched to Annapolis for the purpose of reaching you as soon as possible. As I have Cause (from what you thought proper to communicate to me before your Departure) to expect your Return hither in a few Days, and with a view not to delay unnecessarily this Messenger, I shall forbear reporting many minute Circumstances until I can do it personally.

I cannot however close this Letter without mentioning, that the Exertions of the Troops have been remarkable (such I trust as will merit your Approbation) as in Conjunction with the Seamen together with the Assistance of the Inhabitants, (all heartily concurring in most assiduous Efforts) the Dangerous and Alarming Appearance of the very large deposit of Coals in the Fuel Yard having taken Fire, whereof I gave you Intelligence in my Letter dated the 3rd Instant, and threatening a general Conflagration by possibly communicating with large piles of Wood belonging to the public Fuel Store, as well as spreading from the most contiguous Buildings extensively, to the Houses of the Inhabitants, all of Combustible Materials now no longer exists - The Measures that have been pursued, the watchfulness and personal Exertions of public Officers, and Individuals on this serious and important Service in

in averting so fatal a Calamity as this Town was at first menaced with, shall be faithfully reported to you.

Whilst I write the Assistant Commissary General called on me with the inclosed Letter, requesting its Conveyance to you: from him I am able to anticipate a Satisfactory Information to you; that he has provided sufficient Shelter, (and will without Loss of Time disembark) public Stores of various Denominations, contained in different Transports at this Moment entering the Harbour.

I have the Honor to be with very great
Respect & Esteem, Sir

Your most Obedient
and very humble Servant,

Honble Brigadier
General Fox &c &c

John Small Lt. Col.
Commandant of the Garrison of
Halifax & its Dependencies.

I have desired Major Lyons to inform you of the delivery of Public Dispatches, addressed to his Excellency Governor Parr that accompanied those now forwarded to you by
Yr faithful &c &c
John Small.

Sir

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Annapolis Royal 13th Sept. 1783

It having been represented to me by Lt Col. Robinson and Major Barclay of the Royal American Regiment, that they are now erecting Houses to accommodate themselves and their Families in this Province, and that they are in great want of Boards for that purpose I am to request that you will deliver them a Quantity not exceeding 5000 Feet each out of the Boards in your Custody at this Port