

Situation is the most desirable and convenient in the Event of Reduction, unless it should interfere with any arrangement of your own, that the Good of the Service has pointed out, and which of Course they could not ask nor expect you to alter

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect Sir

The Honble Brig
Gen. Fox & Co

Your M^t M^d &
M^t Able Sec^y

Murdoch MacLaine
Capt. commanding His Regt

N^o 90

Sir,

Halifax N^o Scotia Sunday
Afternoon half past one
Sept^r 11th 1783

I hope the Courier that departed from hence Yesterday (about this Time) charged with Official Dispatches addressed to you, from Head Quarters, will before this can reach you, have safely conveyed them and with as much Expedition as possible.

Altho' I have little to add to the Letter I had the Honor to Write to you by that Opportunity, yet I think it my Duty and in rigid Attention to your Instructions informing you that during the Forenoon of this Day the Coes Frigate of War under Captain Hawkins's Command

came

came into this Harbour from New York and that soon thereafter the Town Major brought me a Packet containing fresh Dispatches directed to you, which being from the Information of this last arrived Ship having made a short Passage, of six Days only, many Days more recent than those forwarded to you Yesterday. I am the more anxious to avoid Delay in their being conveyed to your Hands. I have therefore deputed a Messenger forthwith to attend for that Purpose

While I am writing, Captⁿ Hawkins has favored me with a Visit, and from him I learn that a considerable Sum of Money not less than Forty Thousand Pounds Sterling was entrusted with him to be conveyed hither and consigned to the Deputy Paymaster General M^r Thompson who has also this Instant repeated the same Intelligence. I presume to give you the earliest Information of this Event favorable as it is to the public Service and have the Honor to be with Sincere Regard Esteem & Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient &
faithful M^t Sec^y

John Small Esq^r

Command^y the Garrison of Halifax
with Dependencies

Hon^{ble} B. Gen. Fox
& Co

A Letter directed to you from the Commissary is at this Moment Brought and herewith enclosed. ---