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retaken again with 4 Lofs of one Regiment cut
to pieces & two companies besides — it was re-
taken by surprise — to 4 Northward — Gen
McLean is attacked in his post at Penob-
scot — He can have no relief from this till
4 Reinforcement arrives from England —
whether he can support himself till that comes
— Little people cannot tell — However they
are now some ships in sight which we hope
are that Fleet — The State of People's minds
in 4 place is disagreeable eno — tis a state of un-
certainty & suspense — which is constantly ~~expressed~~
kept up by ten thousand different Reports, ~~many~~
so many of which prove false that an impar-
tial ^{Observer} ~~Spectator~~ would be inclined to think that
there was an actual combination to improve upon
& deceive each other —

Tuesday August 3. This day rec^d. an au^d of my friend
Mr H — for 4000 Infan^t. and to upwards of £100-
bund^s. — There are some odd circumstances attending
this matter — 4 au^d is dated 15 Dec 1778 — I did
not engage in 4 voyage in 4 Ajax till about 4

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10th or 12th November 1778 — I did not mention
to him my desire of his having any Insurance
done for me till a few days before our sailing
which was 4 6th December — How is it possible
his orders could have been complied with so soon
as 4 15 Decemb^r following — Besides tis not
a week since that he told me he had as yet no
au^d of that matter — It has a mighty
odd appearance at present — Tis all
solved to my satisfaction since —

Thursday 5. Three Brigg^s & a Snow arrived — one of
4 Brigg^s 47 days from London — Two grand
Fleets out — British & French — so that we expect
some mighty Events —

August. 16 Last night & this morning The Robust with
4 fleet under her convoy arrived here — after a long looking
for — on Wednesday arrived the Le Corne — a
Frigate — Friday 20. arrived a ~~private~~ Rebel
Privateer taken in Boston Bay — The accounts
she brings has greatly relieved the anxiety of Peo-
ple here for Gen^t McLean — 10 days ago she