

Off going 21st March 1784
A Long Letter
Sir

I have to regret that the subject of this letter is of so melancholy a nature - suffice it to say its altogether suited to our situation - from the Window at which I am now sitting I can scarcely see one Hundred Yards for the Mountains of Ice by which we are surrounded - On the night of the 15th the River rose 10 feet in thirty six Minutes, over flowed all this country swept off greatest part of the Houses in the settlement with Horses Cattle & Grain - several Houses with families in them were swept four miles down the River, and landed safe on higher ground - some saved them selves by climbing trees, where they continued for several hours - we were obliged to evacuate the Fort in which the water was four feet deep - the ground at this time for several miles is covered with Ice four & five feet thick - what will become of the poor Inhabitants God only knows. Our Diet at present is Boiled Wheat & salt Beef

Mum, Mine, &c we have plenty there is
not a Mill dam left standing in the settlement
Our buildings would have been swept off
had not the strength of the Works prevented
the Ice coming with its full force--
I sincerely pity the Inhabitants the women
& children in a particular manner--

Be so good as give my Love to my good
friend Mr. Cohens family Betsy in a
particular manner, Compliments to your
Brother Acersious - I believe me to be
with friendship your humble serv^t

John Armstrong

Docker Beatty

See account of bridge
of Severn River page 479
of book of 1734

Doctor
Ridding Beatty
Mr. bridge { Cross Roads, Bucks County

the river was 30 feet above low water
mark

Blunthorpe
21 March

Doctor Ridding Beatty
Coop Roads, Bucks County

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Cope

The river was 50 feet above low water
March

See annals of Luzerne County
& Stuart Pearce page 474
Flood of March 20, 1784

Stuart Pearce
March 21