

My Dear Friend Northumberland March 23^d 1784

I have been very unhappy for some time
Recreation to you and your Family & Friends
as the Distresses of this part of the County
has been such that it is beyond Description
for hardly any Family in either of the
Branches has escap'd loss or Danger, not only
that but many are at the present in a most
wretched plight for want of Bread & the
Necessaries to Support Nature, And as for
my part by Lending & given I am not far off
I have understood that Mr. Willson is preparing
his Boat to come down & I am depending
upon your goodness to forward my grain
by him or else I shall be much distressed
Mr. Armstrong the Bearer a brother to the
Captain will assist you & claim the grain
as his property if the Military should offer
to detain the same Gen Potter has just
arrived from Philadelphia by whom the
Petition for the removing of the Troops would
have been sent down by, only it was his Opinion
that some alterations should take place —
they now are made & will be sent down by the
first Opportunity, likewise his information
gives us to understand that the greater part of
the House is only waiting for it, so as to have
room to bring it on the Carpet as they have

Chamberlain the longer - has been leaving in the expectation of an offer in the County
as an answer to the present expectation -

gained a more Friend in the House since the Motion
was put to Vote it being a Try of the Speakers
gain the Casting Vote for the Troops to remain
there But depend upon it your Friends are
not Idle & from the Gen^l Information to
me It will take place & that they must March
from where they are to the town of Genkey Doodle
I conclude Sincerely your Friend

30 Bush Vats if
possible

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March 13. 1704