

My Dear Sir

Boston 5 Octo<sup>b</sup> 1775

From the various Accounts you must have received of the situation of our Army I dare say you are anxious for the safety of y<sup>r</sup> old acquaintance, indeed though things are not so agreeable as we could wish <sup>yet</sup> we are not in such a plight but to command some respect from y<sup>r</sup> Rebel Enemy, they surround us it is true and excepting by sea we have no way to gett out of this Town but attacking them behind their strong works, and to gain them at present would not be of great advantage unless we had a sufficient number to pursue the blow, therefore we must be satisfied to remain here this Winter not very peaceable for I fancy but few days will pass without exchanging a few shot, but at too great a distance

to do much execution, possibly the inclemency  
of the weather may force them to retire, great  
uneasiness is among them, and nothing but  
the most palpable falsehoods can at present  
keep them together, we are deprived <sup>in general</sup> of  
fresh provisions, yet we found means to get  
a good supply for the hospitals, and if friend  
is in no want, wood we have but little but  
I hope we shall receive a good supply of  
coals from England otherwise this good town  
will be half demolished, in short great  
Britain has not a foot of ground in these  
Provinces that she can command nor  
do I see when it will end. I am certain  
not without we have a powerfull  
Supply and they meet with a mort severe  
check,

My Dear Sam left me about  
five weeks ago to join his Regiment  
in Canada, he was in perfect health  
I hope we may all meet at Leigh and  
spend a few days as happily as I have

often done, my best wishes attends the  
family, I am Dr Sir  
your most obedt.  
Yours very servt  
Sam Cleveland

Mr  
Sir  
is true  
to them

October 1, 1775

From BOSTON

'From the various accounts you must have received of the situation of our Army, I dare say you are anxious for the safety of your old acquaintance, indeed though things are not so agreeable as we could wish, yet we are not in such a plight but to command some respect from the Rebel Enemy, they surrounded us it is true and excepting by sea we have no way to get out of this town but attacking them behind their strong works, and to gain them at present would not be of great advantage unless we had a sufficient number to pursue the blow, therefore we must be satisfied to remain here this Winter not very peaceable for I fancy but few days will pass without exchanging a few shot but at too great distance to do much execution. Possibly the inclemency of the weather may force them to retire, great uneasiness is among them and nothing but the most palpable falsehoods can at present keep them together, we are deprived of fresh provisions, yet we found means to get a good supply for the hospitals, and your friend is in no want, wood we have but little but I hope we will receive a good supply of coals from England otherwise this good town will be half demolished, in short Great Britain has not a foot of ground in these provinces that she can command nor do I see when it will end. I am certain not without we have a powerful supply and they meet with a most severe check.

....Colonel Cleaveland.'