

**George William Fairfax to George Washington,  
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**FROM GEORGE WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.**

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DEAR SIR

I arrived here the 25th. of last month, since which there has not been an Opportunity to America, And now to the conveyance so uncertain that I hope you'll excuse this short Epistle, and permit me good Sir to acquaint you that our applications remain doubtful, And that its difficult to have a hearing by reason the great ones are so much taken up with affairs of much greater consequence.

The Parliament met the 1st. of this instant, and Unanimously concurred in very Loyal Addresses, and with a firm Resolution to Aid the Victorious King of Prussia who has Surpassed all Expectation and I hope yett will give the French a more definitive stroke.

There has been a Court of Enquiry on the late Secret Expedition and the other day a Court Martial fixed to try Genl. M—t<sup>1</sup> &c. In short it ingrosses the whole Legislature, so that those in America are not thought of. But its suggested by some that there will be great alteration there and that Ld. Geo. Sackvile may be expected, but this is a Secret,—The

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Duke has certainly Resign'd, Sr. John Legonier and two more appointed Field Marshals, and the former created an Irish Peer.

The Parliament will Adjourn for the Holydays, when I shall go with Mr. Fairfax into Kent, and afterwards to Yorkshire where I shall tarry till the approach of the Spring, in which time if you have any other Commands it will give me pleasure to Execute them.

When matters are more Ripe, I will take time to give you a particular Acct. till when I remain with the greatest Esteem

Dear Sir Your Affect and very humble Servt. G. W. FAIRFAX

<sup>1</sup> Referring, probably, to the expedition against Rochefort, which failed through the irresolution of Sir John Mordaunt.