

George Washington to Isaiah Robinson, October 25, 1777, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

To CAPTAIN ISAIAH ROBINSON¹

Head Quarters, October 25, 1777.

Sir: Your favor of the 20th. I duly receivd. It gives me pain to find, that the Strictest harmony and Confidence do not prevail among the Navy Officers. These are essential to our Success at this time, and I hope the Gentlemen concern'd in that line, who know their importance and the fatal miscarriages, that have been produced in many instances by a different disposition, will cultivate them with assiduity and ease. I have ever urged this Conduct to those, under my Command, and in a particular manner, I enjoin'd the Officers detach'd to the Forts, to observe a good agreement with those of the Navy; at the same time, I recommended to the Commodore that it should be mutual.

The matters between you and Him, I mean the Navy Officers under different denominations, is so delicate in its nature that I would with reluctance suppose it to exist. I trust it is done away, and that in future, there will be the happiest under, standing and participation of Councils between the Whole.

To this period your General exertions have done you honor, and given you a high claim to the thanks of the public and to mine in a special manner. I am, etc.²

¹f the Continental Navy, then commanding the Andrea Doria.

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