

Camp on Pedee

January 23. 1786.

My dear Sir,

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Your favour of the 11th I have received and am sorry to find Mr. Pettit has so bad a prospect of recovering his money.

I shall be happy in cultivating a correspondence with you while the Baron continues in Virginia, but hope his stay will be short. I am almost persuaded that the party under Arnold are upon a predatory business, - but of this you are the best judge. But he may arouse the great knaves and teach them the inconsistency of their establishments and plans. The Baron's influence will now be very great, they must fear

The propriety of his advice of
will be obliged to adopt his
plan from necessity. The
Gentleman from that State
who are in camp are most
sorrowed and chagrined at the
conduct of their countrymen.
They are loud in their excla-
mations against them and at
the same time doubly atten-
tive to prevent other persons
from casting the least insin-
uation to their prejudice. We
are yet recruiting the troops
but are destitute of clothing
and stores of every kind. The
Staff departments are entirely
disorganised. If the enemy leave
Daig. I hope the Baron will
come on immediately - I shall
be exceedingly happy to see
you. We have a most ex-
cellent climate and hope to

a good supply of stores, be
fore you come on.

The dearraged State
of Belg: must give the Kaiser
and you great pain, but be
assured I am fully sensible
of it; for if there ever was
any such thing as a perfect
dearragement - I should believe
we have experienced it.

We have heard nothing
from Morgan - The main
body of the enemy have been
in motion after him for
several days - but no fighting
Lee & Gen have arrived - the
troops under Gen have almost
worn out their clothing -
we get but about half
our allowance of meals, but
hope for a better supply in
future. The Tories have en
bodied within 30 Miles of
Head Quarters and for ten days

