

that such Manifest contains a true Account of the Lading of C. B. the said Brigantine and that no other Provisions have been to their knowledge or Belief or shall be with their Privity and Consent Laden or put on board such Brigantine other than such as are for the Subsistance of her Crew and have been or shall be allowed and Permitted by the Naval Officer and that they will use their Utmost Endeavors to deliver the whole Cargoe of Provisions aforesaid to the proper Person or Persons to receive the same for the Use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty; and the Agent Employed in directing the Loading of the said Brigantine also making Oath that the Provisions mentioned in the said Manifest are Shipped and Designed to be transported in the said Brigantine for the Use of the Navy and Army of his most Christian Majesty and for no other purpose to the best of his Knowledge and Belief and also the Like Permission granted to the Brigantine The Lady DeMeralles to Lade as aforesaid

[Washington to Jay (?)]

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Extract of a Letter from Gen^l Washington, dated West point Sept^r 20th 1779

Since writing the foregoing, I have rec^d the following intelligence from a person in whose information I place considerable dependance.

“The enemy are still engaged in strengthening the City on all parts, they have raised three lines all pickitted in the rear of the City across the Island, are still employed at their Fort at Brooklyn. The light horse are assembled in force at Brooklyn ferry where Vessels are lying at Anchor to take them on Board a large quantity of Hay packet I put on board for their use. 55 transports have watered and anchored in the East river and bay more taking in water. From the best accounts near eight thousand men are preparing to embark, their destination unknown but generally believed for the West Indies or Carolina. Three frigates cruising out to discover the first approaches of a French fleet. By accounts rec^d last Thursday from Jamaica, the inhabitants had removed their stores and Women and Children to the mountains being fearful of the approach of the French. A deserter from Sandy hook reports that part of the fleet that sailed last Monday with the 44th and two Hessian Regiments had put back in a storm, they say they were bound for Halifax.” This intelligence dated the 17th Ins^t