

Historical Society of Penna.

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My Dearest Kitty

I am very happy that you are now out of the way of Hurry –a Fleet of upwards of 100 Sail of Different Burthens arived at the Hook yesterday, so that we are obliged to look out sharp, and as we can't make a stand here/ ^{alone} if they should think proper to land any Number, we have prepared every thing for a retreat to the main Body; I the day before Yesterday Bought a Negroe Boy of eleven Years old last march his Name is Robert, he is a fine smart boy and may be of use to you until you can get a Girl, therefore send him to Princetown by the stage waggon he is almost Naked but carries with him a Suit of Cloaths / at least the Outside/ ready cut out –which you will please to have made up for him for state days & Holy days

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as I have not time my self must request you will Get him Shirts & Such other Things as you find Necessary, he carries a Piece of Coarse canvas perhaps it may be of Use for Somthing I have not yet heard from you –one of the Conspirators was executed last friday Major Housagger & the remains of that Reg^t Sailed for Albany yesterday –please to forward the inclosed –I think you may Soon expect Important news from me –M^{rs} Couwenhoven & her family moved Yesterday, I cant tell where –Jessy joins in Duty to M^{rs} Ewing & Love to You & Our Dear Sally –with our most sincere regards to y^r Host & Hostes & family ---Farewell! my love

Most Affectionately

Y^{rs} Edw^d Hand