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The ^{2^o} of Septem^r.

This morning the Commander in Chief presented to me all the Generals & field Officers of the army, & the Admirals their Captains & all the navy officers, that were in the City. Afterwards the Govern^r, Gen^l. Robinson, came with the Council, to present a very loyal address, of which I send, Y^e M^y a copy, & likewise of my answer to it.

We afterwards went out into the country, to Hell Gates, where I saw a Cap^m Hobbeson, Son to the Col^l. who raised a Provincial Regiment. This young man distinguished himself in S. Thoms^{on}'s last action, where he was wounded in his left arm & has totally lost the use of it. Afterwards I saw the Col^l of the Reg^t. disembark from S^r. Samuel Hood's Ship.

Since we have been here, I have had the pleasure of seeing the famous Gen^l. Arnold, & that brave Gen^l. Jumel, who made that gallant defence in Vincennes. S^r. Lincoln is here. Col^l. Conway is going home.

The town is built in the Dutch way, with trees before the houses. The Streets are in general narrow, & very ill paved. There is but one Church, all the others being converted either into magazines or Barracks. The Regiments in the town are the 3^o, 4^o, & 5^o of British, & several Hessian Regiments. The Regiments, that are going to the Southward, are 4 Battalions of British & 7 of Hessian Grenadiers, the Light Infantry, the 3^o & 4^o Reg^t. of Hessian Reg^t.

The Fleet are lying some at New York & others at Staten Island
in a most wretched Condition. They expect to be ready about
the 1st or 2^d of next month. However I believe they will not be
ready so soon as that time; for many ships are lying without
Lower masts, & there is a great scarcity of Lower masts & in
short of all stores here.

The inhabitants of the town are in number 25,000. They
have 3000 Militia, besides which there are about 1000 more
raised at their own expence & clothed & armed.

I hope the family are all well, & that you receive good ac-
counts from my Brother Frederick. I beg my Duty to
the Queen, & my love & best wishes to my Brothers & Sisters.

I understand that Ad^l intends to
write to G. M. so that I need not be particular about
myself, but only in assuring you, Sir, that so far I have
with the Ad^l of Mr. Majordie's approbation,

During the voyage, I had a very great cold & pain in my
side, which was soon removed by a blister. Since which
time, I have had my health very well.