

Copy
of Mr. Jackson's letter to
Mr. Stephens
Portsmouth Jan. 4th 1779.

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Dear Sir

I would have forwarded the inclosed by an Express, but it does not merit the expence, and the Post Master here will not receive and forward Packets till paid for. It is the Common practice, therefore I cannot now have time to contend against it.

Popularity is without a negative. You cannot conceive the impressions the Alterations in the Robusts Log book has made — A bad Ship took place below the Bar which was not rebuked by the Court. You do not forget I write in confidence. Every day produces fresh Names of Witnesses. Instead of two Clerks, the duty would faithfully and fairly employ six — I am ruined in expence for lodging and in living, all necessaries being dear to an extreme.

I returned Mr. Robinson this morning so that if he chuses he may see you long before this reaches you.

The Vice Admiral of the Fleet begins to fail. I despair of my President — Mr. Montagu will take the Chair. The rest seem stoutly able to continue their confinements. I only wish for myself, which I am ashamed of, and should not were I not afraid of suffering, I came down with a Cold, and continue very indifferent. I am with much
Love

Portsmouth Jan. 4th 1779.

I do not mean to say that
Sir Tho! Pige will not hold
out some days longer.

Dear Sir

Your faithful and most obedient
Servant

(Signed) Geo. Jackson

[Faint, illegible handwritten text on a rectangular piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]