

Clergy  
of New  
York to  
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Sir,

A number of the Clergy of the Church of Eng-  
land in this Province, & of those whom the violence of Re-  
bellion has driven within the British Lines being ambitious  
of testifying their regard & affection for His Royal High-  
ness Prince William Henry, whom the Prudence of His Roy-  
al Father hath placed under your care, have desired  
us to request that Your Excellency would be pleased to make  
known to His Royal Highness the high sense they en-  
ertain of the Goodness of our Sovereign in permitting  
so valuable & promising a Branch of His Family to  
visit these remote Parts of His Dominions, especially  
at this critical & important period - to signify to him  
the unfeigned joy which they feel upon his safe arri-  
val among them - to assure ~~him~~ him of their firm  
Duty, unshaken Loyalty, & sincere Affection to their most  
gracious & ever beloved Sovereign His Royal Father,  
& to the whole Royal Family - of their steady attachment  
to the British Constitution, & of their utter abhorrence  
of the present unnatural & destructive Rebellion: And  
to communicate to His Highness their ardent wishes for  
the happiness of that August Family from which He springs

for His own particular Success upon that Theatre of action  
in which He has entered & for His future Prosperity & Happiness

They assure themselves that Your Excellency  
will excuse the trouble they have given you; &  
that you will be pleased to accept their best Wishes  
for Your own Prosperity & happy Success against the  
combined Enemies of Great Britain.

We have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,  
& very humble Servants.

(Signed)

Charles Inglis. D. D. Rector of  
Trinity Church in the City of New York

Samuel Seabury. D. D. Rector  
of West Chester.

(Dated)

New York Oct: 5<sup>th</sup>  
1781.

Your Excellency Admiral Digby.

Copy of the Address  
of the Clergy  
of the Province of New York  
Dated Oct: 5<sup>th</sup>  
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