

John Robinson

Dec. 23 1778

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Mr. Robinson has the Honour to transmit  
to your Majesty, the dispatch which was  
received yesterday from Mr. Weir, and also  
a private Letter from him to Mr. Robinson;  
The State of provisions varies but little from  
the last return, except that it appears, their  
Numbers are some what increased, and by a  
Calculation of their Stock in hand, they had  
on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November last 27 Days Flour &  
Bread ending the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, Rice  
for 2 Days, carrying them to the 22<sup>d</sup> day of  
December, Oatmeal, which in case of Necessity  
might be used as a Substitute for Flour, for

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57 Days ending the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, and  
Beef and Pork for 81 Days ending the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of February next, so that it is hoped the Fleet  
which sailed from Cork the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, and  
which by the Accounts brought by the Lizard  
Man of War had been met some time early  
in November 200 Leagues from the Coast  
of America, would, under the Blessing of  
Providence, arrive, before the Army could  
be in want of further Supplies.

Mr Robinson has this Morning received from  
Mr Galway, other Copies of the papers which

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Mr Robinson presumed to transmit to your Majesty  
which he will lay before Lord North, so that if  
your Majesty pleases, the former papers need  
not be returned; Mr Robinson also begs leave  
to add two other papers which Mr Galway  
has given Mr Robinson this morning in addition  
to the first.

Mr Robinson was extremely concerned  
that Your Majesty should have so much trouble  
with the Boxes from the negligence of the Maker,  
Mr Robinson begs leave now to send to Your  
Majesty, another Key, for Your Majesty's use  
which opens all the Boxes Lord North has.

Treasury Chambers

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*

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