

West point July 25—1779

Sir,

All the white Ink I now
have—indeed all that there is any pros
pect of getting soon—is sent in phial
no.1, by col. Webb. – The liquid in no. 2 is the
counterpart, and brings to light what
is wrote by the first, by wetting the Paper with a
fine hair brush—These you will send
to C—Jnr.[?] as soon as possible, and I beg
that no mention may ever be made
of your having received such liquids
from me, or any one else. – In all cases
and at all times, this prudence & circum
spection in necessary; but it is indispen
sably so now, as I am informed that
Governor Tryon has a preparation of
the same kind, or something similar
to it, which may lead to a detection if
it is ever known that a matter of the
sort has passed through my hands—

I beg that you will use every

possible ascertainment through C—and
other channels, to ascertain with a
degree of precision[?], the enemy's Corp
and how they are disposed of—I
wish to know where every Regiment
lyes

lyes, in order that I may regulate my own move
ments with more propriety—To learn
with certainty what Corps are on
Staten Island—long Island, & on what
part of it.—The City of New York—Between
the City & the bridge—at Philips's or
Mile Square--&tc.—would be extreme
ly useful to me at all times, but more
so at this.—

I am informed that in the
afternoon of the 21st 40 Sail of vessels
passed Eastward by Norwalk—I have
also received advice that a number of
Troops embarked at Dobbs's ferry, &
fuh[further] down the River on the 22d.—It's here
that General Clinton & Sir George Col-

lier were with this Fleet—But these
things are being delivered with cer
tainty rather perplexes than informs
the judgment—I have heard nothing
further of either of these Fleets—nor
do I know whether the one in the Sound
had Troops on board or not. —let
me hear from you soon, on the sub
ject of this letter --I am Sir,

Yr Most Obed.t Serv

G. Washington

Maj Talmadge

2d Regt. L[?] Dragoons

Addressed to Major Talmadge, at Ridgefield

On verso: “This original letter of General Washington presented
by Hon. Frederick A. Tallmadge, Recorder of the City
of New York, to Brigadier General Henry Storms
on the 25th day of November 1845. (Evacuation Day).
on the occasion of the Dedication of the new Trophy
Building—at the arsenal, New York City.

Henry Storms, Brigadier General

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