

De Kalb December 20, 1808

My Dear Sir,

I was at Canada again last week and no information of the goods as yet. I have instructed Mons. P. J. Oal(?) that in when they should arrive to forward them by Hughing, to Mr. Gates at Johnstown. I heard from Montreal about fifteen days since, they had not arrived, but there were two ships from England between Quebec and Montreal on the way up. Justifiably the goods are on board. Good care shall be taken to secure them in case they arrive.

Mr. Goff has recieved \$60 Dollars for you from Massena. On the seventh instant I received \$200 from E. & S. Alexander. I shall take the liberty to pay your tax out of this sum, which I hope will meet your approbation and the rest send to you by Mr. Stacy, or bring it to you myself in Jan. Feb..

A rumor is afloat that all violators of the Embargo are to be indicted. Indeed I have just heard that prosecutions are commencing. If this is true- Please give me information and a little advice. Mrs. Ronney (she that was Ruth Rich) died last week, of the quick consumption, after losing her child. Jane is in good health and sends her love to you.

Th. B. Benedict