



Letter from General George Washington to Major Benjamin Tallmadge

Date

1780

Primary Maker

George Washington

Medium

Paper

Description

A handwritten letter, in the hand of Washington's aide-de-camp Lt. Colonel Tench Tilghman, from General George Washington to Major Benjamin Tallmadge. The letter is dated July 11, 1780, regarding the use of the Culpers, an American spy network behind enemy lines in occupied New York City during the American Revolutionary War. The letter is mounted in a gold frame with a beige mat. The letter reads: Head Quarters Bergen County 11th July 1780 Dear Sir, As we may every moment expect the arrival of the French Fleet, a renewal of this correspondence with the Culpers will be of very great importance. If the younger cannot be engaged again, you will endeavor to prevail upon the elder to give you information of the movements and position of the enemy upon Long Island -- as, whether they are all confined to the post at Brooklyn, or whether they have any detached posts, and where, and what is their strength at those posts in short desire him to inform you of whatever comes under his notice and which seems worthy of communication. You will transmit your letters to General Howe, who will forward them to me. I am Dear Sir Yr most obt Servt, George Washington P.S. desire him to attend particularly to the provision which they are making of Wood and Forage and whether they have any stock within their lines. Major Tallmadge

Dimensions

Framed: 21 3/4 x 16 3/4 x 1 1/2 in. (55.2 x 42.5 x 3.8 cm) Letter: 13 x 8 in. (33 x 20.3 cm)