

Thomas Cushing to To: Deborah Cushing
My Dear Philadelphia October 4th 1774

I have received your kind favors of the 19th & 21st September. I have wrote Dr Cooper twice & design soon to write Dr Chauncey Give my best respects to both of them. I have communicated your several Agreeable Letters to the Farmer (1) & his Lady, to Mr Mifflin & Mr Thompson and their Ladies & others, they all are extreamly pleased with them & admire them for the patriotic, calm & undaunted spirit they breath. The Farmer says, if it was Customary to chose Women into the Assembly, he should be heartily for choosing you Speaker of the House as they all wish to see you here. Mr Mifflin & Mr Charles Thompson were chosen yesterday members for this City and Mr John Dickerson was chosen on Saturday last Member for the County.(2) A good sign that the people are hearty in the Cause of liberty. I Wish I could write you any politicks, [but] as I am enjoined to Secrecy must refrain. It is currently reported in the city that the Congress have Voted that no goods shall be imported from great Britain & Ireland after the first Day of December next, and that none Imported after that Day shall be used or consumed and that the Congress have also Voted that no Goods or Merchandise shall after the 10th day of September next be Exported from the Colonies to Great Britain Ireland or the West Indies unless our Grieviances shall be re dressed before that time, and I do not deny it or Contradict these reports.(3)

Was it not for the Concern we were under for the People of Boston & the Massachusetts we should Spend our Time here very Agreeably. We Sett in Congress from nine oClock in the Morning to three ,some times four in the afternoon, We then dine with the nobles in Philadelphia, with seldom less than Ten, Twelve or fifteen in Company & after that spend the Evening very Agreeably. I have just seen a letter from London dated 4 of August Which Informs that a Man of war, which left Boston on the sixth of July, had brought them such Intelligence of the Conduct of General Gage as had thrown them into Confusion & Consternation, as they apprehended the Consequence of it would be a Civil Warr & that they were under great apprehensions that it had Commenced before that time. I am in good health & hope this finds you in the same agreeable situation. I remain in haste yr af fectionate Husband,

Thomas Cushing

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1 John Dickinson.

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