

Xteen Bridge Nov.5th 1779

Sir,

Last eve^g was presented to me by Capt.Patten your Ex^cV^s draft for \$6000 dated the 29th ult. I am sorry to inform you that the bank is out on paying bills at Dover- However,I gave him an order on Col.Bryan,our county Treasurer who from conversation have some faint hopes. If not paid by him perhaps if in cash shall advance my own on so important business. Our clothier Gen^l called at the same time to see if I had orders to pay him cash- I answered that I had none such to hand & bank stock out. I wish to have my bank better supplied to answer every draft. Nothing shall be wanting on my side.

As to news here,there is nothing new. All is in impatience for the arrival of the Count but it is generally believed that the combined fleets of France & Spain have beat Admiral Hardy & blocked them up in 2 ports in England & taken the ardent man of war &c. Small news plenty of our success near New York,by Gen^l Washington.

I am,your Ex^cV^s most humble serv^t

Sam^l Patterson

His Ex^cV Cesar Rodney

at Dover

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Deleware State, }
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The bearer hereof William M^cCarry,
aged about 56 years, about 5 feet 9 in high, of a very
swarthy complexion to pass from this to the city of
Philad^a on business, to the Honorable, the executive
state of Pennsylvania there, he behaving properly, March
30.1780.

Sam^l Patterson

To whom it concerns, &c

Gentlemen. The above person is well known
to me for many years, & now applies to your honors for
a pass to go into New York, at the request of one Mrs M
McNab, whose husband is in New York, a prisoner there-
him I well knew- supposed was taken a prisoner at the
Battle of Cooks Bridge, under my command; it was tho't
he was killed & graves opened by his wife to find him;
but lately has tolerable assurances of his being as Above.
The bearer is safe & may be trusted. Should be extremely
obliged to your honors, to grant the above request,

Which will be acknowledg'd

by your obt & hbl Serv^t

Sam^l Patterson

The Honorable the executive Council of

Pennsylvania State.