Hillsborough, 1st October 1780

Sirs,

Therewith send you a duplicate of my letter, which I sent you yesterday by the same Express that brought me your Letter of the 26th ultimo, from Philips. Since then, I have not received a Line, or even the smallest Intelligence from you. I cannot but persuade myself, that your Letters must have miscarried; perhaps the Tories have Waylaid the Messengers. Last Night a Sergeant of the Maryland Troops, came here from Salisbury, where he was left with a wounded Leg—he says he crossed the Yadkin at the Ford on the 28th Ult., and that you, and all the Troop, had retreated to the East side of the River; and that Colonel David with all the Horse were in Salisbury. Reinforcements will arrive with you Daily. General Smallwood and Colonel Morgan will be at the Yadkin, as soon as they can march there. I shall follow if necessary. When General Smallwood arrives the Whole are to be under his Orders. Make your Camp as strong as possible, but do not abandon the Ground.
So long as you can maintain your post

PS

By this time Geo. Baker

should have join'd you.

Gates

Brevet General Sumer

18th Oct. 1780

Received by 5 Octo 1780

[Signature]