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Salisbury 1st October 1780

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Herewith 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 Phifer's
— since then, I have not received a Line, or even the
smallest Intelligence from you. — I cannot but per-
suade 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 cross'd the Yaden at the Ford the 28th
Ult.^o — and that you, and all the Foot, had retreated to
the East side of the River, — and that Colonel Davie with all
the Horse were in Salisbury — Reinforcements will arrive
with you Daily. — General Smallwood and Colonel Morgan
will be at the Yaden, 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
Camps as strong as possible, but do not abandon the
Ground

so long as you can maintain your Post
I am Sir

PS

By this time Gen. Butler
should have join'd you

Your very humbl^e Serv^t
Horatio Gates

Respectful General Sumner.

October 1780

Gen. Gates's Quarters
of the 30th Sept. & one
of the 1st Oct. 1780
forwarded the 5th Oct. 1780