Hampton Jany 10th riv 6.

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Leven Powell to Sarah Powell Jun 13, 1776 Jam however well pleased that he behaved Bravely & only factor for the want of Conduct, which experience well ment, It being late when I got there & under standing the Tonders were the lying off in the river Solid not return home that night & nint morning had an appenhenity of having a hittle trifling Bauch my self, with a Tender coming up the good to Soin some then bying at ancher but out ofour reach, This Tender come who very impulant, not over a hundred founds from Mushore as if daring of us to turnout we were then about 150 Yels from Mushon ourselves tog ran outlefort The got quite against us, that to run Mabour distance on theopin Beach to alittle Breds I work crected close on Mr Water Side ley which showers to come & at that how very nearly we had not got below half way when she gave us afere leat seeing it not minded she laked about & ring with all Midale she Couler make that when we got down The was at least 200 Hds fromus, we gave her afer but without effect their the matter Yesterday how Tenders came up on their way to Morfolh with aprise Sloop which they had taken Just out of the Capes loaded with Salt coming into archib? Putche of Prappahanoch. they Moop being heavy laden got a ground in the morning. in View of this bown last night thrust the Crew mate their escape & came as your, william from them that or of the Tendus had been out plundering but was very unforhunate having a few days ago sent aparty on Shorefer Mal purpose of which they had lost 6 men trilled one taken prisoner, but wherether was done we could not be informal Upon going out to View one of the Out Bost to day about thrustules from this plan I callo at a mans house who I believe to be one of thou that can Suit himself to any times & is lonsequently

either wheger long awarding to the Company his in I was informed ley him of the lop the enemy Surlained when they Land to boun Norfolk whichwas Forty Migror Ob Whites this hight from one of the Officers since the affair our lop only one who died of his Wounds, except some women & Childrid hellden the Storets Out frople seme have Burnt altthe Town Collie Gosport Home Mills & a Bake house on Mi Brosite sede of the river from when Dunmore this party frequently got fupplies, Whilst Iwas out to day Theard wheavy firing at Norfolk Usaw Mudmohe of Mu Juns rise leutas yet don't know Mu Accafrion Therestory night M. Oblock. 23? furt now returned from a Ball and an apently of fine heroys enpurpose to fines & this wither & some others, nothing new Happines som Meabove land, non firing at Morfold Hone hour lourn't, Mu low en hon Junde land heer ordered the ramains of norfolk to be Burnt & our John believe is we expect hose Me Blage soon, Live expulsed bey every Bost to get a letter from you bent as yet have got none, I want much to hear how you all are, When Ishall heable to ruturn is uncertain but expustly Mufur of march, Mould remember me to Mufamily & believe me to tec Masoning Husbernd - deven Townly

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My Dear,

I arrived here the day after I wrote you last, in very good Health in which state thanks to the Almighty I have remained ever since except one day when I was a little unwell owing to intemperance having dined the day before with a Gentleman of this Town who makes it a rule to let no one go from his house Sober. I slipt privately from him before I was quite otherwise tho I found myself a good deal unwell all the next day, but as effectually cured at night by going out about Nine O'clock with a reinforcement to join a party of our men Who we learnt were attacked by the enemy. This was a Guard of 16 men which we always keep posted at the Light-house, distant from hence three Miles, but having two Ferries to cross in getting to it made it eleven O'clock before we arrived. When we got there the Affair was over. Ensign Owsley, who Commanded the party then, discovered several Tenders making down the road in the evening & accordingly kept himself in readiness to receive them. About Dark they came too oposite his post & attempted to land their men in two boats, his eagerness prevented the total overthrow of the enemy. He lay close untill they came within about thirty yards of the shore when he gave them a fire, which was return'd from the Tenders with small arms, swivels & four-pounders without effect; however the Boats Tack'd about & ran with such speed that he could give them but two rounds before they were out of reach. None of our men hurt. How they came off we cannot learn. Had Mr. Owsley only waited untill they had got on Shore he certainly would have kill'd & taken them all. I am however well pleased that he behaved Bravely & only failed for the want of Conduct, which experience will mend. It being late when I got there & understanding the Tenders were still lying off in the river, I didnot return home that night & next morning had an opportunity of having a little trifling Brush myself with a Tender coming up the road to join some then lying at Anchor, but out of our reach. This Tender came up very impudently not over a hundred yards from the Shore as if daring of us to turn out. We were then about 150 yds. from the Shore ourselves & ran out before she got quite against us, and had to run the above distance on the open Beach to a little Breastwork erected close on the water side, by which she was to come & at that time very near it, we had not got above halfway when she gave us a fire, but seeing it not minded she tack'd about & ran off with all the sail whe could make, that when we got down she was at least 200 yds. from us, we gave her a fire, but without effect, & there the matter ended.

Yesterday two Tenders came up on their way to Norfolk with a prize Sloop which they had taken just out of the Capes, loaded with salt, coming into Archibd. Ritchie of Rappahanock. The sloop being heavy laden got aground in the morning in view of this Town. Last night three of the Crew made their escape & came ashore, we learn from them that one of the Tenders had been out plundering but was very unfortunate, having a few days ago sent a party on Shore for that purpose of which they had lost six men, killed & one taken prisoner, but where this was

done we could not be inform'd.

Upon going out to view one of the Outpost today about three miles from this place I called at a man's house, who I believe to be one of those that can suit himself to any time & is Consequently either Whig or Tory, according to the Company he is in. I was informed by him of the loss the enemy sustained when they landed to burn Norfolk, which was forty negroes & 6 whites. This he got from one of the King's Officers since the affair, our loss only one, who died of his wounds, except some women & children killed in the streets. Our people since have

burnt a little Town called Gosport & some Mills & a Bakehouse on the oposite of the river, from where Dunmore & his party frequently got supplies. Whilst I was out today I heard a heavy firing at Norfolk & saw the smoke of the guns rise but as yet don't know the occasion.

Tuesday Night. 11 O'clock. 23rd.

Just now returned from a Ball and an assembly of fine Ladys, on purpose to finish this letter & some others. Nothing new happened since the above but more firing at Norfolk & one house burn't.

The Convention I understand has ordered the remains of Norfolk to be Burn't & our troops to leave it; we expect to see the Blaze soon.

I've expected by every Post to get a letter from you, but as yet have got none. I want much to hear how you all are. When I shall be able to return is uncertain, but expect by the first of March. You'll remember me to the family & believe me to be

Your Loving Husband

Leven Powell

To

Mrs. Sarah Powell Loudoun.

Favored by Mr. Jona. Davis.