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Camp at Cambridge
October 24. 1775

My conjecture of the destination of the late Squadron from Boston in my last has been unhappily confirmed by an outrage exceeding in barbarity and cruelty every hostile act practiced among civilized Nations. I have enclosed the account given by Mr Jones a Gentleman of the town of Falmouth of the destruction of that once growing & flourishing Village: He is a very great sufferer and informs me that the time allowed for the removal of effects was so small that valuable property of all kinds and to a great amount has been destroyed - The orders shewn by the Captains for this horrid procedure by which it appears that the same desolation is meditated upon all the towns on the coast made it my duty to communicate it as quickly and extensively as possible - At Portsmouth (was the next place to which he proposed to go) General Sullivan was permitted to go up and give them his assistance and advice to ward off the blow - I flatter myself the like event will not happen there as they have a fortification of some strength & a Regiment has arrived at a place called Sheepscot with 1500 lb of Powder

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MARYLAND.

The Gentlemen of the Congress have nearly finished their Business, but as they write by this Opportunity I must beg leave to refer you to their letter for what concerns their Commission

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We have had no occurrence of any Consequence in the Camp since I had the honor of addressing you last But expect every hour to hear that Newport has shared the fate of unhappy Falmouth

I have the honor to be with the most sincere respect
Sir your Most obedient & humble Serv.t
G.o Washington

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