Mr Michael Tilghman at Litchfield
or State of
New York

Dear Cousin

[illegible] kindness hath brought
me your [illegible] you had one from
me, 'Tis [illegible] now make you some
return, but hope you will conclude, as in
truth it is, not proceeding from want of affection in
me to write, but of convenience by reason of the war,
which among other evils attending it, has hindered
relations and friends thus distant from conversing
and exchanging affections in a desireable way, and
now thank God the peace being concluded I promise
myself the satisfaction of a frequent correspondence
with a kinsman who to me is very dear. To satisfy
therefore your enquiry, I am son (and the only one re-
maining) of the late Nathaniel Tilghman, which was
the son of Whitemarsh Tilghman, who was the son of
William Tilghman of Snodland in the County of Kent, within
four miles of Rochester, where in lineal descent
the family hath been settled for about four hundred years
as it plainly appears by the Records of the County, and the
name seemed to me to have been extinguished
except myself, for I knew of no other matter after the
death of my uncle Samuel's sons, but it has pleased