

Peter's Hill July 17. 1776
Son Philip

Received yours of the 3. July. We are
all well. The two frigates & 2 Tenders now lay
between the Stone house and Harewood
are we expect waiting a fair wind to go by
the fort in the High Land. We keep a strong
guard from Proctor to Peter's Hill. The Tenders
have fired at several times on our people. We
burn them? no damage the Brigades of Tenbrook
& Fuller are here. We now have about 1000
men. The fort are full of men many sent home
I have moved most of our Effects to the mile
& Peter's Hill, we have here. Just in harbor
a Barge with the Enemy attempted to land at
Gardiner's Falls but were beat of this
morning about with torres. a Resolution
of Congress making it Treason for any that
shall be convicted to conspire against the
State, Independence was proclaimed a few days
ago. I Pray the Lord to be with us all from
your Loving father.

Peter Van Orlandt