

**1. Letter from Rev. Philip Vickers Fithian the day after the Greenwich Tea Party.**

1 "Last night the tea was, by a number of persons in disguise, taken out of the house & consumed with  
2 fire. Violent, & different are the words about this uncommon Manoeuvre, among the inhabitants.  
3 Some rave, some curse & condemn, some try to reason; many are glad the tea is destroyed, but almost  
4 all disapprove the manner of the destruction."

- Philip Vickers Fithian

December 23, 1774

**2. Letter from Rev. Philip Vickers Fithian to his wife, Elizabeth**

Camp Near Kings-Bridge, Sept. 19: 1776.

My dear Betsey.

1 Amidst all the Distress & Ruins of this dreadful War I am yet alive & yours. Our Enemies pursue  
2 us close on from Place to place. But we drubbed them well last Monday since which they have  
3 laid quiet. Your Brothers John, Reading & Arckee are well, I saw them since the Battle. We  
4 expect to have a general Engagement soon, & are not dispirited in the least by our late Losses.  
5 I hope to see my dear Betsey by the tenth of December & not before— But wonder much that  
6 I do not hear from her; as it is now more than a Month since she wrote me a Word that I have  
7 received:—And since that time I have wrote with this seven long Epistles, a full sheet in  
8 each— One Aug.19—One 21st—26th— Sept: 1st 3d 9th & now the 19th.

9 I pray God daily that you may be preserved & in Health. My Duty to Mr. Green & Family. Last  
10 Sund. & Monday were two terrible Days; But on Monday our brave Heroes made them give  
11 Way. The English Army, Tories & All, is not supposed to be less than 30,000 strong. But our  
12 Army wishes to attack them. Peace, & God's Blessing be with my Betsey, my dear Wife,  
13 forever may you be happy.

Philip V. Fithian.

Mrs. Betsey Fithian

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