

that appears the least blue, Mr Meredith joins me in kind esteem to the Commodore my aunt and cousin Grant. my affectionate regard attend you all and beleive me your ever loving Daughter

Archange Meredith

Endorsed: Answ^d y^e 9^h Oct^r 1793

PROGRESS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

London 10th April 1793.

Dear Sir, I wrote you 31st January since which I have not the pleasure of any of yours to reply to. By the present opportunity I send you the little articles you mentioned. they are put up along with my brother's, except acts of parliament relating to the office of a justice of the peace, which are too voluminous in my opinion for your use, for almost every statute is more or less connected with that matter—& I know none better than Bram [?] which you no doubt have. I bought you a lottery ticket, & I wish I could announce better success than a £20 prize, it cost £15. I may as well keep it & try your fortune with it again. Before this reaches you, you will have learnt the great fall of furs, & that the war, in which we are now parties against France is likely to produce a further depreciation of their value. It has produced a total stagnation already in almost every branch of trade & manufactures, a total stop to credit & confidence, bankruptcies of the most alarming magnitude, generally thirty in a week, where the distress will end we know not. The success of the French was rapid, their losses & defeats have been equally so. After various battles, in which many thousands fell on both sides, they have been driven out of the Austrian Netherlands. The country is torn with intestine commotions & insurrection. Dumourier, their general-in-Chief was suspected by the Convention of treachery: they sent commissioners to arrest him & bring him to their bar. *he* arrested their commissioners, sent them as hostages to the Austrian general for the safety of the young king & royal family at Paris, to which place he ordered his army to march, to dissolve the Convention,