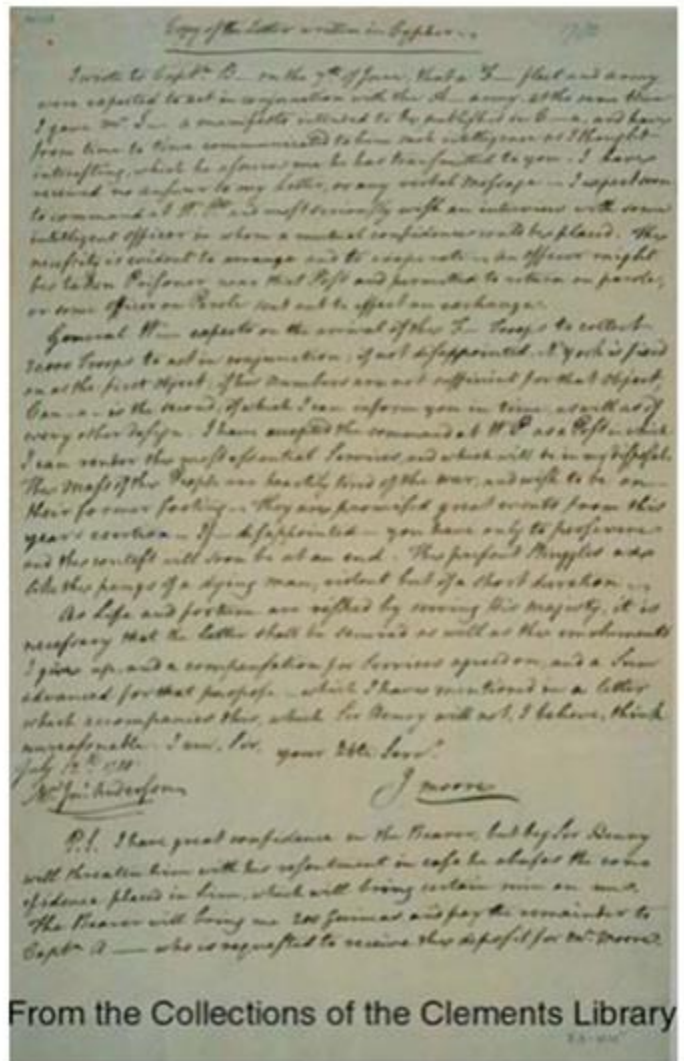


Excerpted Decoded Letter in Jonathan Odell's hand:

I have accepted the command of W[est]. P[oint]. As a Post in which. I can render (give) the most essential Services, and which will be in my disposal./ The mass of the People are heartily (very) tired of the War, and wish to be on / their former footing – They are promised great events from this / year's exertion – If – disappointed – you have only to persevere / and the contest will soon be at an end. The present Struggles are / like the pangs of a dying man, violent but of a short duration ---

As Life and fortune are risked by serving His Majesty, it is / Necessary that the latter shall be secured as well as the emoluments [fee] / I give up, and a compensation [payment] for Services agreed on and a Sum / advanced for that purpose – which I have mentioned in a letter / which accompanies this, which Sir Henry will not, I believe, think / unreasonable. I am Sir your humble Servant./ July 12, 1780 J. Moore/ Mr. Jn Anderson / P.S. I have great confidence in the Bearer, but beg Sir Henry / will threaten him with his resentment in case he abuses the con- / fidence placed in him, which will bring ruin on me./ The bearer will bring me 200 Guineas, and pay the remainder to / Captain A-- -- who has requested to receive the deposit for Mr. Moore.



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