

Newburn October 18<sup>th</sup> 1777 on the Schooner Indultery  
my Dear Sally this comes to acquaint you that I am very  
well in health at this present time thanks be to god for  
all his mercy to me I arrived at newburn wednesday  
morning with great deal of labour of waking But had  
mighty fine usegg from all people on my journey  
Coming a long hickase mhamalton Still stands to his  
promises to me as I have told you before he tells me  
that he will do all he can for me in other places as  
well as here I had my joyce to work for pay or to go  
free and he would Laine me money if I was in need  
thus promises I could not expect better from a boy has  
the time that we are to sale is yet uncertain but the  
Captain tells me this Day ~~that~~<sup>we</sup> will sale in three day  
after this Date and Cleare out for Jamaica or Som  
Elsewhere I am not over Com with great Deal of  
Reluctance for leaving this part of the world whot  
love and nature binds me to wards you and my young  
Children whom I hope to see soon again in London  
the leaving of godswell I have sold the horse and saddle  
with a great deal to do for ten pounds ten shillings the  
Expences do great in Newburn so that I can not send  
you any home I have sent you by the Barrer  
malcom m'kay ~~some~~<sup>some</sup> pins and 2 short pipes who  
will deliver the same to you I shall know so morrow morn  
whether I shall send any money home to you or not  
all I have to tell you to do all you can to take care  
of your self and the Children I feel ever there that  
you can part with before you and them will suffer  
and take every thing patiently agreeable to hard ship  
you and I Lay order of present as you may be sure  
of alterations of times before long you may be sure  
of Letters from me at all opportunities no more of present  
But my Love to you and mally and neal and not forget  
ing Collin be all means I am your Loving husband  
Saturday afternoon D. C. Scott Collin Shaw  
22 on Board the Indultery 1777 as above

Newburn October the 18 1777 on the Scooner Indistory

My Dear Salley, this Comes to acquaint you that I am doing Well in health at this present time and home, thanks be to god for all his mercey to me. I arrived at new burn wednesday morning with great Dael of Labour of waking [walking] But had mightey fine useage from all people on my Jorney. Coming a Long [likewise] mr hamalton Still Stands to his promise to me as I have told you before he tells me that he will do all he Cane for me in other places as well as here. I had my Joyce [choice] to work for pay or to go free and he wood Laine [lend/loan] me money if I was in need this promise I Could not Exspect better from a brother. The time that we are to Sale is yet on certain but the Captain tells me this Day that he will sale in three days after this Date and cleare out for Jamaica or som Elswhere. I am not overcome with great dale of Reluctance for heavens this part of the would ^only what Love and natture binds me towards you and my Loving Children whom I hope to See Soon again in ^the Land of the Living if gods will. I have sold the horse and saddle with a great dale to do for 10 pounds 10 Shillings the Expenceses so great in New Burn. So that I cane not Send you any home. I have sent you by the Barreor [bearer] Malcom McKay som pins and 2 short [pipes?] who will Deliver the sam to you. I shall know tomorrow morn whether I shall send any money home to you or not. all I have to tell you to Do all you Cane to take Care of yourself and the Children. Seal [sell] Ever thing that you cane part with before you and them will suffer and take Everything [patianly] agreeable to ^the hardshipe you and I Lays under at present as you may be sure of alterations of times before Long you may be sure of Letters from me at all opertunity no more at present But my Love to you and Mally and neal and not forget my Collin be all means

I am your loving husband...

Colin Shaw



New York October 18 1778

Dear Sally by this you will find that I am  
very well in health at present and ever since  
I left you I was fully bent to go for you in  
this flagatice only being advised not to go as yet  
as matters is so likely that peace will be made up  
between great Britain and these Colloneys very  
soon as I make no Doubt you have heard the  
proclamation was given out and is now sent to all  
the 13 provinces which I hope will Baire fruit to  
the good of Both Sides so that we all go home in  
peace if not I must go for you before long at  
any Rate for you must know that I am trouble'd  
much to be from you and the Children so long —  
But I sollicit you to use all Lawfull means to support  
your self and the Children and give my kind  
Love to every one that Do you any kindness as it is  
the only time that I look for friendship in perbance  
Tell Rich<sup>d</sup> Bui my Brother in Law not to see  
you in want Lukers till your Sister naney  
not to be slack in staying with you as I charged  
her before give my Compliment to Malley Brown and  
her from me not to leave <sup>you</sup> at any Rate I hope  
she will not desert by it tell your mother that  
John is here with me at present and is very  
well and this with my Love to you and Little Malley  
and ~~Carol~~ Christian and Cecil and not forgetting  
Little Collin beall means no <sup>more</sup> at present But  
Remains your loving husband Will Dool

WB

give Compliment Sister Chathorn  
and all the family

Collin Shaw  
ES

New York October 8<sup>th</sup> 1778

Dear Salley by this you will find that I am verely well in health at present and Ever time I Left you I was fully Bent to go for you in this flagatruce only being advised not to go as yet as matters is So lickly that peace well be made up betwine great Britain and these Colloneys verely Soon as I make no Doute you have heard the proclamation was given out and is now sent to all the 13 prooinees [colonies/ provinces] which I hope will Baire fruite to the good of Booth Send So that we all go home in peace if not I must gou for you before Long at aney Rate for you most know that I an troubled in mind to be from you and the Children So Long – ...



Dec 5, 1777  
I that the Bearer here of Mr. Colin Shaw hath  
been one of the Loyal Subjects in Arms under  
my command in North Carolina, and behaved  
~~as such~~, and behaved as such until the Loyal  
party were overpowered and put to flight at Moss  
Creek given under my hand at New York  
this fifth day of Decr one thousand Seven hun-  
dred & Seventy Seven years

Dr. H. MacDonald  
Major R. H. Emigrants

Attested by Wm. M. M. M.

Capt. R. H. Emigrants then in the N. Carolina Service

That the Bearer here of Mr. Collin Shaw hath  
been one of the Loyal Subjects in Arms under  
my command in North Carolina, and behaved  
As Such, and behaved as Such until the Loyal  
party were overpowred and put to shoot at Moors  
Creek given under my hand at New York  
this fifth day of Decr one thousand Seven hun-  
:dred & Seventy Sevin years

Don^d MacDonald

Major R^l H^d. Emigrants

[Royal Highland]

Attested by [Allen McDonald?]

Capt. R:H: Emigrants, then in the N: Carolina Service

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...The Colin Shaw papers contain records of three generations of men named Colin Shaw, starting with a Scottish immigrant who fought as a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War...

The first Colin Shaw emigrated from Argyllshire, Scotland in 1744 and settled along the Cape Fear river in North Carolina. Although the Loyalists suffered defeat in the Revolution and Shaw was forced to relocate to New York as a refugee, his son, Colin Shaw the second, continued to live in North Carolina and was eventually elected to the State General Assembly to represent Cumberland County. This Colin Shaw also had a son, Colin Shaw the third, who became a Presbyterian minister in Fayetteville and eventually served as a Confederate Army chaplain



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## Battle of Moores Creek Bridge February 27, 1776

April 1775, British Royal Governor of North Carolina Josiah Martin lost control of the colony and went into exile...In August and September 1775, at news of the loyalists assembling under General Donald MacDonald at Cross Creek (Fayetteville) the patriots began gathering forces...

On February 20, 1776, the loyalists moved towards the coast...Believing the patriots were fast retreating the loyalists pushed across a partially dismantled Moores Creek Bridge...where they were met with musket and cannon fire from the patriot earthworks. The battle of Moores Creek was brief, possibly only lasting three minutes. This battle would mark the first decisive patriot victory of the American Revolution. Allowing North Carolina to become the first American colony to instruct their delegates sent to the Continental Congress, to vote for independence!