

Philadelphia, November 30, 1810

Dear John,

All hopes are now at an end. After a notable stand of ten weeks, we have ingloriously surrendered at the direction of a set of unprincipled men, (for so I shall ever consider the ??? ???? employers of this city) and must, I fear, continue for a long period subservient to their views, however degrading they may be. There is some 10 or 12 who exhibit a shew of resistance, under the impression that it will be productive of some good; but to me it appears futile. The employers have suffered much and still suffer; for as long as it is in the opinion in other places that we strenuously support the cause, hands will not come on here.

The resolution which through you and many others out of employed, was impolite, inasmuch as it kicked down the prop that supported us; but from the moment the resolution was rescinded, I considered everything lost,--it showed the employers our weakness, which ought to have been avoided at all risks.

From all I can learn, your former situation at Mr. Carr's your refusal; not knowing your present one, I will not recommend any place for you to pursue, as you are certainly the best judge of that yourself ----is not necessary that you should stay any longer. I merely observe, that I should be glad to see you.

I spent to part of last evening with your folk; they are all well. Mr. Ross received your letter of the 27th.

Remember me to Parke, etc

Nathaniel McLaughlin

PS --I can dispense with an answer to this----don't forget friend Tom