"Who can prize life without Liberty?" That was the question posed by John Morin Scott, founder of the New York Sons of Liberty, in this November, 1775 letter to Richard Varick, the future mayor of New York.

Keywords

Transcript
Life without Liberty: Letter from John Morin Scott to Richard Varick
Every Office shut up almost but Sam: Jones’s who will work for 6) a day & Live accordingly – All Business stagnated the City half deserted for fear of a Bombardment – A new Congress elected – Those for new York, You will see by – the papers are changed for the better – All staunch Whigs now – How it is with the Counties I know not we have [text loss)
] Returns – Yesterday the new Congress was to meet but I believe they did not make a House – my Doctors say I must not attend it nor any other Business in some Weeks; but I hope they will be mistaken
Letter for the first after returning from death’s Door
Adieu most affectionately
Greenwich 15.th Nov.r 17
Jn:o Morin Scott