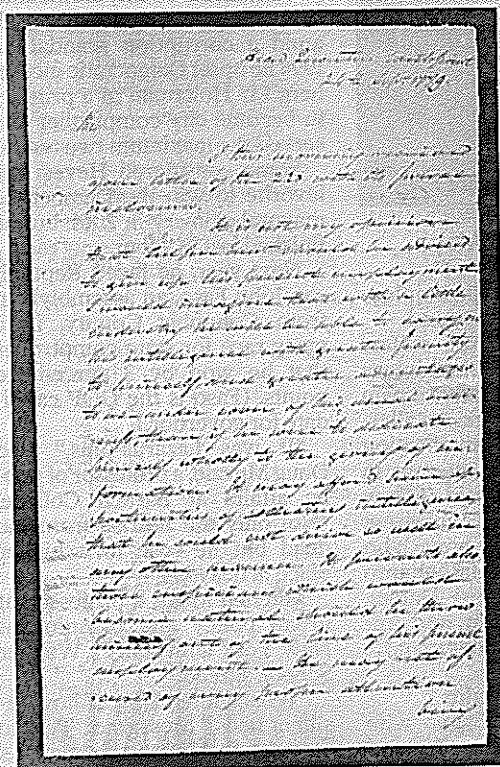


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## Possessing a \$96,000 piece of history

From left to right: E. Christian Filstrup, dean and director of libraries at Stony Brook University; Assemb. Steve Englebright; Frank Turano, assistant professor of ecology and evolution at Stony Brook University; and Kristen J. Nyitray, head of special collections for Stony Brook University all stand in the Special Collections Department of Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library yesterday with a Sept. 24, 1779, letter signed by George Washington. The letter was originally purchased in May for \$96,000. In the letter, Washington suggests that an Oyster Bay spy use invisible ink to evade the British. The letter will rotate among the university, Raynham Hall Museum and the Three Village Historical Society.