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PREFACE.

It gives me great pleasure to publish in book form the Order Book and Correspondence of General Samuel Elbert, now in possession of the Georgia Historical Society, and to add this volume to the Georgia Historical Society's collections.

The MS. was the property of the late William Neyle Habersham, Esquire, of Savannah, who became its possessor through the connection existing between the Elbert and Habersham families by the inter-marriage of both with the family of Rae.

Mr. Habersham presented this valuable manuscript to the Georgia Historical Society in 1894.

To the Hon. Wm. Harden, Librarian of the Society, belongs the credit of preparing a copy of the MS. for publication, and of correcting the proofs, for which I am deeply indebted to him.

WYMBERLEY JONES DERENNE.

The original from which these pages are printed is in the handwriting of several persons, presumably clerks at headquarters, and it is closely followed in the reproduction, the only changes made being such as to render the meaning intelligible in many places.

W. H.

ORDER BOOK

OF

SAMUEL ELBERT,

Colonel and Brigadier General in the Continental Army.

SIGNALS BY BEAT OF DRUM FOR MANOUVERING.

- Face to the right—one single stroke and flam;
- To the Left—two single strokes and flam;
- To the Right about face—three single strokes and flam;
- To the Left about—four single strokes and flam;
- Wheel to the Right—Roll, one single stroke and flam.
- Wheel to the Left—ditto, two single strokes and flam.
- Wheel to the Right about—Roll, three single strokes and flam.
- Wheel to the Left about—Roll, four single strokes and flam.
- Front—Strong double flam.
- Make ready—Preparative.
- To cease firing—the General.
- Slow march—a March.
- Quick pace—Quick march.
- To Charge Bayonettes—Point of War.
- To form Battalion—To Arms.
- To Ease arms—Ton-ron-don.
- To Secure ditto—first part of Tat-too.
- To Shoulder—last part of Tat-too.
- To call the Adjutant—first part of the Troop.
- To call the Sergeant and Corporal of each Company—three Rolls and six flams.
- To call all the Sergeants and Corporals—thirty-nine flams.
- Assemble pioneers—pioneers march.
- Assemble pioneers and fifers—drummers.

Savannah, State of Georgia, 2d Oct., 1776.

Lieut. Col. John Stirk & }
 Maj. Seth John Cuthbert }

Gentlemen: The Honorable the Continental Congress having voted two additional Battalions of foot to be raised for the Defence of this State, our convention have done me the honor to appoint me Colonel of the Second or musket battalion and have greatly added to that honor by the appointment of two such Gentlemen of Character and veracity to be my Field Officers, an appointment, be assured Gentlemen, which gives me infinite satisfaction. Let us then unanimously determine to bring into the field as soon as possible a Regiment of brave fellows who may be the Salvation of their Country. For this purpose you are, Gentlemen, to use all expedition in going to the state of Virginia where you will find that Mr. Wercat has distributed all the Commissions in our Regiment to such persons as were capable of raising men. Your first business will be to find out the neighborhood where most of the Officers are and in the nearest village capable of containing and providing for troops establish Head Quarters, then Issue orders for all recruits to be immediately marched thither. Where you find expert clever fellows at recruiting keep them constantly out; you will find many others, I mean officers, fit for nothing but to go to the Drill, which I earnestly enjoin you to keep them constantly at—observe that the terms of enlistment are altered and that the men are to be enlisted to serve during the present War unless they should be sooner discharged by Congress. The men have a Bounty of Seventy dollars and one hundred acres of land who enlist on the above terms; they are to pay for their clothing. Try to get good Muskets; we shall want in the whole Regiment One hundred and twenty good Riflemen to make two flying companies. Do what you can to get good drummers and fifers, at any rate buy some good drums and as none are to be had here you may have the Dragoons marked 1 to 8 with battalion upon them, but no more paint—it spoils the sound of a Drum. If you want money in either North Carolina or Virginia the inclosed order from our Government will procure it, but should that fail loose not a moment in sending word to our Delegates in Philadelphia informing of your situation, and I venture to say it will be forwarded to you without Delay, taking care and a sufficient sum at once in that case. You and Major Cuthbert can divide and take different routs after you are there provided you think your presence among the Recruiting Officers will in the least expedite the business; but after they begin to assemble one of you must be con-

stantly with them and introduce subordination as soon as possible but not with so much severity at first. If my health is sufficiently recovered I intend to follow you in a fortnight, but if I should not your discretion will be sufficient to embody and march the regiment here. Loose not a day in coming when you have upward five hundred men, taking care to leave good recruiting Officers behind you in order to complete.

Let me desire that by every week's post you furnish me with a return of your Strength and Situation and at the same time write your sentiments fully. I wish you success and an agreeable Tour. I am, Gentlemen, very respectfully your most Obedient Servant,
S. E., Col. 2nd Battalion.

25th October, 1776, this date appointed Mr. John Bard, Adjutant to the second Battalion; he ranks as a first Lieut. and receives Captains pay.

In Congress, 7th October, 1776.

Resolved, that as a further Encouragement for Gentlemen of abilities to engage as Commissioned Officers in the Battalions to be furnished by the Several State to serve during the War, their Monthly pay be increased as follows, viz:

Colonel	75	} dollars.
Lieut. Col.....	60	
Major.....	50	
Captain	40	
Lieutenants ..	27	
Ensign.....	20	
Quartermaster.	27½	
Adjutant	40	

October 8th,

Resolved, that for the further encouragement of the non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers who shall engage in the service during the War, a Suit of Clothes be Annually given each of the said Officers and Soldiers, to consist for the present year of two linnen hunting Shirts, two pairs of Overalls, a Leathern or woolen Waistcoat with Sleeves, a pair of Breeches, a Hat or leathern Cap, two shirts, two pair Hose, two pair shoes, amounting in the whole to the value of Twenty dollars, or that sum shall be paid to each Soldier who shall procure those articles himself and Produce a Certificate thereof from the Captain.

Regimental Orders, Second Georgia Battalion.

15th March, 1777.

The Regiment to be on the Parade at half past nine o'clock, when they are to be reviewed by the General; the Officers are to be particularly careful to make the men appear well under arms. As the Regiment stands greatly in need of being well disciplined, they are to be exercised every morning from six to eight o'clock, the most awkward to be in squads by themselves, with the most expert Officers to drill them; the Regiment to be exercised in Battalion every afternoon, to be on the Parade at four o'clock. The Adjutant to attend at ten o'clock in the morning for orders.

Orders by Gen. Howe.

15th March, 1777.

Parole-Georgia.

Officer of the day to-morrow, Captain Ashby.

A Main Guard to be mounted to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock consisting of 1 Sub., 2 Sergeants and 30 Rank and file. The Guard to be taken from Captain Motte's Detachment until further orders. Col. Elbert will fix upon some proper place for this Guard and direct the places at which Sentries ought to be extended. Commanding Officers of every Corps in Town will order an Adjutant or some person acting as such to attend at Head Quarters every morning by twelve o'clock to receive Orders, they will also make an exact Return to-morrow morning of the Strength of their Several Corps; this Order extends only to such men as they have in Town. Adjutant Elliott will see that this Order is Served on the Commanding Officers of the different Corps.

Orders by General Howe.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 16th March, 1777.

Parole-McIntosh.

Officer of the day to-morrow, Capt. White.

The Guards to be relieved every morning at 8 o'clock and Officers of Companies to be careful that the men do no Injury to the Houses where they are in Barracks, or to any other property of the Inhabitants. Gen. Howe hopes every soldier will consider himself as Or-

dained to protect and defend his fellow Citizens from Injury and insult, to act contrary to this end will disgrace the Character of a Soldier, and will certainly meet with punishment. Captains, Lieutenants and Ensigns will be attentive that Orders are communicated to their men, that they may not through Ignorance Transgress or have a pretext to plead in Excuse—Col Sumpter will prepare to follow the former Detachment of his Corps and march the moment the Waggons arrive, the Col. will have a report immediately made to the General, what Ammunition he wants, that it may be ordered. The Commissary will furnish the Col. with what provisions he thinks necessary for his March, take care that they are sufficiently provided in Sunbury, the Commissary to attend the General at Head Quarters to-day at half past Twelve o'clock.

Orders by Gen. Howe.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 17th March, 1777.

Parole-Elbert.

Captain of the day to-morrow, Capt. Vandross.

The military and other Stores on board the Transports to be examined and Aired as immediately as possible and the Vessels properly cleaned out. Col. Marion will appoint the Officer and men for this Service and take care that it is done when the weather is fair. An exact return of the Military Stores and Provisions received on board each Transport and also a return of their present State to be made to Col. Marrian who is to report to the General. Doctor Harris is to take direction of the Hospital and is to regulate it properly; he is, and till a purveyor is appointed, to furnish the Commissary with a list of such Articles as are Necessary for the Sick, who is to proceed Accordingly.

Orders by General Howe.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 18th March, 1777.

Parole-Motte.

The Main Guard to be relieved to-morrow from Col. Elbert's Battalion; the detachment under the Command of Col. Motte are to prepare for their return to Charles Town as immediately as possible; they will embark to-morrow on board the Transports under the Command of Lieut. Col. Marion, who is ordered to issue the Necessary Orders.

Regimental Orders, Second Battalion.

19th March, 1777.

By Virtue of General Orders yesterday a Subaltern, two Sergeants and thirty two Rank and file are to relieve the Main Guard at 8 o'clock this morning, care must be taken that the men have their Arms in proper Order, with a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition. All the Taylors are to be kept constantly at work making Coats, as the Colonel is desirous of having the Battalion in some uniform as soon as possible. As some of the Inhabitants complain of the Soldiers going too often to their wells for Water, a party are immediately to be set about cleaning the Well in the Barrack yard, the water whereof being very good; and if any Soldiers are found Drunk they are to be sent to the Guard House and Confined—the vile practice of hard drinking is more the cause of Fevers in Savannah than the Climate.

Regimental Orders.

21st March, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to sit immediately for the Trial of those men confined in the Barrack Guard; Col. Stirk, President. Edward Jones, Esq., is Appointed Seller to the Battalion; any other Person found Selling Liquors to the Soldiers may expect to be treated as the Law directs.

Regimental Orders.

22nd March, 1777.

An Orderly Sergeant to be immediately sent to Gen. McIntosh, who is to be relieved every day, a Sentry is likewise to be posted at the General's door, the Col. is sorry to find it has been hitherto neglected.

General Orders.

Head Quarters, 22nd, March, 1777.

Parole-Motte.

General McIntosh orders the Lieut. Col., Major and two Captains with fifty men of the Second Battalion to be ready to March tomorrow Morning for Fort Howe upon Alatomaha and relieve Lieut.

Col. Harris; all the Captains and the Men belonging to the first Battalion whose times are expired, who are to March immediately to Head Quarters at Savannah to Recruit their Several Companies with all possible expedition and settle the Accounts of those Men who are entitled to their discharge—N. B. Major Roberts instead of Major Cuthbert.

After Regimental Orders.

22nd March, 1777.

Lieut Col. Stirk, Capts. Pannel and Porter, three Serjts., three Corporals and fifty Rank and file are to be ready to march at Ten o'clock; the Men are to be put in the best Order possible and some means fallen on to carry their Ammunition as the Pouches are not yet arrived; the Surgeon's Mate is to March with this party who is to be provided with a few Necessary Medicines, &c. Two Waggons with as much Indian Meal as possible, with camp Equipage, Nine tents included, goes with this party. The Col. Recommends it to Lieut. Col. Stirk to have particular attention paid to his men, to keep them in as high spirits as possible, by all means to make them incamp on a dry spot of Ground, and that together, and to let no time be lost in teaching the men discipline.

General Orders.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 18th March, 1777.

Parole-Howe.

It is General McIntosh's positive Orders that no Officer shall Enlist or carry away any Man of any other Corps belonging to the Continental upon any pretence whatever, and if such a thing is attempted that the Soldier be taken from him and the Officer put under Arrest.

General Orders.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 26th March, 1777.

Parole-Moultrie.

General McIntosh Orders a General Court-Martial to be held tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for the Trial of such Prisoners now

in Confinement whose Crimes are not Cognizable by a Regimental Court-Martial.

General Orders, by Gen. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 28th March, 1777.

Parole-Unanimity.

The General Court-Martial held yesterday whereof Col. Screven was president, is approved of and the Court dissolved, but the punishment of the Several delinquents deferred till further Consideration, except John Suttle of Capt. Porter's Comp'y in the Second Battalion, whose Corporal punishment is remitted and himself to be released, in expectation of his good behavior for the future. A Subaltern Officer and fifteen of the best boat-men that can be got are ordered to hold themselves in readiness whenever Commodore Bowen requires them, and the Main Guard now Kept by the Militia in Town is to be relieved by the Continental Troops to-morrow morning.

Regimental Orders.

28th March, 1777.

Agreable to the General Orders just come out, John Suttle of Capt. Porter's Company is to be immediately released and the Conditions made known to him. A Subaltern Officer with a Sergt. and fifteen Rank and file who are best acquainted with water work are to be ready to march at a moment's warning. A Subaltern Officer with two Sergts., two Corporals, a drum and twenty four Rank and file, are to relieve the Main Guard to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, to be relieved at the same hour every morning till further orders. This Guard is to furnish a Sentry at the General's door, in place of the Barrack Guard.

General Orders, by General McIntosh.

Head Quarters, 30th March, 1777.

Parole-Freedom.

All the Continental Troops in or about Savannah are ordered to be ready to March at any time to-morrow, three or four Miles out of Town, where they are to remain in Camp till further Orders;

the Corporal's Guard who have charge of the Barracks are to remain, and every Military person entitled to Vote at the ensuing Election are allowed to appear as Citizens in Town during its Continuance. The prisoners of Col. Habersham's Regiment whose lives are exposed are ordered to be released, unless the Crime either of them is charged with was committed before—and the Corporal punishment only (directed by the Court-Martial to be given to Thomas Lewis and John Nicholson of that Battalion and James Sutton, John Sutton and Henry George of the Second Regiment) is pardoned by the General in Expectation, that, from a principle of Gratitude, they will behave themselves like good Soldiers for the future.

Regimental Orders, 2nd Battalion

30th March, 1777.

The whole of the Regiment except the sick and a Sergt. Guard to take care of the Barracks are to march at Ten o'clock to-morrow morning—the Waggoners are to attend in Order to carry the Camp Equipage, and the Commissary is to furnish three days' provisions and a proper Conveyance to about four miles out of Town, James Sutton, John Sutton and Henry George are to be immediately brought to the Colonel's Quarters.

General Orders, by General McIntosh.

Head Quarters, 31st March, 1777.

Parole-Carolina.

The General desires that the Commanding Officers of each Corps shall make an accurate return of all the Men they have within this State as soon as possible to Raymond Demere, Esq., who is appointed to act as Brigade Major during his stay here.

Ten Men more are Ordered to Assist Commodore Bowen in carrying the boats round under the Command of Lieut. Ward, with the 18 Men formerly Ordered.

Regimental Orders, 2nd Battalion.

3rd April, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to sit Immediately for the Trial of the three Men, now in Confinement, belonging to the second Bat-

talion—Capt. Mosby, president. The Officers of each Company are to see that every man under their Command is Immediately furnished with a good powder Horn; after a reasonable time, no excuse will be received for a breach of this Order, as any reasonable expense in procuring them will be allowed.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

4th April, 1777.

The Court-Martial of which Capt. Mosby was president is approved and dissolved, their Sentence of Corporal Punishment on Thos. Sack and Patrick Lacy to be inflicted this afternoon when the Regiment is paraded—John Sack is likewise to be brought on the Parade in Order to be reprimanded by the Colonel.

General Orders, by General McIntosh.

Head Quarters, 4th April, 1777.

The Continental Troops are ordered to relieve the Militia on the Main Guard in Savannah this day and a Captain, two Subalterns and fifty Men to be ready to March early to-morrow Morning to Sunbury to relieve a party of the first Battalion on board the two Gallies, Washington and Lee, in order to be paid off, and those of them whose times are expired discharged.

Regimental Orders.

4th April, 1777.

A Subaltern, two Sergts., two Corporals a drum and Twenty four Rank and file are to mount the Main Guard immediately they are to relieve the Militia.

General Orders, by General McIntosh.

Head Quarters, 8 April, 1777.

Parole-Rutledge.

The Sentence of the last General Court-Martial whereof Col. Screven was president, upon Wm. Anderson of the 1st Regt. and

Sam'l Poe and John Lacy of the Second Regiment, being Cognizable by a Regimental Court-Martial is Ordered to be put in Execution to-morrow Morning, and afterwards the prisoners to be released.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

9th April, 1777.

Agreeable to the General Orders of yesterday, Sam'l Poe and John Lacy are to be immediately carried to the usual place of punishment to receive the Sentence of the last Gen'l Court-Martial. Capt. Porter having used his Interest with the General to have the Corporal punishment remitted, who has left the matter to the Col. to act in as he thinks proper, and the Officers of the Regiment having made application to the Col. in their behalf, the Col., being unwilling to refuse complying with their request, Ordered that they be released without the Corporal punishment after being carried to the place aforesaid and made Acquainted in the presence of the Regiment, the Cause of their being forgiven.

General Orders, by General McIntosh.

Savannah, 9th April, 1777.

Parole-Washington.

The first and Second Battalions of Continental Troops are Ordered to be ready to March to the Alatomaha to-morrow Morning with Arms, Accoutrements and thirty six rounds of Ammunition in Order, and their Waggon with a Week's Provisions and what Spades and Axes they have or can procure.

Savannah, 11th April, 1777.

To Col. Elbert, or Commandg. Officer on the March:

Sir:—The first and Second Battalions just marched out of Town, one to go to Sunbury, instead of the Alatomaha, as was given out in Order where I expect there are Vessels enough for them to Embark—this I mentioned to some of the Officers, but that there may be no misunderstanding have sent Mr. Berrien with this—I wish you a pleasant March.

I am, Sir, Your most Hble, Servt.

LACHN. McINTOSH.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Sunbury, 13th April, 1777.

Capt. Mosby as Major and Lieut. Mosby as Adjutant are to act till further Orders; Accurate reports are to be regularly made to the Colo. every morning; orderly time at Ten o'clock; the Major is to appoint a trusty Sergeant to Act as Quarter-Master Sergt. till the one belonging to the Regiment Joins it; the Quarter Guard and Picquet to mount as they did on the Road with an Officer of the day. The Colo., anxious to preserve the Honor of the Regiment, begs that both men and Officers will ever have it in View and make it their Study to act in such a manner as to gain the Esteem of the Inhabitants, where ever it may be their lot to be on duty. The Officers of the Different Companies are to set a Sufficient Number of Cartridges made to-morrow for their men to fit the different pieces and made so as to go down the Barrell easy and not too great a quantity of Powder—those men who are without Powder Horns are to get them made to-morrow.

General Orders, by Gen'l McIntosh.

Head Qrs., Sunbury, 16 April, 1777.

All the Continental Troops now here are Ordered to parade this afternoon at three o'clock, when the Officers are to take the Oath of Fidelity, &c., to the United States of America, before a Civil Magistrate—Lieut. Berrien is appointed to act as Aid-de-Camp to the General, with the Rank of Captain during his continuance in that Office. The General Expects every Officer in their Several departments will be ready either to imbark or March at a moment's warning; to be careful the Arms, Ammunition, Accoutrements and clothing of the Soldiers are in the best Order possible.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

16th April, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to sit immediately for the Trial of such Men as are under Confinement, Capn. Mosby, President; the Regiment to parade at half past two o'clock—the Officers are to be particular in making the Men Appear well under Arms; the Quarter Guard with the detachment on bd. the Gallies are to out with

the Regiment except such as are Sentries; the Colonel is sorry to find very great Irregularities in Camp, particularly that of firing Guns without leave—he therefore Orders that the Quarter-Guard do Keep a patrol out in Order to detect and Confine them.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Sunbury, 17th April, 1777.

Parole-St. Mary.

The first and Second Regiments are ordered to Embark this morning on board the Transports, as the Commodore will direct, and to make a Return of the strength of those Battalions to the General.

Regimental Orders, Second Battalion.

Headquarters, Sunbury, 17th Apr., 1777.

The Regiments are to be ready to imbark on board the Transports in a minute's warning, the Tents not to be struck till the Colo. directs it to be done. Capt. Mosby with his Company are to go on board the Schooner Dolphin, Capt. Nichols, the remainder of the Regiment goes with Lt. Colo. Stirk on board the Sloop Hope, Capt. Harrison; the Colo. desires that the Officers take the greatest care that the Men have the best accommodations possible, and, to prevent disorder, they must be particular in frequently examining the Men's Arms and Accoutrements. The Court-Martial of which Capt. Porter was president is approved and dissolved; their sentence of Corporal punishment on Richd. Easton and reducing George Hardwick to the Ranks, is remitted by the Colonel on a presumption of their behaving better in future.

General Orders, by S. E.

Headquarters, Sunbury, 21st April, 1777.

Parole-Georgia.

Of the Guard that mounts to-day a Subaltern with a Sergt., Corporal and thirteen rank and file are to be sent to the Battery to remain there till relieved to-morrow Morning; the Officer will enquire of Capt. Morris what his duty there will be, which he is to at-

tend strictly to; the Main Guard will likewise detach a Sergt. and six Men to take post on the Savannah road in some of the Buildings without the Lines; their duty will be in the day to Stop any Soldiers going out of Town without a pass, and after tattoo beat to stop any persons who have not the Countersign—at this time all the Sentries are to do the same—Officer of the day Capt. Moore, who is to go the Grand Rounds at what hour in the night he pleases between Tattoo and revallie beat—the Town Major goes the rounds immediately after Tattoo beat—the Officer of the Main Guard at Twelve o'clock; the Main Guard is to send a Patrol of a Sergt. and six Men at different Hours to see that there be no unlawful Assemblies or Rioting—the Countersign will be given at retreat Beating to the Officer of the day, who will give it to the Officer of the Main Guard, who is to send it Sealed up to the Officers of the different Guards. Colo. Elbert insists on it 'hat the Officers pay due respect to those Orders and that they go through the regular forms of Relieving Guard, going and receiving rounds and Patrols, &c.

After Orders.

21st Apr. 1777.

The Court-Martial of which Capt. Moore was president is approved and dissolved, their sentence of Corporal punishment on Thomas Hodge to be inflicted this afternoon on the Parade.

General Orders, by S. E. *“These Orders should have been Copied before those on the other side of this leaf.”*

Head Quarters, Sunbury, 20th April, 1777.

Parole-McIntosh.

A Subaltern, with a Sergt. two Corporals and 21 Rank and file of the Second Regiment are to March to-morrow Morning to Darien with two days' Provisions and thirty-six rounds of Powder and ball pr man; this party are to relieve Capts. Pannel and Porter who are to March with all the men of their Detachment to Sunbury; the Officer who commands on this post is to give Immediate Information of the approach of an Enemy who he is to Oppose with all his might; five of the Tents are to be left with them and the rest brought to Head-Quarters. This party are to join the Southern Expedition when sent for; Capt. Mosby is to Act as Major to the Second Regiment who will likewise do the duty of Town-Major for

a few days; a Garrison Court-Martial to sit to-morrow morning for the Trial of all prisoners, Capt. Moore, President; a Captain's Guard to Mount to-morrow morning 9 o'clock to Consist of 1 Capt., two Subalterns, three Sergts, three Corporals and forty four Rank and file with a Drum and fife; all the Continental Troops in Town give a proportion of Men agreeable to the Town-Major's Detail; the first Regiment furnishes the Captain to-morrow.

Sunbury, 24th April, 1777.

Dear General:—Inclosed I send you per Express copies of a Letter and Instructions Just received from his Honor the president of Council ordering to proceed immediately on the Southern Expedition. After what passed between the President and self Just before he left this place I am astonished at not hearing from you and having your particular Orders and Instructions for my Justification. I told him that without your Orders I could not Act and Intreated that if I was to Command, all Orders of recommendations of the Council Should be sent me through you, particularly so far as was necessary to my undertaking the Expedition, what Number of Troops to be Employed and the Different posts to be left Guarded; for God's Sake let me hear from you Immediately and if you think proper that I should proceed On the Expedition let me have your Orders of directions as full as possible. I am sure you wish well to the Undertaking and therefore will occasion no delay on your part. Inclosed is a Letter for his Honor the president which, after perusing, please Seal and deliver, and at The same time inform him when you Intend Returning The Express. I am told that Sumpter's Regiment is Ordered home. I am sorry for it. I think it high Time some of Colo. Screven's Men were arrived. They may serve to occupy that post if in time—If my Quarter Master with the Pouches or any more of my Men have arrived to-day send them on. I am, Dr. Sir, Your Most Obedt. Servt.,

S. ELBERT.

The Honbl. Brigadier General McIntosh

General Orders.

Head-Quarters-Sunbury, 25th April, 1777

Parole-Washington.

The Court-Martial of which Major McIntosh was president is approved & Dissolved—George Hardwick & Charles Clifton are to be

taken out on the Parade at four o'clock this afternoon, the sentence of the Court-Martial to be read to them in hearing of the Regiment and then to be informed that the Colo., Considering their youth & unexperience, and in hopes of their having seen their Error, has thought proper to remit their Punishment, with this reserve only, that they both be reduced to the Ranks and Act no longer as Corporals till their future good Conduct entitles them to preferment; the Commanding Officer desires that the Articles of War be read this afternoon to all the Continental Troops in Garrison.

Sunbury, 27th April, 1777.

Colo. Baker.

Sir:—Inclosed is a Letter from the General for you by which you will find that the Expedition is at last to go forward. I request the favor of seeing you here to-morrow to consult on the proper mode of Proceeding; I think to loose no time you had best march all your Men Immediately to fort-Howe with directions to be ready to proceed as soon as you Join them; the General writes me that a Sergts. Command of such of your Regiment as have no Horses will be Sufficient to leave at that post, but we can fix that when we meet. The Inclosed Letter from the General to Colo. Sumpter, please forward to him by Express as it is to ingage him to Join you on the Southern March. I am, Sir, Your Most Obedt. Servt.

S. ELBERT.

Sunbury, 27th April, 1777.

Colo. Sumpter.

Sir:—By the Inclosed letter from General McIntosh you will find that the Expedition to the Southward is to go on Immediately; I hope & request that you will Join us, as we are too few without you; I expect to leave this place with the Fleet & Troops here on Tuesday & have Ordered Colo. Baker's light Horse to Join you at Fort Howe with all possible speed. I expect to see Colo. Baker to-morrow, with whom will fix on the proper place of Rendezvous in Order to have a Junction of the Forces. I am, very respectfully, Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

S. ELBERT.

Sunbury, 27th April 1777

Lieut. Strother.

Sir:—On receipt of this and your being relieved by the Sergts. Party, you are to procure boats & Pilots and proceed without a Moment's delay with the whole of your party to Frederica, where you are to remain till further Orders. Take care not to suffer any boats to go to the Southward without a pass & use every means in your Power to prevent the Enemy getting Intelligence or Supply. I am Yrs., &c.,

S. ELBERT.

Genl. Orders.

Head Quarters, Sunbury, 27th April, 1777.

Parole-Liberty.

A Sergt. with a Corporal & ten Men of the first & Second Battalions, to be picked from amongst those who are sick & unable to March a distance, are to proceed Immediately to Darien & then take post and remain till further orders; they are to take Thirty-Six rounds of Ammunition & as much Provisions as will serve them till they get there; a waggon is to attend; they carry no tents as they will get a House to remain in; they relieve Lieut. Strother who goes with his Party directly to Frederica with all his Tents & baggage; as all the men of the first & Second Battalions are to prepare to March at a moment's warning, the Guard to be relieved by Capt. Morris' Artillery Company in the morning who are to continue duty by themselves as Capt. Morris shall direct; the Commanding Officer will review the Troops intended for the Expedition at three o'Clock to-morrow afternoon at which Hour they are to be ready, & drawn up in a Rank intire, that he may be the better able to examine the Arms, Accoutrements & Clothing of their men who are to turn out with their blankets and Knapsacks at their backs; he expects that some pains will be taken to make the men appear clean & neat; each man to have Six Rounds of Blank Cartridges & a good flint in his Piece.

Head-Quarters, Sunbury, Wednesday, 30th April, 1777.

All the Troops for the Expedition to imbark on board the Transports this Afternoon; the Signal for Sailing will be given by the Commodore at High water to-morrow-morning.

Sailed from Sunbury early in the Morning on Thursday, 1st May, 1777, came to anchor off St. Katherines in the Afternoon.

General Orders to the Troops.

On board the Polly Transport, off St. Katherines.

Thursday, 1st May, 1777.

The Commanding Officer orders that a Subaltern's Guard do mount regularly every day on board each Transport, the Strength of each Guard to be proportional to the Number of men onboard; the Officer Commanding onboard each Transport to have all their Troops Exercised at some convenient Hour every day, the Arms and Ammunition examined & Kept in the best Order and the Men Stationed to their proper Quarters, so that they may the more readily, without confusion, defend themselves, should they be attacked by an Enemy, as it is very Possible an attempt may be made to surprize one of the Transports in the Night, as we have an Enterprising Enemy to encounter; the method of Challenging & receiving vessells & boats will be given on in Orders. Lt. Colo. Harris is Officer of the day to be relieved by Lt. Colo. Stirk, in which Character those two Gentm. will act Alternately till further Orders; as the fleet goes inland reports from the different Transports to be made to the Officer of the day, who is to report to Commanding Officer; Capt. Mosby who acts as Major to the 2nd Regiment, will likewise act in Character of Brigade-Major to the Troops on the Expedition; he is to attend regularly for Orders & see that they are distributed; The Commissary of Stores & the Officer of the Artillery are as soon as possible to make exact returns of Quality & Quantity of every thing they have in charge; Mr. Seeds is appointed Armonrer to the Troops on the Expedition, any of the Soldiers who are capable are to be sent to Assist him—he must be constantly employed in repairing the Arms.

General Orders.

Polly Transport, St. Cathrines, 2nd May, 1777.

A Sergt. with a return from each Company to attend Mr. Langford who will serve out Provisions agreeable thereto taking a receipt on the back of the same, which returns & receipts are to be taken care of in Order that it may be known how the Provisions are Expended; the Commanding Officers onboard the Several Transports are to see a proper distribution of Provisions & that they are not wasted; all the Troops to be under Arms at Two o'Clock drawn up on the Beach, when their Arms & Accoutrements will be Examined; the first regiment forwards a Subaltern & a few expert Riflemen to Join Capt. Pannell with the Light Troops.

General Orders.

Polly, Transport, 3rd May, 1777.

All the Troops to be under Arms at Eleven o'Clock, the Riflemen with Pikes as yesterday; if the Detachments under Lt. Colo. Stirk arrive in time they are to be turned out with the rest, each of them to be served with Cartonet Pouches; every man to have powder in their Horns & wadding in their Pouches in Order to perform firing with blank powder & to preserve Cartridges dry black Moss is excellent Wadding—each soldier is to provide himself with a Sufficient Quantity; the Commanding Officer is sorry to be once more obliged to mention the unsoldier like practice of firing Guns without leave, the great risque of killing one another, added to the uneless expenditure of Ammunition, makes it necessary to be observed that an Example will be made the first man that is detected in breaking this positive Order against it, not only of the Person himself but of the Officers of the Company he belongs to, as it must in a great degree proceed from their remissness in duty; Colo. Elbert will be extremely sorry to be obliged to take notice publicly of Officers for carelessness, but as his duty requires it he must and will punish those who deserve it, without favor or partiality.

Polly Transport, 4th May, 1777, St. Catherines.

The Commanding Officer desires that particular attention be paid to the Order of yesterday & that of the first Instant; he will take an Opportunity of going onboard the different Transports in Order to examine the men's Arms & Ammunition; by Applying to Mr. Seeds a little Oil will be obtained to oil the Arms & Keep them from rust; each Soldier is to have powder in his Horn & look to all in their Pouch with proper Wadding, exclusive of the Cartridges in their Pouch, which are to be Kept full with three spare flints pr. man; the Quarter-Masters of the first & Second Regiments are to apply to Capt. Langford for a Hogshead Rum each and serve out to their regiments a Gill pr man pr day; they take care to have exact returns, Certified by the Officers Commanding the respective Companies and Serve agreeable blanks, the Officers are to take care to see an equal distribution.

Sunday, 4th May, 1777. Sailed from the North End of St. Catherines, and on account of the Congress Galley geting on Ground we did not get to the South End till Monday, the 5th, when we came to Anchor off the Indian Narrows; sent Capt. Foster with his pilot boat ahead to get fresh beef at Sapola Island, but he got a ground. Tuesday, 6th, came a Cross the Sound & Anchored a little above

Mrs. McKays House on Sapola. Just when the Galley was burnt by the Enemy, observed on Shoar when a Number of their Shot struck the Trees, that were fired at our people.

Wednesday, 7th, Made sail about 6 o'Clock in the Morning in Order to go with the flood to the dividing leading to the South end of Sapola, where Mrs. McKay sent her Hunters to meet us with some fresh Beef, but having over-stayed our time, after turning up about 3 Miles to the Ebb meeting us, we came to Anchor; at the flood made Sail, worked up to the dividings; on the next Ebb, the Congress worked down to Wolfs Island & we came to Anchor off the mouth of little Sapola Creek.

Thursday, 8th. Remained here all day & in the Evening got six Beeves onboard from Sapola.

Friday, 9th, at high water worked down to Wolfe Island; Saw a Schooner at Anchor near Egg Island, Supposed it to be the Hinchinbrooke; at flood got under way & worked up to her, she proves to be a Schooner from Providence bound to Sunbury, McKenzie, master.

Saturday, 10th. While we lay at Anchor a little above Rackoon point in the mouth of Alatomaha, heard Several Cannon fire to the No'Ward, which we supposed to be the Dolphin in Distress; the Washington Galley returned to her assistance. Sunday, 11th, Came to Frederica, where we were Joined by Lieut. Strother & his party and likewise by Capt. Maxwell with twelve Volunteers from Liberty County to Act with us on the Expedition; Landed & Air'd our men; Frederica was once a pretty little Town as Appears by the Ruins, having been burnt down some years since; the port at this place with a little expense might be made Defensible and might, if Properly Garrisoned, be a means of Protecting great part of our Southern Frontiers; there is about twelve Men, that bear Arms here, in my opinion all Tories—their Capt. Ditter says otherwise of himself and informed me that about 6 or 8 of the Inhabitants had lately gone to Florida for Protection.

Wednesday, 14th May, 1777, Frederica.

All the Troops to be on the Parade exactly at 5 o'clock this Afternoon, each man with Six blank Cartridges, the Riflemen with loose powder in their Horns; the Cartridges to be made of half the Quantity of Powder usual, no man to be excused from Parade but such as the Doctr. makes a return of to the Commanding Officer, at the same time an Exact return to be made of the Number of each Corps on the Expedition; such men as will be at the Trouble to make Mockasines for themselves will be furnished with raw Deer

Skin for the Purpose by applying to Lt. Colo. Stirk, who will procure them.

Thursday, 15th May, 1777.

Gave Mrs. Mary Club a Certificate for Six Head cattle rec'd of her; came to-day to the North End of Jeykill where we were informed by Capt. Pannell that he saw two Sail Vessells Standing off and on since Sunday last, he having been sent a head on this Island to procure fresh Beef, without success; Friday he came to the South End of Jeykill; we observe large fires in the Woods between Saintilla & St. Marys, which we suppose to be Colo. Baker; a Woman came onboard the Congress last Night from Amelia, says that they were informed of our approach & that they were preparing to receive us; that Hester's Bluff was fortifying with Cannon & that a large Ship with Guns lay at the Bluff & that Marbury was on a cruise; that Capt. Brown on his return told the Floridians that the Georgians were coming against them with 2,000 Men, that he saw part of the Fleet; a boat from Frederica came to us in the Night with Six Carcasses Fresh Beef.

Saturday, 17th. In the Evening crossed the Sound to Cumberland.

Sunday, 18th. In the Night Arrived at the North End Amelia immediately despatched Lt. Bard with a party men to Secure all the Inhabitants on the island & a party to bring Mills onboard.

South End, Cumberland, 18th May, 1777.

Lieut. Ward:—You are immediately to pick from amongst the Men onboard the Lee Galley about 20 of the most active and Expert that are well armed with about 50 rounds Ammunition & any Volunteers that choose to go with you, & with this Party you are to proceed without a moment loss of time to Amelia Island, in boats Capt. Woodruff will furnish you for the Purpose, and there make Prisoners & Secure any Person on the Island & do all in your power to prevent the Enemy getting intelligence of our Approach; you are to take Samuel Maines as a Guide.—S. E.

North End, Amelia, Monday 19th May, 1777.

Early this Morning we were Joined by fifteen of Colo. Baker's party who gave us the disagreeable accounts of the whole of that party being routed by a Number of Regulars. With the Florida Scout & Indians on Saturday last about 10 o'clock in the forenoon

it seems that they were drawn into an Ambuscade & from what we can learn the brave Colo Baker's men deserted him on the first onset, notwithstanding his calling to them to stand & fight, which had they done it would have been no difficult matter to defeat the others as the Indians & Scout ran on a few of our men returning the fire; the boat has just returned with Mr. Wm. Mills, his overseer & School-master; about 10 o'clock this morning heard two Cannon fire towards St. John's River; as they fired at a minute's interval tis supposed the Enemy are apprized of our Approach.

Polly Transport, Amelia Island, 19th May, 77.

A Subaltern with a Sergt. & fourteen Rank & file of the first Regiment to March Immediately with Lieut. Ward & Join his party on the South end of the Island, a Strict lookout to be kept to prevent a Surprize and Stop all Communication with the Enemy; they are to Kill & Salt all the Beef & Hogs they can get, this they are strictly Ordered to do as the fleet is Short of that Article—Lieut. Ward must be careful & not Ill treat any Prisoners he takes, particularly women & Children—the party are to be furnished with 50 rounds of Ammunition pr man.

Thursday, 20th May, Nth. End Amelia.

Landed our Men this forenoon & Ordered them onboard again; the Dolphin has just come up; at 4 P. M. as the Fleet was Getting under way to work up to the Narrows, two of Lieut. Ward's party returned & informed that as the Lieut. was hunting Beef he was fired on & Killed & two of his Party wounded, but that our People has beat the Enemy back, who they Judged to be the Island Inhabitants; exasperated at the loss of so fine an Officer and being well informed that yesterday morning a Wm. Pryce went from the Island, informed the Enemy of our approach, I dispatched Lieut. Winfree with Twenty good men with Orders to Burn every house on the Island & destroy all the Stock; a Party has Just come in with Seven Negroes who say they belong to a Mr. Moore; their names are Peter & Nanny, two old ones, & five young named, George, Sally, Lena, Phillis & July.

General Orders.

Amelia Narrows. Wednesday, 21st May, 1777.

A Captain with a Sergt. & fifteen men to march immediately to the South End of Amelia where he is to Join the Troops already there

& take upon him the Command; he is to be careful in keeping a strict lookout to prevent a Surprise and should he find too great a Number of the Enemy to oppose he must retreat slowly before them, and send an intelligent man with a small party to the Commanding Officer for a Reinforcement; no pains is to be spared in Collecting all the Beef and Hogs on the Island which he is to have Jerked and cured with the Salt taken by the Party now on the Island.

About three o'clock this afternoon, heard several Cannon fired towards the South End of the Island which we suppose to be at our People, two Sails of the Enemy's Vessells, being seen to-day in Nassau Sound; went in Company with Capt. Nielson to view the Narrows, which at some places is not above Six feet wide and dry at a quarter flood, the turnings being at the same time so short that I Judge it Impossible to get the smallest Galley through them without first taking out her Guns & all the Stores which will be attended with the greatest difficulty, if Practicable at all; some men returned to-day with a few Prisoners, they Confirm the account of our unfortunate Lieutenant Ward being Killed; 8 o'clock; we hear more Cannon, which we suppose to be at Capt. More & his brave fellows who are exchanging a few Rifle Shot with their Armed Vessells in return for Cannon Bullets.

Amelia Narrows, Thursday, 22nd May, 1777.

Wrote the following note to Commodore Bowen: Colo. Elbert presents his Compliments to Commodore Bowen, and will be glad to be informed as soon as Possible whether there appears a probability of his being able to get the Gallies & Transports through Amelia Narrows, in any reasonable time; the Colo. would recommend to the Commodore to have a Council of all the Captains of the Gallies & Transports immediately, and to take their Opinions respecting the matter, each subscribing his name thereto; the Colo. is the more anxious to have this matter determined without loss of time as the Provisions in the Fleet are nearly Expended; that in case the passage of the Narrows should be impracticable, some new mode of Operations should be adopted before tis too late.

Dated, Thursday Morning.

To-day three more of Colo. Baker's men Joined us who say that Eight of them were made prisoners by some of the Florida Scout & Indians, that after a few Hours the Indians fired on them & Killed five in Cool blood, that they took their Heels & made their Escape; they say one McGirt told them that all the Creek-Nation

were coming to their assistance against us, that they knew of Colo. Baker's coming by land & his Number & that they likewise knew of the force by water & that they were prepared for us; that a Frigate wth Several Armed Vessells were waiting for us at the mouth of St. John's; sent Capt. Mosby with Sixty Men to land on the Main and reconnoiter the Country for a few Miles round.

Amelia Narrows, 22nd May, '77.

Sir:—On receipt of this you are to Collect your party together and March without loss of time to the Northern End of Amelia Island, two boats are sent to bring what Provisions you have Collected wth other Articles. I think you had best march on the beach next the Sea. Yours, &c.,

S. ELBERT.

To Capt. Moore, or Officer,
Commanding on the So. End, Amelia Island.

Lay from Tuesday Night to Sunday forenoon at Amelia Narrows, which we attempted to pass without success, and on Sunday afternoon returned to the North End Amelia Island.

North End Amelia, 25th May, 1777.

Dear Sir:—After many delays we arrived at this place on the Night of the 18th Inst. I immediately landed Lieut. Ward of the 2nd Regiment with a party of Men with orders to march directly to the South End of the Island and in his way to Secure all the Inhabitants to prevent the Enemy getting information of our approach, being well informed that they had a lookout for us; in this we were not altogether successful, as one man made his escape in a padding Canoe which we were soon convinced of by hearing the Enemy fire their alarm Guns about Eleven o'clock the next morning; this party was fired on the next day by a party of the Enemy, poor Ward killed dead on the spot and two of his men badly wounded; our Brave fellows returned the fire and soon put the others to the rout, the Woods being very thick they could not come up with them; on the morning of the 19th we were Joined by thirteen of Colo. Baker's men, soon after by two more, & two Days after by three others, who all agree in the account of that unfortunate Gentleman being attacked on Saturday, the 17th, by a Superior Number of Regulars who were assisted by the Florida Scout and a *

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Up St. Marys, 26th May, 1777.

I wrote the above yesterday with intent to forward to you by return of Capt. Maxwell with some Volunteers who have been some time with us. I am Just now favored by a Letter from Colo. Screven, wrote at your Desire; I lament the Behavior of Colonel Baker's Men, but it will always be the case where Subordination is wanting; this little Success will make the Enemy very Impudent, particularly the Indians; I think from every Information we can get that the Enemy are at present on their Guard, that little can be done, unless by a formidable Invasion, which I Judge to be rather too much for Georgia to undertake till her Forces are put on a more respectable footing, and therefore would recommend confining our Operations intirely to the defencive till a more favorable opportunity; we have too many Secret Enemies amongst us who Keep up a regular correspondence with our Florida Neighbors, and until they are put a Stop to it will be impossible for us to enter Florida without their having timely notice of our approach. I shall send flying Parties of my Virginians on both Sides the River in hopes of their meeting some of the Florida Scouts and Indians, in which case I will answer for it that they give a good account of them; our operations up this River will answer the good purpose of Keeping those Rascals out of Georgia, and at the same time prevent the Floridians geting Supplys and Keep them in Continual alarms and by that means the Grass will be enabled to carry on its approaches against their Corn & Indico with some Success. I find it will be prudent in us for want of Beef to leave this place in a Day or two—and retire to St. Illa; this River I intend to fix a Post on, say, Saint Illa, should I find a good spot on the North side Accessable by Land & Water; pray let me hear your opinion and have your Orders whether I am to remain there, return to Alatomaha, or proceed Southwardly; you can readily convey your Orders by Sending them to us from Fort Howe with a Scouting party of Horse who must fall in with parties I shall Keep Constantly out. If those who have Cattle southward of the Alatomaha are not at this time Busyed in Hunting them they Deserve to loose them, but as they are a Magazine for our Euenies I think the Assembly should direct proper persons to drive them away. If a post is to be continued on St. Illa it can always be Supplied by the Galleys if not established too high up. Yrs., &c,
S. E.

To Gen. McIntosh.

26th. Sent Colo. Stirk on shoar to penetrate as far as Rain's with about 90 men, to begin his march 10 o'clock at night, & returned next Evening without making any Discovery.

St. Marys River, Tuesday, 27th May, 1777.

A Field Officer with two Captains, four Subalterns, Six Sergts., a Drum & fife and One Hundred Rank & file to be ready to march this Evening with three days' Provisions and Sixty rounds Ammunition pr. man, with each a Spare flint; Lt. Colo. Harris who is to take Command of this Detachment will receive particular Instructions from the Commanding Officer at the time he has Marching Orders.

St. Marys River, 27th May, 1777.

Sir:—I have reason to Suspect that the Enemy have parties of their Scout & Indians at present to the Northward of this River, perhaps between St. Illa & Alatomaha, hunting Beef; I have the best information that they seldom go but in small parties, say from 15 to about 20 to 25 Men; you will land the Detachment under your Command this Evening, at Wright's place on the North side of the River and proceed with the greatest Expedition & Secrecy up the River as far as the ford, and from thence to St. Illa, keeping parties out, to act in such a manner as may effectually prevent the Enemy getting into Florida without falling into your Hands; We shall proceed with the fleet up St. Illa immediately and as soon as we come to a proper place on the North side for a post, shall make a Stand, at which time I shall expect to hear from you; should we arrive at this place without seeing you, we will fire a Cannon for your Information; if you discover us, hoist a Soldier's Coat on a pole till you see the Polly answer the Signal by hoisting a Jack at the main topmast head; we expect to be in the River in three days at which time 'tis probable you will be there. I need not recommend your having strict duty done; wish you success, and am, Dr. Sr., Yrs.,

S. ELBERT.

To Lt. Colo. Harris, Commanding Officer of the Detachment, between St. Marys & St. Illa.

P. S. take Gilder & Lassiter, with you as Guides.

Wednesday, 28th, May.

On Monday Night two Men deserted from the Congress Galley and went over to the Enemy and Last Night two Men from the

first Battalion deserted and went likewise to the Enemy; left St. Marys to-day & as we came on the Sound, observed a white flag on a pole, we ran over with the Polly and found it to be three of Colo. Baker's men, of four left on the Island Sunday last by the others who returned home, the fourth was in the woods Hunting & we could not get him, his name is Clark, the others say, he told them he would rather stay wherc he was, than come onboard the Vessells.

Cumberland Island, 30th May, 1777.

Dear Sir:—Your letter pr Mr. Netherland I recd. two days since; a violent Nth East wind has prevented his sooner return nor was I anxious in sending him back in haste, as in this my letter pr return of Colo. Screven Express to the General must have come to hand, by which the Assembly will be informed of our present situation, and of my Determination with regard to our future operations, which I am glad to find from their Resolves enclosed to me by you, will be nearly agreeable to their wish; I dispatched Lt. Colo. Stirck last Monday Night wth 90 men to make a forced march under cover of the Night and Penetrate as far as the Rains's where I was in hopes he might surprize and make Prisoners of some of the Enemy, by which means I expected to get some information of their Situation, which I am much at loss for; he returned the next evening, without having been able to do any thing; on his return he got another of Colo. Baker's men, who one Mr. Lofton was kind enough to Protect & Secret till an Oppy. should offer for him to make his escape. The same Night two men belonging to the Congress and on Tuesday Night two men of your Regiment deserted and are gone to the Enemy; this determined me to loose no time in retreating to St. Illa, as the Enemy will from them be informed of our Strength and what is worse, of our having had nothing but Rice to Eat for five days past; Lt. Colo. Harris with one Hundred Rank & file is gone up the North Side St. Marys as far as the Fort, from which he is to march a Cross to St. Illa & Join us, I am in hopes he will be able to fall in with some of the Florida Scout & Indians in which case I will answer for it, he gives a scurging to double his Number, should there be as many; our brave fellows are in high spirits and wish an opportunity of a Trial of Skil with the Floridians which I would have given them, had I gone to the banks of St. Johns river, did I not too well know the Defenseless Situation of the State to risque so many of the Troops on the Turn of a Die; could we have got the Galleys into St. Johns River, I would, with the men I have with me, made the whole Province of East Florida tumble,

but with the Assistance of Vessells to command the river I dont think it would be prudent to cross it with fifteen Hundred Men; However if I am commanded I dare attempt it with half the Number; I am well convinced that a post properly established on St. Illa, where it can be secured by water, will be a great means of Protecting & securing our Southern frontiers; tis my opinion as the Enemy are so well prepared for us, that we should lay by a while & if Carolina will assist us, Join our forces by & by and then with the united force of our Galleys & their Privateers make a powerful Invasion of that Province; in the mean time we can be Arming, Clothing & Disciplining our Men, in each of those they are at present very deficient; I have consulted Commodore Bowen on every Occasion, who has agreed with me in all matters and has ever shown the greatest readiness in forwarding the Expedition. He seems a little disappointed at not having an Opportunity of Exchanging a few shot with Marbury; the Galleys will do well inland, but I cant help thinking that two or three such Vessells as the Hinchinbrook would, if they got them at Sea, give them a Hearty drubbing, this our Enemy was in eager Expectation of, as they knew it to be Impossible for us to Pass Amelia Narrows; I hope soon to see a party of Horse-men from Fort-Howe at St. Illa, with an Answer to my Letter to the General; if we are to proceed immediately, a quantity of Salted Provisions must be sent us by water; pray tell Mr. Clay I will be glad he would apply to the Assembly, now they are sitting, for payment of the 40 prs. Arns I had of him for my Regiment; my respectful Compts. to the General, I am, Dr. Sir, &c. S. E.

To Colo. Habersham.

Cumberland Island, 31st May, 1777.

Dear Sir:—Just as I had Closed my Letter to you Lt. Skinner of the 16 Regiment arrived with a flag of Truce demanding a Second Time, that the Articles of Capitulation made at Fort McIntosh should be fulfilled. Inclosed is a Copy of Major Prevost's Letter to me on that had & my answer thereto, which I beg you will lay before the General and request of him to consult the Assembly on the proper mode of Conduct to be Observed respecting it; every Officer holding a Commission in the Continental Service is instructed in this matter, for if no respect is paid by ourselves to those engagements, it cant be expected that the Enemy will pay any; let me beg that something be immediately done in the matter. I think So. Carolina in some degree convinced; inclosed are some open letters from our Captive friends which may serve to give some Light;

I fancy the flag was sent for Intelligence, particularly as no time but this would do; I find some of the letters dated 21st May, they did not know of our arrival in Florida till 20th, therefore you see it was soon determined on. I wish they had not the present pretext; and I am, Dear Sir, Your Most Obedt. Servt.,

S. ELBERT.

To Colo. Habersham.

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Cumberland Island, 31st May, 1777.

Sir:—I am Honored by the receipt of your Letter by Lieut. Skinner of the 16th Regiment and in answer can only say, that I am sorry there should be a necessity for a Second Application respecting the Capitulation of Fort McIntosh, which I think would have been unnecessary had the application by Capt. Brown gone through the Proper Channell; you may rest assured that I will do all in my power to have this matter put on a proper footing Immediately.

That Humanity with which you mention our people taken by you have been Treated, is what Americans can never depart from, but Sir, it hurts me, as I am sure it must you, to be informed that some of the unfortunate men of Colo. Baker's Detachment who fell in your hands, were cruelly Butchered by the Savages, in cool Blood, and in the presence of some of your people; if Savages cant be restrained, why are they Employed?

Lieut. Skinner being detained at a post some miles distant from me I am sorry to have been deprived the pleasure of seeing him, I have the Honor to be,

Sir, Your Most Obedt. Hum. Servt.,

S. ELBERT,

Colo. 2nd Regiment of Continental Troops for the State of Georgia & Commang. Officer of the Troops on the Southern Expedition.

To Major J. M. Provost, or Officer Commanding the British Troops on St. Johns River & posts beyond same.

Sunday, 1st June, 1777, Arrived at the old Town on St. Illa where we were Joined by Colo. Harris with his party; the men begin to be very Clamorous for want of Provisions.

Monday, 2d June, A Capt., two Subalterns, 3 Sergts., and forty-five rank and file with 24 Hours' provisions & 36 rounds of Ammunition pr. man to be ready to march at an Hour before sun Set; the Capt. to wait on the Commanding Officer for Orders, who strictly

forbids that any Guns be fired about the Camp, on any account whatever; all the men are to be landed and Encamped on Shoar as soon as possible; a Subaltern with two Sergts. & 30 Rank & file to mount Guard at Sun Set, to be relieved every Evening at that Hour; he is to post such Sentries as will effectually prevent a Surprize & have them frequently visited in the course of the Night; all the Troops to parade at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; the Commanding Officer Orders that for the Future every Soldier not having his Arms in his Hand shall, while speaking to the Commission Officer, take off his Hatt & if he has his Arms about him he is to speak with them recovered with his Hatt on; any Officer who may be observed speaking to a Soldier without puting this Order in Execution will be Immediately put under an Arrest for disobedience of Orders; a Garrison Court-Martial to Sit to-morrow for the Trial of all Prisoners.

By Major Mark Provost of his Majestys Sixteenth Regemt. Commanding the Troops on St. Johns River & post beyond the same. To Lieut. Skinner of the 16 Regemt. of Foot: You are to Proceed with a Party of a Corporal & Eight Men under your Command, together with a Guide, to the nearest posts of any Consequence to the Enemy when, if stoped, you will require the name of the Commg. Officer & deliver to him the Letter herewith sent, as Humanity is the chief motive of your Errand. You will apply for an answer to My Letter together with the compliance with the Terms of the Capitulation of Fort McIntosh desiring that as many Prisoners as are now in Georgia may be sent Immedy., that the Public may be Convinced, Notwithstanding all the reports to the contrary, that a Capitulation of said Fort is to be observed in every point on the side of the Enemy, as it has been on ours; such Necessarys & other things as may be given to you for the use of the prisoners you will observe to take an Exact Account of, and that they are not Embaziled by any Person under your command. You will be pleased to represent to the Commanding Officer that in future all small parties found in Arms beyond the Limmits of Georgia, Agreeable to an order of His Excellency Sir Wm. Howe, shall be looked upon as Robbers & Murderers; it is indecent that Harmless & Innocent Planters should find themselves the object of these Excursions, & that the Sending of any Parties to take or assassinate any Particular Individuals is never Countenanced & is Contrary to the rules of war, Dictates of Humanity, and when ever they are taken no quarter given to them. Its expected that our Prisoners shall be sent & prisoners found for them at the first post on the Frontiers of this Province; in particular you will apply for Lieut. Beecher, a sergent & some men taken at Saint Johns ferry on the Cowford, all the Creek Indians now Con-

fin'd in Georgia or any other which are detained & can be looked upon as Prisoners of War. You will be pleas'd to Explain that any Complaints of Cruelty and Illtreatment to prisoners cannot with any shadow of right be laid to any of his Majesty's Troops who upon all occasions are distinguishable for their Humanity & Kindness to all of them that fall into their Hands, and that notwithstanding their treatment received by Many of his Majesty's Subjects in the Colony, none are Suffered of that Kind, & if the Indians were suffered to fall, on the Colonies Adjacent to this, as they are very desirous of doing, it is obvious what would be the Consequence, & Nothing but Self preservation has Induced the Govournor of this Province to Permit some of them to make War upon them as no parties Amg. the Creeks have made their appearance in Georgia till after this intend'd invasion of this Province by General Lee.

I have further to desire that you will not Suffer Yourself to be detain'd beyond the Necessary time to refresh Yourself and Party without the most Earnest representation to the Contrary.

Given at Grahams redoubt
27th May, 1777, M. Provost

Left St. Illa on Friday, 6th June, & arriv'd at Fort Howe the Monday following & on Tuesday march'd to Darien, got Letters ordering my return to Savannah, dispatch'd Lieut. Winfree with Letters to Commodore Bowen to proceed with the Fleet to Sunbury; on Sunday, 15th, arriv'd in Savannah.

Orders by Gen. McIntosh.

Savannah, 18th June, 1777.

Parole-Congress.

The Colonels or Commanding Officer of each Regt. are requir'd by General McIntosh to use their utmost Endeavours, & try every means to get their Regemt. full, pointing out such of their respective Officers as are best calculated for the Recruiting Service, leaving a Sufficient Number of them in proportion to their men for the Necessary Duty of the State and as all the first Battalion has been oblig'd to be upon Continual hard Duty, this Six Months past without any rest, by which it has been much reduced as well as the Expiration of the men's times, therefore to encourage the Officers to Keep up a Regemt. which has done so much Service, the General appoints Captain Jno. McIntosh Major of that Regemt. to take Rank since he first Acted in that Necessary

office, and Lieut. George Walton to be Cap. in the said Regmt. in the Room of Capt. Jno. McIntosh; and the Colo. is Desired to appoint the Subaltern Officers in their turns agreeable to Resolve of Convention, and leave the vacant Commissions for such as can recruit most men for the Regmt.

Head Quarters, Sav., 21st June, '77

Parole-Glen.

The Commanding Officer of each Regiment Infantry & Cavalry & Independent Companys are ordered to make exact returns of the Continental Troops under their respective Commands without delay to General McIntosh, & this order to be transmitted immediately to Colo. Scriven of the 3rd Regmt. & Lieut. Colo. Baker of the Light Horse, by any Officer of either of these Corps now in Savannah. The General also orders a Court of enquiry to Morrow Morning 8 o'clock to inquire into the Conduct of Capt. Ths. Scott & Lieut. Hancock, now under arrest.

Whereof Lieut. Colonel Harris is president; Mr. Saml. Stirk is appointed Judge Advocate for the Continental Troops in this State.

In Congress, the 14th April, 1777.

Resolved: That from & after the Publications hereof the second article of the 8th Section, the first article of the Eleventh section, the 8th article of the 14th Section & the 2d article of the 18 Section of the Rules & articles for the better Government of the Troops raised or to be raised & Kept in pay by & at the Expense of the United States of America, passed in Congress the 20th Day of Sept., 1776, shall be & they are hereby repealed & that the four following articles be substituted in the place and stead thereof.

Article 1st. All Officers & Soldiers shall have full Liberty to bring into any of the Forts or Garrisons of the United American States any quantity of eatable provissions except where any Contracts are or shall be entered into by Congress or by their order for furnishing such Provisions & with respect only to the species of Provisions so contracted for.

Art. 2d. If any officer shall think himself to be wronged by his Colo. or the Commdg. Officer of the Regiment, and shall upon Due application made to him be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the Continental General commanding in the State where such Regiment shall be stationed. in order to obtain justice, who is hereby required to examine into the said complaint and take proper

measures for redressing the wrong complained of & transmit as soon as possible to Congress a true State of such Complaint with the Proceeding had thereon.

Art. 3d. No Sentence of a General Court-Martial shall be put in execution 'till after a report shall be made of the whole proceedings to Congress, the Commander in Chief or the Continental General Commanding in the State where such a General Court Martial shall be held, and their or his orders be issued for carrying such sentence into execution.

Art. 4th. The Continental General commanding in Either of the American States for the time being shall have full power of appointing General Courts Martial to be held and of pardoning or Mitigating any of the Punishment ordered to be inflicted for any of the offences Mentioned in the afore-mentioned Rules and Articles for the better Government of the Troops, except the punishment of offenders under sentence of Death by a General Court Martial, which he may order to be suspended until the pleasure of Congress can be Known; which suspicion, with the Proceedings of the Court Martial, the Said General shall immediately transmit to Congress for their determination. And every Offender convicted by any Regimental Court Martial may be pardoned or have his punishment Mitigated by the Colo. or officer Commandg. the Regemt.

By order of Congress
JOHN. HANCOCK, President.

Sir: In Compliance with an order from General Howe I send you inclosed a copy of the Resolutions of the Honorable Continental Congress dated at Philadelphia, April 14th, 1777, relative to the articles of War & inform you at the same time that tis the General's orders, that the Said Resolutions be immediately made publick, in order that no Soldier may be ignorant thereof.

I am, Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.,
NICHS. EVELEIGH.

To The Commanding Officer of the Army in the State of Georgia.

General Order, by Gen. McIntosh.

Head-Quarters, Savannah, 23d June, 1777.

Parole-Glen.

A General Court Martial is Ordered to sit to-morrow Morning at 8 o'clock for the Trial of Officers under Arrest & other prison-

ers whose Crimes are not Cognizable in a regimental Court-Martial. President of the Court-Martial Colo. Elbert, six members from the 1st & Six from the Second Battalion.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 25th June, 1777.

Colo. Elbert desires that the Officer Commanding each Company in the Regiment do immediately apply to the Quarter-Master for as much Osnabirgs as will make Coats & Kilts for their Men; which they are to have made up without delay; a Captain of the Regiment is to be ready to march tomorrow for the Westward to take on him the Command of what men are on duty there, Capt. Walton being ordered to Head Quarters; in future all the Officers of the regiment are to make a point of being present whenever the men are under Arms, as those who stand in no need of being any further instructed in the Art Military will be of great Service in teaching others; in order that the Vacancies in the Regiment may be immediately filled up, the Rank & date of all Companies are to be made known to the Colonel; the Quarter-Master is to have all the Ammunition except Six rounds pr. Man called in, & those Cartridges that want it made over; he is likewise to have a quantity of Cartridges made.

Savannah, 26th June, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to Sit Immediately for the Trial of all Prisoners now in Confinement, belonging to the Regiment.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battn.

Savannah, 27th June, 1777.

The Regimental Court Martial of which Lieut Mosby was president is approved and dissolved, Fagan & Hodge to be released; the Colo. being in Hopes that they will in future behave better, but desires that Hodge may be made Acquainted with the Sentence of the Court-Martial; the Quarter Master to call in all the ball Cartridges and serve out Nine Rounds of blank pr. man for parade this Afternoon.

After Orders. 2nd Battn.

A Court-Martial to sit Immediately for the Trial of all Prisoners.

Savannah, 29th June. 1777.

Sir: I must confess it Surprized me a little on being informed that you intended returning to Virginia immediately, without ever giving me an Oppty. of seeing you. The Young gentn. Mr. Netherland, whom you put under Arrest, has Applied to the Gen. for his Trial, in consequence of which I am directed to Order you to come to Head-Quarters to Exhibit a Charge against him, but as you cant leave the Command you have, you are to stay there till an Officer is sent to relieve you, I am sir,

Your Very hum. Servt.
S. ELBERT, Colo. 2d Reg.

To Colo. Walton, 2d Regt.

Savannah, Saturday, 28th June, 77.

The Court-Martial of which Capt. Mosby was president is approved & dissolved, the Sentence of Corporal Punishment on the Prisoner for abusing Lt. Duval to be put in Execution on Monday Morning.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Monday, 30th June, 1777.

Colo. Elbert is distressed by having almost Hourly complaints from the Inhabitants against the Men; he therefore begs that the Officers will exert themselves in preventing further Irregularities in future. The Adjutant is Strictly ordered not to suffer any Company to Join in Battalion whose Arms have any rust on them or their Accoutriments deficient. The Colo. being determined to have proper notice taken of those who neglect their duty in this Particular.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head-Quarters, Savannah, 2d July, 1777.

Parole-Wilkes.

The Main Guard is ordered by General McIntosh to be Augmented this morning by a Subaltern Officer & Six Men, that two Sentinels may be placed at his Honor the Governor's door, a Court of Six Commissioned & Lt. Colo Harris, president, are Ordered to sit to-morrow morning to settle a dispute of rank between some Officers of the 2d Regiment, also to enquire of a Complaint made to the General of Capt. Berrien of the 1st Regiment for speaking disrespectfully of the Legislature of this State. The

General Court-Martial of which Colo. Elbert is president is to continue until all the Prisoners are tried.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savh., 3d July, 1777.

Parole-Richmond.

All that are in Town of the Georgia Brigade, with those on-board the Galleys & the Artillery Compys., are to be reviewed to-morrow Morning, 10 o'clock, on the Parade near the Garden Battery, by General McIntosh, and it is Expected their Cloathes, Arms, Accoutriments & the field Artillery will be in the best Order & Eighteen rounds of blank Cartridges, to Celebrate the Anniversary of the most Extraordinary & glorious Revolution in the History of mankind, the Declaration of Independency of the United States of America; the Commissary is ordered to provide a quarter Cask Rum, a Beef, a Hog & a Weather to Barbecue upon the Occasion.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 5th July, 1777.

Mr. Thomas Payn, Mr. John Rae & Mr. Daniel Goffe are Appointed Ensigns in the Regiment; they are Immediately to do duty in that Character, in those Companies that want Officers, till the Rank of some Officers in the Regiment is settled, when they will get their Commissions appointing them to the proper Companies to which they belong; the Regiment to parade at Ten o'clock to-morrow Mornng. without Arms, in order to be Marched to Church. Their Colo. desires that the Men may be clean Dressed with their Hair Combed & beard shaved, they are to be led into the Gallery & are not to enter any of the Inhabitants' Pews, that have any body in them; he hopes for the Honor of the Regiment that the Men will behave with decency.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 7th July, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to sit Immediately for the Trial of those belonging to the Battalion now in Confinement whose crimes are Cognizable by them. Capt. Bard, president; the Regiment must be Encamped to-day under the Cedar Trees to the Eastward of the Town. Officers Commanding Companies are to apply to the Quarter-Master and get Blankets for those Men who have never had any. The Quarter Master is Immediately to procure as much

ravens duck as will make a Bell Tent for each Company large enough to contain all their Arms, those with a Light Ammunition waggon and two handy Chests for Cartridges he is to have made without loss of time.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 9th July, 1777.

Parole-Richmond.

The Genl. Court Martial, whercof Colo. Elbert is president, is Desolved. As many of the Officers are said and appears unfortunately for the Service to have taken Sides in the affair between Colo. Habersham & Capt. Scott & Lieut. Hancock, it is impossible without Objections from One or other of the parties to have the Trial in this State, and as these Gentlemen have mutually agreed to have it removed to some other, which was approved of and recommended to the General by their Court, it is ordered, therefore, that the matter be referred to Brigd. Genl. Howe to Determine the manner and place of trial, and that the Gentlemen repair to him as soon as they conveniently can with any evidences they may think necessary. The prison in the Guard House is ordered to be put in repair and well secured, as it is impossible to Keep any prisoners in it in the State it is now in.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 12th July, 1777.

The regiment to parade precisely at four o'clock this afternoon, each man with as much loose powder in his Horns as will make Nine rounds, with black moss for wadding; the Colo. can have no doubt but that every man in the Regiment has a powder Horn slung to his pouch after so many repeated orders for the Purpose, as the Companies are all informed they are in future when ever under arms to appear in them; a Court Martial to Sit to-day for the Trial of such Prisoners of the Battalion whose crimes are cognizable by them, Capt. Pannell president.

These Certify that Messrs. AB & CD of the State of Georgia and County of——— have furnished an able bodyed Man who has enlisted in the Second Battalion of Continental Troops for the State of Georgia to serve for { three years
during the war } agreeable to a Resolve of the Honbl. Continental Congress dated the 14th April last, by virtue of which Inlistment they, the said AB & CD, are Exempted from duty agreeable to the Spirit of the said Resolve; given under my hand at Savannah, 12th July, 1777.

E. F. Colo.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 14th July, 1777.

By Virtue of Orders recd. from Brigadier General Howe, the Colo. desires an Exact return of the Arms of each Company, specifying the Kind & quality, whether fit or unfit for Service, with Bayonettes & Accoutrements recd. of Mr. Hall & Mr. Skinner from Mosby.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 16th July, 1777.

The Court Martial of which Capt. Pannell was president is approved & dissolved; a Regimental Court Martial to Sit Immediately for the Trial of Prisoners Cognizable by them, Capt. Mosby president.

Recd. of Mr. David Zubly & Mr. P. la Bard £20 stg.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 12th July, 1777.

Parole-Burk.

The Court of Inquiry ordered Since the 2nd Inst., whereof Lieut. Colo. Harris is president, to settle the Rank of Captain Porter & Capt. Mosby of the 2nd Battalion, and also to enquire into the reason of a Complaint made against Capt. Berrian of the first Regemt. for Speaking Disrespectfull of the Leguslaters of this State, Report as follows: It is the opinion of the Court that Captain Porter ought to take Rank of Captain Mosby; Captain Berrian attended the Court, Met and adjourned from Day to Day, but no Evidence appeared against him. Mr. Wood who prefered the Charge against Capt. Berrian was repeatedly sent for to appear in Person which he would not do, therefore Genl. McIntosh Discharges Capt. Berrian And Orders him to his Duty as formerly, untill proof appears against him, and the Rank of Captain Porter and Captain Mosby is Defered till further Consideration, in the mean time to Remain as usual.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 17th July, 1777.

Parole-Effingham.

At an Earnest request of Lieut. Roche of the first Battalion, a Court of Enquiry is ordered to be held to-morrow morning at 8

o'clock to enquire into the Conduct of the Said Lt. Roche on the late Expedition to the South ward, and also at the same time to examine further into and settle the Rank of all the Officers of the Second Battalion, and as the General is informed that a matter of Considerable Consequences to the Service as it affects many Gentlemen in that Regiment and has not been fully inquired into or conversed before the Court ordered the Second Instent, he directs it to consist of 13 Commanding Officers in just proportion from the Several Corps at Head Quarters of which Colo. Habersham, One of the Number, is to be President, and after that business is done to Set as Genl. Court-Martial upon the Several Prisoners now confined.

Savannah, 18th July, 1777.

Dear General: Your very obliging letter of 27th May I recd. on my return to Fort Howe, that of 9th of June on the Road to Savannah & the last a few Days since; did not my Duty require it I should think myself wanting in every particular were I to neglect answering them, nor was it fro want of Inclination that I have been thus late; a continued Interruption, by some means or other, added to the unavoidable Necessity of Examining & Certifying my Officers' Accots. which they were obliged to have ready by the 15th Inst., has been the cause. That You should be Kept in the Dark respecting the Military operations in this State, I am not a little surpris'd. Those, whose duty it was to give you the Necessary and timely Information are alone Culpable. I always thought I did my Duty by reporting to the Officer Commanding here. After my return to Saint Illa and waiting there a few days without the Supplys I had reason to Expect from the letters I wrote at Saint Marys & Cumberland, which you had copies of, and my men for want of provissions in a State of Mutiny, I found myself reduced to the Necessity of marching over land to Fort Howe with such of them as were able to undergo the fatigue, the Galleys and Transports with the remainder returned to Frederica, from which place they have since come here; the day after my arrival at Fort Howe I Marched to Derrian, where I met Colo. Screven with between two and three Hundred of his Regiment coming to join me. Being left to do as I thought best, I recommended to him to proceed with his detachment as far as Saint Illa and there continue and cover the Cattle drivers, who were Just then preparing to go out; this he did, and I believe nere a Thousand Head Cattle were collected and brought over when he returned to Fort Howe, since which no post has been occapi'd to the Southward of the Alatomaha by our Troops; after Colo. Scri-

ven crossed that River, I marched my detachment to Savannah where the most of them now are.

On conversing with Colo. Habersham I find that you had every paper necessary to lead you into the particulars of the Southern Expedition, except so far as Explained the Authority I had for taking the Command and proceeding thereon, for which purpose I inclose Copy of General McIntoshes letter to me of the 26th April last which I hope will set that matter in a Clear point of View.

Our new Troops begin already to be Sickly which I am well convinced could be remedied by marching them about 140 miles back, where they could be Kept ready to return on any Emergency, and in that case be of Service; on the other hand, if they remain in the lower Settlements they will become a burthen to the State without the least probability of advantage from them; it is my opinion as the first Battalion are Seasoned men they would be sufficient to remain here during the Sickly months, but the General thinks different with me in this matter. I received the Inclosed letter from Colo. Scriven yesterday. I send you a return of my Regiment. together with as Exact account of their Arms and Accoutrements as could be procured at this time, many of them being on out Commands. Could you by any means furnish me with good Muskets and Bayonets for my men it would make me Happy, the Sorry trash I have at present being such a medley of Rifles, old muskets & fowling pieces, with a few French Traders, that I have no faith in them, not above fifty of the three Hundred Stand French Arms bought the other day in South Carolina, but what are either Bursted or otherwise totally unfit for Service.

You may rest assured that I shall pay due respect to your Recommendations of Mr. Bradly. I am with much respect, Dear General,

Your most obedt. Servt.,

S. ELBERT.

General Howe.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 21st July, 1777.

All the small smooth bore pieces are to be sent to Mr. Richards the Gun Smith, who will fit them with the best of the Bayonets & Iron Rods of those French Guns that were landed, the Officers by applying to Mr. Cooper will get Horns for their men, the Colo. will order payment for what may be bought, frequent complaint being made that the Soldiers destroy Horns in Town for want of Firewood; the Quarter-Master is ordered to take such steps as to have a regular supply of that article in future.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Savannah, 22d July, 1777.

Parole-Chatham.

A Guard of a Corporal & six men is ordered to be placed at the Plantation of Jonathan Bryan, Esqr., this morning & to be relieved weekly to intercept boats & search the same and if any goods, wares or merchandize are found onboard without a special pass, they are to be seized and reported to the Commanding Officer. The General Court-Martial whereof Colo. Habersham is President, is dissolved and the proceedings approved, the prisoners John Rice & Nathaniel Jackson are ordered to have one Hundred lashes & William Wiatt fifty lashes well laid on, upon his bare back on the parade this Evening before the whole line; James Dollison, Steven More, Allin Bathurst & George Burges are discharged. Capt. Porter agreeable to the Opinion of the Court of Officers for that purpose is ordered to take Rank of Capt. Mosby in the Second Regiment.

Savannah, 25th July, 1777.

Capt. William Lane,

Sir: I should have been glad to have seen you in this State at the time your Company arrived here; some matters with respect to the settlement of your account with the Public and making your people easy about their Bounty-money required it, but as your private Concerns put that out of your power the inconvenience must be remedied the best way possible, nor am I sorry it has so happened as there is a necessity of having some Active person in your State, to recruit and send to Head-Quarters here the deficiency of the Regiment, for which purpose I send the Inclosed return of the same, that is, of such men as have come to Head-Quarters, and the Number wanting to Complete, which I request that you will spare no pains to have done without loss of time. I have no doubt but on proper application, the Governor & Council of Virginia will grant, not only permission but their assistance in having the Battalion filled agreeable to the Intention of the Congress, as notwithstanding they were raised for the Immediate defence of Georgia, they would at all times be ready to Bleed in defence of any of the United States, particularly that which gave them Existance; should you not be able to accomplish this matter without, I beg that you will make application to our deligates at Congress and let me know their determination thereon, and at all times favor me with an account of your success which I heartily wish, and am, Sir,

Yours &c.,

S. E.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battn.

Savannah, 25th July, 1777.

A Regimental Court-Martial to sit Immediately for the Trial of all Prisoners of the Battalion whose Crimes are Cognizable by them, Capt. Porter, President.

General Orders by Genl. McIntosh.

Parole-Chatham.

Head Quarters, Savh., 23rd July, 1777.

General Standing Orders.

General McIntosh is sorry he is obliged to remind Officers who should make their Duty their Study, so often of it without Strict Military Subordination and obedience to orders all other Rules are artless and Regular Troops no better than Militia. Therefore in future the Genl. Expects that no Commissioned Officer of the Continental Forces on any pretence shall leave Head Quarters, or any Post he is Stationed at without leave first had and obtained of the Commanding Officer, and upon their return or coming to any part of the United States where Troops are stationed they are ordered to wait upon the Officer commanding there for his Command, as also upon their departure. All Officers upon out posts are ordered frequently to write to the Commanding Officer giving acct. of all occurrences and every intelligence he can get on his command, and if extraordinary by express, the same to be observed by officers on the recruiting or any other service. The Genl. also expects hereafter to have regular, fair and exact returns with duplicates of the same at the end of every month of each regiment, and independent companies, in this State signed by their respective commanding officers, who for that purpose are to issue standing orders, to make reports in time of any part of such regiment or companies who may be upon out posts; an Orderly Sergeant is to attend daily upon the General.

LACHN. McINTOSH.

*General Orders by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, Sav., the 24th July, 1777.

Parole-Augusta.

As the lives and health of the Troops shall ever be an essential consideration and more especially when there is not an immediate

* NOTE—The following order is given just as it is in the original, all attempts to discover the writer's meaning in certain portions proving futile.

occasion for their service, and as sickness and disorders are already grown to an alarming light in the Regiment lately come in, Genl. McIntosh therefore orders both regiments to get ready as soon as they conveniently can, and march to the westward wherever a healthy situation and good water are to be found more agreeable to the soldiers than the seacoast to which they have not been accustomed, the 2nd Regemt., Colonel Elbert, is ordered up Savannah river and send such detachment as may be thought necessary outside the settlements upon the branches of that river. The third Regiment, Colo. Screven's, is ordered up Ogeechee River and send the like detachments are its branch is and posts, leaving only one Captain, three Lts. and detachments to the amount of one company in the town of Sunbury, for its protection. The Chaplains, Adjutants and other staff officers are ordered to attend and do their duty with their respective regemts., and all to be ready to march down again at all times in an hour's warning; to give the regiment of horse an opportunity of being once together as there is no occasion for them at present to the westward; they are all ordered immediately, their head quarters at Fort Howe, upon Alatamaha, until the other troops are called down and they are brought on to better discipline and order than they have been hitherto, and from Fort Howe to send such detachments and parties as hereafter may be ordered or thought necessary for the protection of the State; in so doing is our apotitur. Reports from each station and posts are frequently to be made to the commanding officer at head quarters, and the commandg. officer of each regiment are to enquire of the inhabitants and be diligent to find the properest stations for the protection of the State and report them. The Genl. positively orders all the troops in this State, whether stationed or marching, to behave with the greatest regularity and decorum at all times towards the inhabitants thereof and not injure them in the least, either in their persons or property upon any pretence whatsoever, whom we are intended to protect and not insult, and by whom we are supported. The soldiers must not presume to judge even in the case of an unworthy citizen, but always act under and assist the civil authority to which he ought to pay the greatest deference and respect, on every occasion. The Genl. Expects to hear no further complaint with respect to provissions and supplies or pld for any violence on that account as commissaries are appointed for that purpose, and the officers commanding any party or detachment are to bring them to acct for any neglect of duty; a neglect or breach of these orders shall not be passed with impunity in future.

LACHN. McINTOSH.

Regimental Orders, 2d Battalion.

Savannah, 29th July, 1777.

The regimental Court-Martial of which Capt. Porter was president is approved & dissolved. A regimental Court-Martial is ordered to sit to-day for the trial of such prisoners of the Second Battalion whose crimes are cognizable by them and as no other Capt. is present the Colo. must again trouble Capt. Porter to act as president.

Savannah, the 29th July, '77.

Parole-Justice.

Any officent that becomes vacant and is found necessary for the service to be filled up, whoever are appointed to act in such office by the Colo. of the regiment, or the officer commanding the brigade of the continental troops in Georgia, shall receive the pay and rations due and belonging to that officer until the Houll. the House of Assembly, either confirms or seperceeds such appointment; this order to be given to the several pay masters and Genl. McIntosh expects obedience to it, and orders the colonels to have it complied with in their respective regiments. The proceedings, of the general court-martial held yesterday whereof Colo. Elbert is president is approved of and the court dissolved. The prisoners to receive the punishments adjudged them this evening before the brigade; and the commanding officer of each corps are to see the articles of war read more frequently than heretofore to the Soldiers.

General Orders, by Genl. McIntosh.

Head Quarters, The 28th July, 1777.

Parole-Savannah.

As there are many prisoners in the guard-house a general court-martial is ordered to be held at eight o'clock this morning to try them while there are a sufficient number of officers at head quarters for that purpose. Colo. Elbert, president.

No commissioned officer hereafter can resign his commission until he has settled his accts. with the public and brings a certificate, testifying that he has done so from his Colo. or Officer commanding his corps to the General or commanding officer in the State without which his resignation will not be accepted and must be looked upon as subject to military orders.

LACHN. McINTOSH.

Savannah, 31st July, 1777.

Dear Sir: I wish you & Capt. Middleton an agreeable journey to the camp, and as you are sensible how necessary your presence with the regiment will be, I need not hint that your stay to the northward should be no longer than your private concerns demand. Pray give my most respectful compliments to that great man Genl. Washington, represent to him a true state of our regiment and by all means improve any opportunity which may offer to its advancement, arms & clothing, those essentials to make a soldier. Perhaps you may be able to procure by his interest or from an application to our deligate, the expense of transporting will be saved in the sale of wagon & teams here which may be bought in Philadelphia; on your return to Virginia use every means in your power to apprehend deserters and to have the regiment recruited to its full establishment. If I can by any means procure an order on Philadelphia I will forward it to you and beg your friendship in purchasing me a neat, light phaton or post chaise with a good pair horses, bays if possible. I would by no means have either of the above carriages, unless they are remarkably light, but you know what will best suit the sandy streets of Savannah. I wish you all happiness and am, dear sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,
S. ELBERT.

To Capt. Moore.

Augusta, 13th August, 1777.

Orders to Lieut. Bough of the 2d Battalion: You are to proceed immediately to the station where you last was and accompany Mr. Roberson, the Sheriff, and furnish him with a sufficient force to enable him to effect the purpose he goes on, and send them down to this place with him should there be occasion. Lt. Strother being sent for the purpose, you are to

Augusta, 23rd August, 1777.

Sir: Since I saw you I have had some conversation with Mr. John Branham lately come from the Indian country, who has given me so little satisfaction with respect to his good intentions towards the inhabitants of this State, and as it appears highly improper that a communication should be allowed with our enemy, I desire that you will on the receipt of this, take the said Jno. Branham into custody and have him kept under guard till further orders; should he desire to see me, grant his request under care of a proper guard

at the same time send the two men confined by Capt. Winfrey. I am sir,

Your very humble servt.

S. ELBERT.

Mr. Adjutant Mosby.

Augusta, 25th August, 1777.

Capt. John Dooly.

Sir: On receipt of this you are to take a circuit with a sufficient number of your troops of horse to the different forts & stations in the western frontiers & see that all the light horse of Colo. Baker's regiment do immediately march for Savannah; all who refuse or are refractory must be made examples of. If necessary to confine any send them to Major Pannell at Wrightsbourgh who has orders to furnish reliefs where necessary. I am your very humbl. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

N. B. Your company is the only one of the regt. light horse that remains to the westward.

Augusta, 25th August, 1777.

Sir: On receipt of this with the enclosed copy of the Governor's letter you are without loss of time to assemble your battalion of minute men & let me know a true state thereof. I am, Sir;

Your very huml. servt.,

S. ELBERT, Colo.

To the officers commanding the first & second minute Battalion.

Gentlemen: The inroads, depredation & murders committed by the perfidious Indians, and the danger our frontier settlers are exposed to by them, I doubt not will rouse the spirit of every one who is a friend and wellwisher to his country; to punish those faithless and cruel savages and to protect our back inhabitants against the excursive and rambling enemy, Colo. Elbert is appointed commander of the Continental Troops stationed or sent to the westward and to take and pursue such measures as occasion may require or as far as his orders, prudence or circumstances will admit of. You will (I am persuaded) find a courageous, active and brave commander in said Colo Elbert. Do therefore hereby strictly charge and command you to be obedient to his orders and to assist him with all the forces under your command, and to inform me of every material oc-

curances in order to enable me to issue and give such further orders as may be necessary on the occasion. I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humbl. servt.

JOHN A. TREUTLEN.

To the officers commanding the troop of horse and minutes Battalions.

Augusta, 27th August, 1777.

Dear Sir: Your letter pr. Lieut. Hancock I received on Monday night and that pr. Sikes yesterday evening. I have no doubt but Capt. Walton has given you the particulars of Capt. Gurard's murder, as far as has been yet discovered; that unlucky affair occasioned me to detain the regiment for some time, by going in search of him and the murderers, and the day after my return I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Galphin which was the means of my marching about 60 miles, twelve of them thro' a swamp four miles wide, with eighty men, when at last the tent proved to be a large white log which like brave fellows we surrounded and came off with no other damage than a few mosquito bites. I shall take care to execute the order of General Howe & send the prisoners down to you; very few of my regiment can be ready to march at a minutes' warning as they are dispersed amongst the Forts, a number sick and not less than twenty deserted since I came up here, nor is it to be wondered at since they run no other risk if taken than to receive one hundred lashes, with a great chance of having that remitted. Pity it is we cant have a court-martial who dare sentence a man to be shot for this crime. As Capt. Porter has been some days gone without our hearing from him, I have no doubt but that the Indian Chiefs have got safe through the settlements. Inclosed is a copy of a talk I gave them. I dont know what to say about the behavior of the Light Horse and lament that the field officers of that regiment had not attended to see their men march as the Capt. and subalterns have no more authority over them than if they had no commissions at all. I am glad to find the affair at Fort Howe is not so bad as was at first apprehended, it seems a little strange that we cant be victorious in one skirmish with the savages. The loss of Ticonderago staggers me, as I suppose it proceeded from either want of men, or bravery; the affair is in some degree counterbalanced by the capture of General Prescott as probably by that means we shall have the worthy General Lee restored. I am, Dr. sir,

Your most obedient servt.,

S. ELBERT.

P. S. I dont think it would be amiss to lay a copy of the talk to the Indians before the Assembly for their perusal.

General McIntosh.

Augusta, 27th August, 1777.

Sir: When I gave you leave of absence from the regiment for ten days or a fortnight to go to Chas Town, little did I think that your presence would be wanting at this day; no less than thirteen men of your company have deserted, which perhaps might have been prevented had one of their officers thought so much of his duty, as to be with them; my duty obliges me to desire that you immediately join the regiment. And am, sir,

Yr. very hble. servt.,
S. ELBERT.

To Capt. Bard.

Augusta, 27th August, 1777.

Sir: I was unfortunate enough to desire that your company might remain where they were till you were relieved, which I expected would have been before this. I have now to order that you march for Savannah immediately with your whole company on receipt of this, whether you are relieved or not.

Yr. very hble. servt.
S. ELBERT.

To Capt. Hatten Middleton.

Augusta, 9th September, 1777.

Dear Sir: I wrote you pr return Sikes & a few lines by Lieut. Bilbo since which I have not heard from you. I am just returned from visiting the Forts on the western Frontiers but could find no signs of any Indians near them; they are crowded with the inhabitants who have not yet returned to their habitations which they quit at the late alarm when Capt. Dooly and others were killed. Inclosed are some papers respecting Lieut. Cunningham, who I begin to think behaved better in the action than was at first represented; he remains under arrest at Wrightsborough. Captain Dooley & Pannell with Lieut. Booker are now prisoners with me on their parole; you will please, pr. return of the bearer, give me positive orders what to do with them. I am in hopes the matter may be overlooked as the Indians are by this safe in their own Nation & the gentlemen very sensible of their error in what has been done. Poor Dooley had lost a brother; Pannell went as a piece maker to prevent mischief. Booker & Bilbo, two giddy young men—in fact I think the end answered in putting them under arrest, as it serves to convince them that they are not always to do as they please.

About half of my regiment are now sick in Wrightsborough, the most of them on the recovery, those fit for duty are disposed

of as under. Mrs. Elbert being in a situation which requires her being in Savannah the latter end of this month, I hope you will find it convenient to let me return there shortly. I suppose Colo. Stirk waits your orders; I will be obliged to you to let him have them. I wish you happy, & am, dr. General.

Your most obedt. servt.

S. ELBERT.

Folsom's Fort, Ogeechee	1 sub.	24 men	} 2 Battn
Wells do.	2 do.	46 do.	
Capt. Phillips do., Little River	1 do.	27 do.	
Joel Phillips do., do. do.	1 do.	18 do.	
Carr's Fort, Beaver Dam Fork	1 do.	10 do.	

Augusta, 11th September, 1777.

Sir: Your letter of the 8th instant covering some resolves of your honorable assembly is just received, and be assured Sir, it gives me pain, that I am obliged to decline accepting the Command they do me the honor to offer, nor can you judge how much I am embarrassed at being under the necessity of differing in opinion with so respectable a body. While General McIntosh contends for the command of the Continental Troops in the State, and I continue to hold my commission, I am bound to obey him, and were I to presume to do otherwise, I should subject myself to be tried by a court-martial.

That love for my Country which prompted me to engage in its service will have equal weights when I find myself a clog to its interests, and least an error in my judgement may operate to its prejudice I am willing to leave an opening for those, who may have a different opinion, by resuming the character of a citizen.

While I continue to command here, it will be my chief study, as I find it my duty, to pursue the plan of defense pointed out by the House, as far is in my power.

I have just returned from a visit to the forts on the Ceded Lands. The inhabitants are at present in peace, but how long the savages will permit them to remain so, I am at a loss to guess.

I am with the greatest respect, sir,

Your most obedt. & very humble servt.

S. ELBERT.

The Honble Noble W. Jones, Esq.

Head Quartes, Savh., 9th Octor., 1777.

Parole-Arnold.

A general court-martial, whereof Colo. Habersham is appointed president, is ordered by General McIntosh to set to-morrow morning 8 o'clock for the trial of the prisoners in the guard house; and all that are able of the second & third regiments now in or about Savannah are ordered to get ready this day and march to-morrow for the southward, part of whom are to relieve a detachment of the first regiment at Darien, who are ordered to head quarters, and the rest stationed and disposed of as Colo. Scriven may think necessary who is to report the number, situation and state of the troops under his commands with their arms, ammunition, horses, &c., frequently. The commanding officers, also, who have not yet made returns of their respective corps the last or preceeding months are once more required to do it immediately, and always hereafter at the end of every month without fail.

Head Quarters, Savh., 10th Octobr., '77.

Parole-Elbert.

Brigadier Genl. McIntosh having received orders in consequence of the directions of the honl. Continental Congress from General Howe to repair with all possible speed to head quarters at the grand army where his service is thought necessary and a brigade left vacant for him, gives notice to the Continental army in Georgia that as it will be absolutely requisite to devote the little time he will have to stay in this state to the settlement of his private affairs, he by the consent and permission of the commander in chief of the department abstracts himself from all military duty in this state, in consequence of which the command of the Continental army in this state devolves till further orders upon Colo. Elbert, and the army and its dependents are ordered to respect & obey him as their commanding officer.

Savannah, 10th October, 1777.

Dear Sir: General McIntosh has just sent me a letter he received from you informing of the light horse having quit Fort Howe without leave according to their former practice. I desire that you do immediately take the most effectual means to have them secured and sent down for trial, I mean the leaders, & if you can by any means find that a commissioned officer is concerned in the affair or accessory thereto I order that you put him under arrest for trial, as I am determined while I command that duty shall be at-

tended to; if Capt. Stuart & Lieut. Robertson have removed any of their men without authority I order them under arrest for the same. The troops in town are under marching orders for the southward, but when they will be got away I dont know, as some of them are in a state of mutiny for want of pay. I shall however assist you as soon as possible. Such officers of the Light Horse as are in town I will hurry to you & urge to Messrs. Rae & Roberts the necessity of their immediate going. Please let me know as soon as possible a state of the 3d regiment, with any other troops under your command to the southward, the posts that are at present occupied & those you would recommend to be continued or established. I am with esteem, dr. Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,
SAML. ELBERT.

To Colo. Scriven.

Colo. Elbert presents his compliments to Genl. McIntosh & begs to be favored with a return of the troops he is to command in the state, where the different regiments & companies are stationed, and what posts they occupy. The Colo. will be much obliged to the General for his particular instructions with respect to any intended military arrangements, with every information it may be in his power to give the Colonel which may tend to the service of the State.

Friday evening.

To Genl. McIntosh:

Headquarters, Savannah, 13th Octr., 1777.

Parole-McIntosh.

General McIntosh having given up the command of the Continental Troops, in this State, in consequence of his receiving orders to join the Grand Army, where his services are required, Colonel Elbert, on whom the command devolves, orders that immediate returns be made to him, of the strength, arms, accoutrements & clothing of all the Continental Troops of the State, as also returns of all artillery, ammunition, stores, &c. All officers who are absent from their respective corps (except such as are absolutely on the recruiting service) are ordered to join them without loss of time; any hereafter who presume to quit their stations, without proper leave may expect to be taken notice of. The Honbl. Continental Congress have appointed James Rae, Esq., commissary general of purchases & John Bohan Girardeau, Esq., commissary general of issues for this State; those gentlemen are to be received,

respected & obeyed as such; four companies of the second battalion to march immediately to Colo. Scriven's & there receive his orders; Capt. John Habersham of the first regiment is appointed to act as Brigade Major till further orders, & as such he is to be obeyed by the army in the State.

Savannah, 13th October, 1777.

Dear Sir: It astonishes me that you should send to know whether you are to take Dooley or not after my positive orders to do so. If he will not surrender himself do you lay the fort in ashes, and bring him at all events, should you be obliged to collect all the troops to the westward for the purpose, & if that wont do send express to Colo. Thompson by Mr. Hammonds knowledge & he will assist you, & when this business is executed which I beg may be with all expedition I desire that you will order all the Continental troops to the westward to march for this place, say 2d & 3d regiments & Light Horse who are to be relieved by the minute men; an attack is intended against the State from St. Augustine.

I am, dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

SAML. ELBERT, Comg. Officer.

To Colo. Stirk.

Savannah, 13th October, 1777.

Dear Sir: From many circumstances it appears that an invasion of the state is intended shortly from St. Augustine. I have with the advice of the council, determined to order all the Continental troops from the westward; it will therefore be necessary in you to send one of your field officers to forward them. Those on duty there are to be relieved by the minute men. I have information of a certain Donald McDonald being in St. Andrews Parish lately returned from Florida, pray have him apprehended & secured. I send four companies of the 2nd Battalion which I recommend your posting in such a manner that they may act jointly if necessary. I am, dr. sir

Your most obedt. servt.

SAML. ELBERT.

To Colo. Scriven.

Savannah, 13th October, 1777.

Dear Sir: Your country requires it, & I call on you as a gentleman & soldier to step forth at this critical juncture, and take upon

you the command of the regiment of Light Horse which stands much in need of an active Colo. to collect & bring it into some order, and as I know no person who I think can serve their country in that way better than yourself, now offer you the appointment, and as I will not admit of a refusal, desire that you do immediately march Dooley's company with any other of the regiment of Light Horse to the westward down to this place, as an invasion is intended from St. Augustine; the minute men will relieve the continentals. I am, dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,
SAML. ELBERT, Comg. Officer.

To Lt. Colo. Marbury. ✓

After Orders.

Headquarters, 13th Oct., 1777.

The general court-martial of which Colo. Habersham was president is approved & dissolved; the court having made the most strict inquiry into the conduct of Lieut. Cunningham of the 2d Battalion respecting the charge brought against him of cowardice in a late skirmish with the enemy, and after examining several witnesses on the occasion, report as their opinion "that Lieut. Cunningham acquitted himself in the said engagement with the honor & valor becoming an officer." The commanding officer is happy in agreeing with the above report & orders that Lieut. Cunningham immediately joins his regiment. Andrew Hays, William Asbey and John Asbey of the Light Horse, John Wright of the Artillery & Thomas Hodge of the 2d Battalion are ordered to receive the punishment to which they were severally sentenced by the court, this afternoon on the parade, in the presence of all the Continental Troops in town to be drawn out on the occasion; those who belong to corps having no person present are to be kept in confinement till they can be delivered to the care of their proper officers. Thomas Dunivant, Michael Hugen & Sergt. Gore to be severely reprimanded and discharged.

Headquarters Savannah, 14th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Scriven.

Agreeable to the command of General Howe the following orders of His Excellency General Washington are to be published to the army in this State; all concerned are desired to pay due respect thereto and in order that they may be the more public the Brigade Major is ordered to have them printed in the Gazette, viz.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Morristown, 8th May, 1777.

As few vices are attended with more pernicious consequences in civil life, so there are none more fatal in a military one, than that of gaming, which often brings disgrace & ruin upon officers, & injury & punishment upon the soldiery, and reports prevailing, which it is to be feared are too well founded, that this destructive vice has spread its baneful influence in the army, & in a peculiar manner to the prejudice of the recruiting service, Commander in chief, in the most pointed & explicit terms, forbids all officers & soldiers playing at cards, dice, or any games except those of exercise for diversion, it being impossible, if the practice is allowed at all, to discriminate between innocent play for amusement, & criminal gaming for pecuniary & sordid purposes. Officers attentive to their duty, will find abundant employment in training & disciplining their men, providing for them & seeing they appear neat, clean & soldier like, nor will anything redound more to their honor, afford them more solid amusement, or better answer the end of their appointment, than to devote the vacant moments they may have, to the study of military authors. The commanding officer of every corps is strictly enjoined to have this order frequently read & strongly impressed upon the minds of those under his command; any officer or soldier or other person belonging to, or following the army, either in camp, in quarters, on the recruiting service or elsewhere, presuming under any pretence, to disobey this order, shall be tried by general court-martial. The general officers in each division of the army are to pay strictest attention to the due execution thereof.

The Adjutant General is to transmit copies of this order to the different departments of the army, also to cause the same immediately to be published in the Gazettes of each state, for the information of officers dispersed on the recruiting service.

By His Excellency's Command.

MORGAN CONNOR, Adjutant Genl. Pro. Tem.

The main guard to be reinforced to a subaltern, one sergt., a drum and sixteen rank and file, the officer of the guard will get the countersign every evening at retreat beating from the Brigade Major who will receive it from the commanding officer. Major Marbury of the regiment Light Horse is appointed to the command of the said regiment of which all officers, soldiers, &c, are desired to take notice & govern themselves accordingly. Colo. Elbert presents compliments to Genl. McIntosh and will be glad to be in-

formed respecting an application Lieut. Beacher makes for pay as a prisoner of war, from the time of his captivity at the rate of a dollar pr day, whether as commanding officer the Colo. has authority to draw on the treasury for the same or not. Tuesday afternoon.

Savannah, 15th Oct., 1777.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 16th inst. containing His Excellency General Washington's orders against gaming has been received and attended to. Colo. Habersham, by whom I now write, comes to Charles Town in order to consult with you the most proper steps to be taken to have his regiment recruited, I have no doubt, on your representing the matter to General Washington but he will cause it to be done without loss of time; it is a pity that so genteel a set of officers should be unemployed. Should you find it necessary to advance those officers the sums requisite to enable them to proceed on this service it can be returned, as soon as Colo. White arrives, who has in charge a sum of continental money to be deposited with our paymaster general for the purpose of supporting our army. Since the command has devolved on me, I have been busied in collecting & putting in order our scattered forces, and as soon as I can possibly obtain it, shall send you a return of the brigade.

As we have not one in the State pray if possible furnish us with three or four handy brassfield pieces properly mounted, with the necessary apparatus, adding thereto some round & Cannister shot to fit them; I find on inquiry that we have not a ream of cartridge paper in the State, if of that article any is to be procured please likewise order us some, as I would willingly have a quantity of musket cartridges ready in case of emergency; at present we have none. Applying to you for those articles may be out of the proper line, but I know you will excuse me when I tell you that I am at a loss to find out the proper officer & my anxiety for the safety of the state will not suffer me to delay a moment.

His honor the Governor favored me with the inclosed copy of letters he recd. from the so'ward yesterday, which added to many different reports of the like nature leads me to believe that our southern neighbors intend paying us a visit very soon, I have conversed with Gen. McIntosh, who seems to be much of this opinion. I think it my duty at all times to give you the earliest notice of any intelligence of this kind for your government. Colo. Baker having resigned the command of the Light Horse and that regiment being in the greatest confusion for want of a proper leader and as I know of no person in the State more entitled or better qualified than Major Marbury, formerly of that corps, but superceeded by

our legislation without a cause or even a hearing I have judged it for the benefit of the service to appoint that gentleman to the command of the regiment, which I hope will meet your aprobation. I am very respectfully, dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

S. ELBERT.

Gen. Howe.

Headquarters, Savannah, 15th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Habersham.

The main guard to be augmented to twenty rank & file, with intent that every evening at retreat that a corporal & three men be detached to take post at the new barracks where they are to remain till reveille, but when they march back to the main guard patrols are to be sent at least twice a night to reconnoiter the town & hamlets to see that every thing is quiet; should any unlawful assembly be found they are to be dispersed, and if any soldiers are found gaming they are to be immediately conveyed to the guard house. A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning for the trial of all prisoners in charge. Major McIntosh of the first regiment president.

Savannah, 16th Oct., 1777.

Sir: Many complaints having been made to me that you entirely neglect the duty of paymaster to the regt. of Light Horse, I desire that you do immediately repair to headquarters & let the matter be settled to my satisfaction & the men paid, or as my duty requires I shall be under the necessity of appointing one in your stead. I am, sir,

Your Most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

Geo. Randal, Esq.

Savannah, 17th Oct., 1777.

Dear Sir: By virtue of an act passed by our legislature which with some other papers I now enclose, several persons have been ordered to depart the State in forty days. No vessels being in port, bound to sea in that time, they have applied to me for passes inland in open boats. This I think myself not properly authorized to comply with, as it cant be doubted but they intend for St. Augustine. Whether it may be good policy to strengthen the hands of our east Florida neighbors by sending among them a number of men,

leaving their families and fortunes behind them, well acquainted with the situation and strength of the state, and at a time when we have every reason to think an invasion from them is intended, I leave you to judge, and beg to have your particular instructions, for the rule of my conduct. Messrs. Mullryne & Tatnall claim a privilege of going where they please as prisoners on their parole, having been exchanged for Messrs. Demere, Roberts & Rice. This matter Colo. Habersham can explain to you. Colo. Scriven with a few continentals and some volunteers from the militia are gone towards Satilla on a scouting party. Since my last, we have no fresh intelligence.

Capt. Doolly, the principal hand concerned in the insult on the Indian Ambassadors, has (after giving me his parole of honor) refused to give himself up. I have ordered the fort, in which he makes a stand, and I suppose that by his company of Light Horse, to be laid in ashes, and him secured, when I shall send the gentleman & his assistants to you. I am very respectfully, dr. sir,

Your Most obedt. servt.,

(Signed) SAM. ELBERT.

Gen. Howe.

P. S. Give me leave to hint, that I think, if you intend sending a flag of truce to St. Augustine, were it done immediately, not only the advantage of having some of our suffering friends released may be gained by it, but some timely intelligence, with respect to their intentions against us also.

Headquarters, 18th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Harris.

The general court-martial of which Major McIntosh was president is approved & dissolved; John Rice, William Wyatt & James Donaldson of the Light Horse to receive one hundred lashes each on the bare back agreeable to their sentence; David Burel, Benjamin Joyner, Christian Gamillorn and James Barber of the Light Horse are to receive sixty lashes each on the bare back agreeable to their sentence. As those men are punished for that worst, and most unmanly crime a soldier can be guilty of, that of shamefully abandoning a post committed to their charge, the commanding officer strictly commands that the proper officers do see the lashes laid on with uncommon severity, as by articles of war the offence should be punished with death; Sergt. Moore to be discharged, being acquitted by the court; this to be done on the parade this afternoon, for which purpose the troops are to be drawn out, the prisoners to be delivered into the charge of some officer of the Light

Horse, after punishment, to be by him marched to join their respective companies.

Sergt. Connell, Sergt. Burns, Capt. Connoly, George Main & David Browney, of the first regiment, & Michael Cane, of the second regiment, to be tried by regimental court-martial, the general court-martial having reported their crimes cognizable by them. Complaint has been made that some officers of the troops in the State make a practice of suttlng for their men and charging very advanced prices for many articles they furnish them with by which the people are much dissatisfied & the service injured. This practice being contrary to the articles of war is strictly forbid, and any who may be hereafter detected in the above practice may depend on being brought to trial for disobedience of orders & breach of the articles of war.

Headquarters, Savannah, Sunday, 19th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Demere.

A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning for the trial of all prisoners whose crimes are cognizable by them, Lt. Colo. Harris, president; Mr. John Oates & Mr. Mahony will give evidence against Oates of the 2d regiment & the same officer with Trevor of the Light Horse who gave evidence against the other Horsemen will appear on trial of those now in confinement. A trusty officer with a sergt. command of the first regiment to march to Sunbury and guard to headquarters in order that they may take their trials four deserters belonging to that corps taken up by the galleys in attempting to make their escape to the enemy in St. Augustine; the commanding officer is informed that the officers commanding the main guard, make a practice of taking a bed with them in the guard house and sleeping the night through, he takes this method of informing them that should he at any time, either night or day, visit the guard and find the officer asleep, he will immediately have him relieved & put under arrest to be tried for so unsoldierlike a practice. If an officer is not able to do twenty four hours duty without sleeping he is not qualified to bear a commission & therefore it is recommended to such, if any there be, to make a prudent retreat in time, as it is a determined point with the commanding officer to have strict duty done without relaxation.

Headquarters, Savh., 19th Oct., 1777.

Dear Sir: I send this pr. express inclosing a letter Mr. Sheftall just gave me which will inform you of Mr. Moore, with the Florida

scout, being now in the settlements. I had information to their Day that they rendezvoused in a fork of Coonuchie pretty high up. I desire that you take as many men as you can collect together with as much care and speed as possible and proceed up till you strike Coonuchie near where tis possible they may be and if possible try to come up with them. I shall send a party from here of about fifty men to march to-morrow & cross Ogeechee & keep up to where they are supposed to secret themselves. Least our party and you should meet and not know one another, you and them are ordered every man to put a white piece of paper or linen as a cockade in your hats, the parole will be Washington, and the sign and countersign as follows: If your party discover ours, the first who see the other, gives a loud *hem*, the other, if friends, will answer it with clapping the hands together twice, *making two loud claps*. If this is carefully done, there will be no risk of our party hurting each other. I wish you success, and am, Dear sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

SAML. ELBERT.

P. S. Dont let any person, even your brother, know the errand you are going upon, or the rout you intend to take, as depend upon it, secrecy will do a great deal.

Col. Screven.

Copy of a letter from Richard Eastmead to Mordecai Sheftall.

Brother's Hall, October, 17th, 1777.

Mr. Sheftall: On Thursday me and William Brunson was a hunting at the Patridge Pond, and on our arrival there, we saw a party of men come up, with a gang of half blooded horses. They came up to us, and we found they was the Florida Scout, Sam Moore the Lieut., they insisted us to go with them to Little Ogeechee, and when they got there, they let us go, upon oath, that we would not discover them. On our return home, we met with Esq. Lanier; he made all the haste home for to raise a party of men to go after them. William Brunson set off for Mr. Pearces to try to raise some more, and the Scout took away my saddle, and if it had been mine, they would have given me a cow for it; but as it was Mordecai Sheftall, the chairman's, they were rejoiced at it. They wish it was yourself; no more from me.

(Copy)

RICH. EASTMEAD.

After Orders.

Headquarters, 19th Oct., 1777.

The general court-martial ordered to sit to-morrow & the party that was ordered to march to Sunbury are for particular reasons countermanded; all the Continental Troops in town able to do duty are ordered to parade & be ready to march for the southward at four o'clock this afternoon each with sixty rounds ammunition, the men carry no luggage, but their blankets and two or three days' provisions. Colo. Harris who is to take the command is to wait on the commanding officer for orders; the main guard to be relieved by Colo. Martin's Militia.

Head Qrs., Savannah, 19th Oct., 1777.

Dear Sir: I have certain intelligence, which by the enclosed copy of a letter, you will find that Moore with a party of his Florida Scouts is now on or near Ogeechee. I have information that they rendezvous high up Conoochee in a fork up that creek. I desire that you proceed with your party as if you intended to go to the southward; and after it is dark, strike off and make the best of your way over Ogeechee so as to get in the fork, between that and Conoochee, when you are to use every means in your power to intercept and take those villians. March all night, and then secrete yourself in the day, or they will get intelligence. Trust nobody with your intentions; impress everybody you meet and keep them with you; and by that means information cant be given about you; those you detain will act as guides. When you lay by, do it in a secret place; taking care to guard the passes. Let no man fire a gun, on pain of severe punishment. I dont expect that anybody will be able to give me an account of your rout till you return, so careful and secret you must be. I have ordered Colo. Screven with a strong party to go high up Conoochee, cross it and come downwards. You will meet him, and for fear of your mistaking each other, I have given him the following tokens, which you are to follow and observe: Each man to have a *white cockade* in *his hat*; the parole Washington; Sign and countersign thus: the first who sees the other gives a *loud hem*; to be answered by two loud claps of the hand. If on this being thrice repeated, and not being properly answered, depend they are enemies. Be vigilant, and I wish you success.

Your most obedt. servt.

(Signed) SAML. ELBERT.

Lt. Colo. Harris of the first regiment.

Savannah, 24th October, 1777.

Dr. Sir: Mr Bradley, the gentn. whom you recommended to me some time since, in consequence of a commission being promised him on the terms has raised upward twenty men for our regt. Light Horse, and has sent the bearer Mr. Allen for a sufficient sum of money to enable him, to march them to this state; the men are much wanted, particularly for that corps, but we are unable to comply with his request; till Colo. White with his charge arrives, could you, by any means, forward this matter, it would be a service to the state. I am, dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

S. ELBERT.

Savannah, 24th Oct., 1777.

Sir: I would cheerfully send the money you want for the purpose of marching your men to this State, but at present we have it not; I think if you & Capt. Dekeyson were to assemble your men & take the opportunity of joining Colo. White with his regt. you may by that means get along.

I have wrote to Genl. Howe, in hopes he may be able to forward the matter; should that & the other recommendation fail, you must wait with patience, till our money arrives. I am, sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

Mr James Bradley.

Headquarters, Savannah, 24th Octr., 1777.

Parole-Rae.

That part of the orders of the 19th inst., (which was countermanded by after orders) with respect to a general court-martial, is to be put in execution to-morrow morning.

Savannah, 25th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Marbury.

All the men belonging to the regt. of Light Horse now to the southward are to be marched to the westward, in order that those whose terms are expired may be paid & discharged; Capt. Dooly's company is to march to headquarters immediately. Capt. Walker with his troop and as many of the third regiment as Colo. Rae thinks necessary are to attend him & Mr. Galphin to the Indian Treaty & to protect and keep from harm the Indian ambassadors

now on Ogeechee, after which they are to be marched to headquarters. The order for all the Continental Troops to march from the westward, was not intended to include those who were sick & not fit for duty. Those men of the Light Horse in confinement are ordered to be discharged, being forgiven by the commanding officer in consequence of their having a new commander appointed.

Savannah, 25th Oct., 1777.

Dr. Sir: My letter to you pr. Colo. Habersham respecting the application of the Tories to go to St. Augustine, I should be glad to have an answer to as soon as possible. The bearer of this is Major Pannell of my regt. who is under arrest on account of the affair with the Indian Ambassadors. I have no doubt he will easily convince you of his innocence in that matter. I expect by this that Capt. Dooly is taken; we have no late intelligence from the so'ward, nor any worth relating; the Troops of this State are at present so scattered that I cant obtain accurate returns to send you. I am, dr sir,

Yours, &c.,

S. E.

Gen. Howe.

Headquarters, 29th Oct., 1777.

Parole-Clay.

A court of enquiry to sit to-morrow to inquire into the conduct of Lieut. Robinson & Lieut. Cannon, both of the Light Horse and under arrest, the first for ordering his men to quit Fort Howe without authority & the latter as being the officer next in command when the party near Fort Howe was defeated, the Brigade Major is to order a proportion of officers from the Light Horse as the articles of war directs, to sit on the above inquiry.

Headquarters, Savannah, 31st Oct., 1777.

Parole-Roberts.

The court of enquiry ordered to sit on Lieuts. Robinson & Cannon report as their opinion that Lieut. Robinson is guilty of what was laid to his charge & that Lieut. Cannon not being commanding officer at the time of the defeat near Fort Howe & of course not answerable for the conduct of Lieut. Anderson who then commanded, & since deceased, report as their opinion that he should be discharged; the commanding officer concurring in the above matter orders Lieut. Cannon be discharged from his arrest & that he do immediately Join his regt. but at the same time takes this

opportunity of reminding the officers under his command, that he is determined to make examples of any who may be remiss in their duty, particularly that of misbehavior before an enemy. A general court-martial to sit to-morrow for the trial of Lieut. Robinson who are likewise to proceed to the trial of all soldiers now in confinement whose crimes are cognizable by them. Major Roberts, president of the court.

Such men of the fourth regiment who are in town & fit for duty are ordered to march to the southward & join those of the second regt. now on duty there, where Colo. Hovinden, as soon as his indisposition will permit, is to repair and take on him the command.

Headquarters, Savannah, 3d Nov., 1777.

Parole-Laurens.

Those who have not yet paid a proper attention to the orders of the 13th Oct. are ordered to do so immediately, as a further neglect will be deemed a disobedience of orders and examples made accordingly; exact & accurate muster rolls with every man's name of the troops in the Continental service of this State are ordered to be immediately given to Major Demere, deputy clothier general, in order that he may be enabled to ascertain the exact quantity of clothing necessary to be provided for them as the season is far advanced & the troops in general very bare of clothes; it is to be hoped that supineness which too generally prevails among the officers in this state will be thrown off and that this order will not be treated with the same indifference & neglect as all hitherto offered have been. Lieut Sarceday of the first regiment ordered under arrest by the commanding officer for being absent from his guard having acknowledged his fault & promised better & more strict duty in future, and it having been represented that he is by far more regular & attentive to duty than many other officers in the service, he is ordered to be released from his arrest & to join his regiment; the parties sent to Thunderbolt & Caustons Bluff are to be ordered in directly as the firing heard yesterday was on board a French Snow at Tybee. The general court-martial of which Major Roberts was president is approved & dissolved. Thomas Wainwright, Timothy Duffield & Andrew Watson of the first regiment being under sentence of death for desertion are ordered to be kept in irons & a strict guard over them. Nicholas Williams to be released as it appears he was deceived by Wainwright, the corporal, who told him he was going on duty. Jeramiah McCarty of the third regt, is ordered to receive fifty lashes on the bare back & be drummed out of the service agreeable to his sentence this afternoon on the general

parade. Thos. Hodge of the second regt. to be then reprimanded & released.

Headquarters, Savannah, 5th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Stirk.

A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning for the trial of all prisoners in the guard house whose crimes are cognizable by them, Colo. Harris, president. In future the officer who mounts the guard is ordered to do it in the full uniform of the corps he belongs to, with either a sash or gorget on or both if they have them, the sash to be worn round the waist. Those officers who may have occasion to wait on the commanding officer are to appear in their uniform with side arms, and as great injury is like to be done the service by officers carrying fuses which in action they are too apt to make use of and by that means neglect the men who they are appointed to command, all the officers of the foot regiments, except the rifle grenadier or Light Infantry companies, are ordered to carry espontoons in their stead; commanding officers of regiments are to see this order immediately carried into execution.

Headquarters, Savh., 7th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Washington.

The general court-martial of which Colo. Harris was president is approved and dissolved. Benj. Joyner & David Bizzle of the Light Horse, sentenced to receive one hundd. lashes each, being interceded for by their officers & promising better behavior in future are forgiven by the commanding officer & ordered to be released. Hugh Bell is to be reprimanded by his commanding officer & released likewise. At the request of the gentlemen a court of enquiry to sit immediately to enquire into the conduct of Capt. John Dooly & Lieut. Bilbo of the Light Horse & Lieut. Booker of the third regt. concerning an assault on the Indian Ambassadors at Mr. Galphins for which they were ordered under arrest by General Howe. Major Roberts instead of Colo. Hovinden, who continues very ill, is to take on him the command to the southward; all the second regiment now in town fit for duty are ordered to march to Fort Howe on the Altamaha directly.

Headquarters, Savannah, 8th, No

Parole-Lee.

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Sen'r. Esq., is appointed b Continental Troops for the town & district of Savannah till further orders.

Savannah, 9th Novemb., 1777.

Dr. General: Inclosed are some papers respect

Orders to Ensign Geter.

Headquarters, Savannah, 10th Nov., 1777.

Agreeable to a request from his Honor Governor Treutlen you are ordered to march with the party under your command with Mr. Andrew Moore and to assist him in bringing to Savannah, such property as he may commit to your charge; take care in executing this business that no person is ill treated or in the least insulted by the soldiers, your duty being to guard what is delivered to your care; when Mr. Moore has done his business you are to return, & not before.

Your very humb. servt.,
S. ELBERT, Comg. Officer.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Gates.

The account being confirmed that our great & worthy General Gates at the head of an army of free born Americans has obliged the accomplished General Burgoyne with upwards of five thousand British troops to lay down their arms & surrender themselves pri-

soners of war, the commanding officer takes this method of making it known to the army & of congratulating them on the happy event & orders all the Continentals in town under arms precisely at four o'clock this afternoon with six rounds of powder pr. man in order to fire a feu de joye.

Savannah, 17th Novemr., 1777.

Dear Sir: Capt Dooly with Lieuts. Booker & Bilbo wait on you with this, which covers the report of a court of inquiry, respecting the matter for which you ordered them under arrest. I will be obliged to you to release them as soon as possible, as we are scarce of officers. I am just informed that a flag of truce is arrived at Sunbury, the particulars I know not, and am, Dear Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

(Signed) SAMUEL ELBERT.

To Brig. Gen. Howe.

Savannah, 17th Nov., 1777.

Dear Sir: Mr Milton has this minute delivered me two letters for you and one for Governor Rutledge, brought by a flag of truce to Sunbury, with which he came. There being no letter for the commanding officer here, I judged it my duty to send Capt. Handley express to you; and will be glad to have your particular instructions how I am to conduct myself with respect to the exchange of prisoners. No doubt your answer to the letters sent will be sufficient, and that there will be no necessity for my writing any thing by return of the officer who came with the prisoners, who will be detained at Sunbury 'til I hear from you, which I beg may be directly. I am, dr. sir,

Yr. most obedt servt.,

(Signed) SAML. ELBERT.

General Howe.

Headquarters, Savannah, 17th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Arnold.

Major McIntosh & Lieut. Scrimger of the first regiment having amicably settled the matter in dispute between them, they are relieved from their arrest and ordered to join the regiment. A general court-martial to sit to-morrow for the trial of all prisoners in the guard house whose crimes are cognizable by them, Lieut Colo. Stirk president; Major Pannell having acquitted himself with honor of the charge brought against him of being concerned in an insult

on the Indian Ambassadors, the commanding officer has recd. orders from Genl. Howe to make the same known to the army; the unhappy men under sentence of death for deserting & attempting to go to the enemy are to be shot on the forenoon of Thursday next, on which occasion every Continental soldier in town is to be under arms, these orders to be immediately made known & a copy of them served on the unfortunate victims whose lot it is to be the example, by which it is hoped pernicious practice which has so long prevailed in the army may be put a stop to, namely, that scandalous & unmanly crime of desertion.

Headquarters, Savannah, 20th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Lincoln.

It having been determined by the opinion of a council of field officers that one of the unfortunate men ordered to be executed to-day should suffer & the other two pardoned in hopes of future good behavior and the council being at a loss to determine who deserve to be made an example of agreed to fix it by lot, which they did accordingly, and it fell on Timothy Doffield who is to receive his sentence immediately and after that, this order to be read to the other two who are reprieved till the opinion of congress be had thereon, and who are to be remanded to the guard house accordingly; the general court-martial of which Colo. Stirk was president, is approved and dissolved.

Headquarters, 25th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Vanderhorst.

All the troops to be under arms and the different corps drawn up on their own parades at four o'clock this afternoon when an officer appointed for the purpose will attend to hear the rolls called over. A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning for the trial of Lieuts. Robinson & Pope of the Light Horse, and any prisoners in the guard house whose crimes are cognizable by them, Lt. Colo. Harris, president.

Headquarters, Savannah, 26th November, 1777.

Parole-Walton.

The commissary's general of purchases and issues are ordered immediately to have magazines of all kinds of provisions for the army stored at Savannah, Sunbury & Augusta, and, as the season for curing beef is pretty far advanced, their particular exertions at

this time is the more necessary. The commanding officer will take care to have proper guards at each of the above places agreeable to resolve of Congress. The general court-martial of which Lt. Colo. Harris was president is approved and dissolved. Lts. Robinson & Pope having applied for leave to resign their commissions, the commanding officer through tenderness to those gentlemen grants their request, but at the same time begs leave to represent to the gentlemen of the army that this indulgence will not always be granted when officers subject themselves to the decision of a court-martial, as he is determined to make examples of those who may be fit subjects. Sergt. Clark & Corporal Dawson, of the second regiment, sentenced to receive each one hundred lashes on the bare back & to be reduced to private sentinels for desertion, has the last part of the sentence confirmed, and as it appears that they were returning of their own accord the corporal punishment is remitted in hopes of future good behavior.

Savannah, 27th November, 1777.

Sir: Postscript to the undermentioned letter. On inquiry I find that John Aaron was concerned with his mother above mentioned, & is also considered as a felon.

I have the honor to send you, by return of the flag, such prisoners of yours as are with us, of whom the inclosed is an exact list, with the ranks they bear. I am instructed by General Howe to observe to you, that a certain George Aaron being a felon is by no means amenable to exchange. I am with the greatest respect, Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT, Commg. Officer, of the Continental Troops in Georgia.
General Provost.

Headquarters, Savh., 30th Nov., 1777.

Parole-Green.

All the men of Colo. Marbury's Light Dragoons now in town fit for duty are ordered to march to-morrow for the post on Ogeechee near Mr. Belchers when they are to relieve the detachment of the 3d regt. now on duty there who are immediately to march to headquarters.

The commanding officers of each regiment & corps in the state are to give orders to have one hundred rounds of cartridges with ball made up for each man under their command and packed in handy portable chests, as there is the greatest reason to imagine that the troops will soon be called into action.

Headquarters, Savannah, 3d Dec., 1777.

Parole-Conway.

The commanding officer being informed that a riot is intended in town to-night orders that at tattoo-beat the main guard be reinforced with a Capt., and twenty men with a Sergt., who are to keep patrols in the streets & to take up any persons who may be disturbing the peace of the inhabitants and confine them in the guard house. Capt. Puisang who keeps a store in Capt. Chevalier's house complains that he is afraid of being insulted by a mob. The officer of the guard is ordered to place a sentinel at his door with directions to prevent anything of the kind & with orders to apply to the main guard for assistance if necessary.

Headquarters, Savannah, 4th Dec., 1777.

Parole-Howe.

All of the first & second regiments in town fit for duty are to be in readiness to march to-morrow forenoon with three days' provisions & fifty rounds ammunition pr. man. Colo. Habersham who will take command of this party is to receive his orders from the commanding officer. Some of the inhabitants make complaint that they are threatened by the soldiers in such a manner that they are afraid of their lives. The officers are ordered to make strict inquiry and send to the guard house any who they find to be the authors of such unmanly & unsoldierlike threats, and the officer of the main guard is strictly ordered to confine any soldier found in the streets or out of their barracks after tattoo-beat.

Savannah, 5th Dec., 1777.

Dr. Sir: You are to march immediately with the detachment under your command and take the shortest route to great Ogeechee which you are to cross either at Fort Arguile or higher up, so as to get into the fork between that river & Coonuchie when you are either by bribes, threats or otherwise to try if possible & get information of the Florida Scout who I have intelligence are in small parties collecting cattle up Ogeechee; when this is obtained your prudence will dictate to you the best method to pursue in counter-acting them, it will be necessary that the route you take be a secret, at least till you cross that river & in order to effect this, take with you any person you meet who you suspect would betray your situation; hire or impress guides or horses as occasion may require; 'tis probable I may order a party from the southward

to march across Coonoochee towards the Ohoopy who may fall in with you, in which case you are both to wear white cockades—the enemy commonly have *red* in their hats—Ambuscades from the enemy is the most you need be on your guard to prevent, your videttes will always give you timely notice, should they attempt to surprise your camp. I have been informed that small bodies of men from So. Carolina frequently pass towards Florida. I look upon those equally our enemies with the others and should be treated accordingly. Let me hear from you any thing which may come to your knowledge or happen that may be of consequence. I wish you success, & am, dr. Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

To Colo. Habersham.

Orders to Captain Defau of the Artillery.

Head qrs., Savannah, 5th Dec., 1777.

You are to proceed immediately to the town of Sunbury in this state, where are a corps of Continental Artillery posted, which you are constantly to be employed in teaching the perfect use of artillery, particularly in the field. Both officers and men are hereby strictly ordered to attend on you for the above purpose, at such times, and in such places as you may direct; and the commanding officer of the troops in that place, on your showing him these orders, will furnish men to do the necessary duty in town & Fort so that there will be nothing to prevent Capt. Morris, with his company, from being perfected in the business for which they were raised. Such pieces of artillery, as you approve of, have mounted on field carriages; and for this purpose, you are empowered to employ the necessary workmen, and procure materials. Your drafts on me, for every necessary expense, accompanying the vouchers, will be duly honored. I am, sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

(Signed) S. ELBERT, Col. Commdg.

Savannah, the 5th December, 1777.

Dear Sir: Inclosed is a copy of a letter just received from Lt. Colo. Hovenden. As I have received accounts similar to those contained therein, have no doubt of their truth, and would beg leave to recommend that some steps be immediately taken in South Carolina to prevent an intercourse between their back settlements and the thieves of Florida. All in our power will be done in this state

but the river Savannah has so many fording places, that to guard them all would require an army of ten thousand men. Colo. Habersham, with a detachment of his regiment marches this evening to scour the banks of Ogeechee, and I shall to-morrow send express to the officer at the southward, commandg. my regiment to march with a detachment of that corps to St. Illa, and guard the fords of that river, while parties are sent up the Alatomaha; by this disposition, I am in hopes of intercepting some of the villians. With much surprise I am informed that Colo. White's regiment are coming, without arms, to the number of four hundred and fifty. Pray, if possible, procure that number for them, as we have none; the last you sent are very good. I am, dear General,

Yr. most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) S. ELBERT.

To General Howe.

Savannah, 6th Decem., 1777.

Dr. Sir: Lieut. Colo. Hovenden of White's regt. is the bearer of this, who comes to Chas. Town for the purpose of procuring the arms I wrote to you about yesterday which I have no doubt you will be able to furnish him with, but should he be under the necessity of purchasing them, with what pouches & belts are necessary, I will direct our quartermaster General to make the payment.

I send you copy of my letter to General Provost pr. return of the flag with a list of the prisoners received and also of those sent.

The commissioners of our Navy have made application to me for soldiers to man the galleys; this I think I have no authority to comply with as it is quite a separate department, I beg to have your orders respecting it, and am, dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

General Howe.

Savannah, 6th Decemb., 1777.

Dr. Sir: The letter I give you for Genl. Howe, you are to proceed to Chas. Town with, and in case he cant furnish you with the arms for your regt. try if possible & purchase what are necessary, but take care that they are fit for service & with good bayonetts; purchase or have made pouches & belts likewise, and I will give orders to our quarter-master general to make the payment. General Howe will assist you in this matter. If you succeed in procuring the arms and your regt. are not passed, change their route and let them call & take them, but should this not be convenient either hire

wagons or a boat & have them transported here immediately. I am,
dr. sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

Lt. Colo. Hovenden, 4th Battalion.

Headquarters, Savannah, 8th Decemb., 1777.

Parole-Taarling.

A subaltern with a Sergt. & twenty five rank & file of the troops in town to march immediately as a reinforcement to the detachment under Colo. Habersham.

Major Demere, the clothier general, complains that notwithstanding the order of the 3d ulto he is not yet possessed of returns, from some of the corps of the names & time of enlistment of their men, by which means he is much at a loss in procuring & serving out clothing, &c. A want of the common feelings of humanity as well as neglect of duty is what every officer may justly be accused of who are the aggressors, and in case this complaint is renewed, the commanding officer flatters himself that he cant be thought to act with too much rigor if he directs that those officers who pay so little respect to his orders be put under arrest for trial. Peter Taarling, Esq., being appointed by Congress quarter-master general to the army in this state; he is to be respected and obeyed as such; exact & accurate returns of all military stores in the state, as likewise of camp equipage with wagons & teams, to be immediately made to him, in order that he may be able to make up any deficiencies that might be necessary.

Headquarters, Savannah, 9th Decemb., 1777.

Parole-Colonel Green.

Peter Taarling, Esq., mentioned in orders yesterday as being appointed quarter-master general to the troops in this state, has by resolve of Congress the rank of Colonel in the army.

Colo. William McIntosh having made complaint that a few days since a party of the troops stationed at Daricn crossed to an island on which he has a plantation, and there plundered & brought off with them many articles of his property, the officer commanding to the southward is ordered to make immediate inquiry into this matter and to send to headquarters for trial the perpetrators of an act so disgraceful to the army; nor is this the first cause that gentleman has had for complaint, which he has forbore making in hopes of better treatment. The commanding officer desires it to be made

known to the army that the intent of their being supported in this state is to protect & secure the inhabitants in the quiet & peaceable enjoyment of their property, and as his inclination coincides with his duty to act conformable thereto, he is determined to make severe examples of those under his command who are so lost to the feelings of free men as to act otherwise.

Those unhappy men whose conduct has held them up as enemies to the state will be dealt with as the laws direct, by persons appointed by authority of the civil power, and upon aid of the military may be found necessary, on proper application it will be obtained.

Savannah, the 9th Decemb., 1777.

Dr. Sir: By one of my spies I am informed, that Moore's gang, to the number of about 40 men, are divided in small parties, on Ogeechee, and that they are to carry off with them a Mrs. Love, wife to one of the Scout; and that they are to assemble in a body, some time this week, at their camp on Conoochee, some where about Ranaires and Bowden's place on that river; at both those places are fords, where they constantly pass; the places are about 5 miles asunder. I suppose, at this camp, they have their plunder & herd of cattle. I send you a re-inforcement of a subaltern & twenty five men, and am in hopes you will have the honor of making prisoners of that gang of thieves. Pray leave no stone unturned to find them. Mrs. Habersham is well. I am, dear sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

(Signed) SAML. ELBERT.

To Col. Habersham.

P. S. A canebrake 1-2 a mile above Bowden's place on the south side of Conoochee, is where they did camp.

Headquarters, Savannah, 19th Decemb., 1777.

Parole-Lt. Colo. Smith.

A general court-martial to sit immediately for the trial of all prisoners in charge whose crimes are cognizable by them; Major McIntosh, president. This court-martial, when they have finished the business for which they were convened, are to sit as a court of enquiry on the matter in dispute, between Capt. Smith & Lieut Booker of the 3d regiment; those gentn. being withdrawn from the court.

General Orders, by Major Gen. Howe.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 23rd Decem., 1777.

Parole-Elbert.

The Continental Troops in the State of Georgia are to be formed into one brigade, of which Colonel Samuel Elbert is to be Colonel-Commandant.

The officer who commanded in Georgia, before the arrival of the General, is to report to head qrs. the number of Continental Troops in this State, at what places they are stationed, and what officer commands at each post.

The guard to-morrow is to be increased to forty men, who are to be commanded by a captain and two subalterns; Col. Elbert will determine the number of non-commissioned officers requisite to this guard.

A field officer of the day is to be appointed to-morrow: The eldest field officer in town to act first.

Orderly hours at Headquarters, eleven o'clock in the morning.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 24th Dec., 1777.

Parole-Habersham.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

At this season, when commonly dissipation and disorder too generally prevail, the General expects the officers, of every degree, will exert themselves to prevent every kind of excess among the soldiers, from which confusion, riot and misbehavior are apt to happen, and which always disgrace an army, when they do. He enjoins the soldiers to behave with propriety and decorum, as any misconduct will meet with punishment. Officers of companies are to take care that their men are made acquainted with this order.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 25th Decemr., 1777.

Parole-Georgia.

Field officer of the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Harris.

Nicholas Eveleigh, Esq., is appointed Deputy Adjutant General for the states of So. Carolina and Georgia, with the rank of Colonel, and is to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

John Fauchereaud Grimke, Esq., is Aid de Camp to Major General Howe, with the rank of Major, and is to be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Officers of guard are, upon no pretence whatever, to quit their guards.

The Magazine Guard is to consist of one subaltern officer, one sergeant & 13 rank & file. The Spring Guard of one sergeant & 7 privates These are to be detached from, and dependent upon the Main Guard.

The loose, disorderly manner, in which reliefs of guards march up; the awkwardness of the sentries, in the most common movements of their firelocks; the ignorance of sergeants & corporals in their duty, and the general want of discipline, but too observable in the men, are circumstances of anxiety and surprise to the General. It is painful to him to add, but, however painful, it is time, that he has, as yet, hardly met with one soldier, who has treated him with a proper resp. The relief of guard yesterday was performed in so loose and disorderly a manner as to impress him with inexpressible concern; and what enhanced his mortification was, that he did not observe one officer of the guard exerting himself to correct the mistakes of the men. The motions of the feet, of all others so essential for a soldier to be instructed in, as every thing depends upon proper movements, seem entirely unknown to most of the soldiers he has met with; they walk indeed, but do not march. Not willing to suppose that officers are either ignorant of the mere commonplace duties or negligent in the execution of them, the General will not attempt to inquire to what these dreadful details are owing, but exert himself to correct them. He calls upon officers, of all ranks, to second him in his efforts to effect this important purpose and wishes them to consider, that their own honor, the honor of the army, the safety of their country, and the support of the common cause depend upon it.

Capt. John Habersham is to do the duty of Brigade-Major, until further orders.

The General, desirous that every officer in camp should be acquainted with the orders of this day, requests that Major Habersham will take the trouble of showing them to the officers.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 26th Decr., 1777.

Parole-Walton.

Field officer of the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

Officers of companies are punctually to attend roll-call. They are to have the men of their companies frequently taken out and drill'd; not merely to order, but to see, that it is done.

The Sergeants are every day to take out those men, who do not understand the manual exercise, in small squads, and ——them. This is to be carefully and diligently performed.

Majors, Adjutants and all commissioned and non-commissioned officers of companies are to exert themselves to train and discipline the men in exercise and manœuvres. And as teaching the men to march with propriety is of capital consequence, it ought to claim the particular attention of every officer.

All Sergeants found ignorant of their duty, and not exerting themselves to learn it, will certainly be reduced to the ranks.

It behoves every officer to be careful in making himself acquainted with both daily and standing orders, as ignorance of orders will not at headquarters be received as an excuse for the non-observance of them.

If the men are not punctually made acquainted with all orders relative to them, commissioned and non-commissioned officers of companies will be blamed for it.

N. EVELEIGH, Dep Adj. Gen., Southn. Depart.

Head qrs, Savannah, the 27th Decemr., 1777.

Parole-Screven.

Field Officer of the day to-morrow, Col. Habersham.

Commanding officers of brigades are, without fail, from time to time, to have all orders that tend to the general regulation of the army transmitted to the several divisions of the brigade.

Adjutants of battalions are to warn the officers and men of their corps the day before their tour of duty comes on, that they may be properly prepared for it.

The General desires to see the Orderly books of all the officers in town. They are therefore to be left at headquarters by 10 o'clock in the morning.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 28th Decr., 1777.

Parole-Marbury.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

William Massey, Esq., is appointed Deputy Muster Master General for the states of Georgia & South Carolina, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel; he is therefore to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

All officers coming into town are immediately to repair to headquarters, and if the General is from home, leave their names and the place where they may be found in writing.

Reports of guards are, til further orders, to be made to the commanding officer of the brigade, who will report to headquarters such particulars as require it.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 29th Decr., 1777.

Parole-Harris.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

Col. Elbert will order, as immediately as possible, an exact return of the military stores in the State of Georgia, to be laid before the General.

The General being informed that, within these few nights, a deserter of the South Carolina Continental Troops has escaped from the Magazine Guard; Col. Elbert is to order a brigade court of inquiry to sit to inquire into the conduct of the officer commanding the guard, when the escape was made; they are also to inquire what soldiers were acting as sentinels when it happened, and report their proceedings to headquarters, that a court-martial may be ordered should it be necessary. A field officer to be president of the court of inquiry.

Brigade Orders.

Savannah, 29th Decemb., 1777.

Exact and accurate returns of all the military stores in the State are to be immediately made to his Excellency, Major General Howe.

A court of inquiry to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Ensign Brown who commanded the Magazine Guard when a prisoner belonging to the Continental Troops of So. Carolina made his escape from them, as also what soldiers were doing the duty of sentinels when it happened. They are likewise to inquire into the conduct of Lieut. Morrison, ordered under arrest by the Colo. Commandant for disobedience of orders, and Lt. Booker, arrested by Major Roberts for gaming; they are to report their proceedings to headquarters. Colo. Habersham president of this court.

By order of the Colonel-Commandant,

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. Major.

Savannah, the 29th Decemr., 1777.

Dear Sir: As our military chest is not yet arrived, Gen. Howe furnishes you with a letter of credit on South Carolina for two thousand pounds sterling, and desires that I may put you in mind

that you are to purchase no arms but such as are properly proved. Inform Col. White that his regiment is by no means to stop in South Carolina, and that he is positively ordered not to march his men into Charles Town or suffer any of them to enter it. I expect to see you here with all possible dispatch, and am, dr. sir,

Yr. most obedt servt.

(Signed) S. ELBERT.

P. S. The letter of credit is on Mr. Dorsius, Continental Agent. To Lt. Col. Hovenden.

Brigade Orders.

Savannah, 30th Decr., 1777.

The Deputy Muster Master General will attend precisely at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon to muster the first battalion, at which hour they are to be drawn upon Johnson Square for the purpose. Pains must be taken to make the men appear well under arms. At retreat beat a detachment from the third battalion are to relieve all those of the first who are on guard in order that the officers & men may have time to prepare themselves. On Thursday the third battalion are to be mustered in like manner in order to which they are to be relieved by the first battalion as above.

By order of the Col. Commang.,

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. M.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 30th Decemr., 1777.

Parole-Independence.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is, as immediately as possible, to provide barracks for Col. White's Battalion, which is expected in a few days; when they are procured, the chimneys are to be swept and the houses well air'd.

The Deputy Adjutant-General will attend the relief of guard, and establish the proper form requisite to this duty; he is also to appoint some convenient place, at which all commissioned officers of battalions, who are in town, from the rank of captain downward, are to attend to be examined, and if necessary to be instructed in discipline. The General places the greatest reliance upon the exertions of the officers in obtaining that knowledge of their duty upon which the very existence of the army so essentially depends.

Regimental Adjutants are every day to take out the sergeants of their several regiments, and have them regularly drill'd, and to instruct them in every particular of their duty; this is to be continued til further orders. If there are not Adjutants in town to every corps the Adjutants present are to train the sergeants to those corps who are without an Adjutant.

The Deputy Quarter-Master General is to exert himself to remove the just cause of complaint that exists for want of wood, which, in this inclement season, cannot be dispensed with.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 31st Decemr., 1777.

Parole-Houstoun.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Rae.

Col. Elbert will report to headquarters what number of new arms have been served out, and in what manner they have been distributed.

The soldiers appearing in the manner they do, with flapp'd hats, in any place (but more especially when on duty) is slovenly and unsoldierly. Hats, however ordinary, may surely be cocked. Do officers of companies take no pride in the appearance of their men, or can they possibly conceive that their credit is not concerned in it? Every want of attention to the men is displeasing to the General. A soldierly appearance in troops renders them respectable to their fellow citizens, and formidable to their enemies. All officers are therefore enjoined, but more particularly the officers of companies, to be attentive in endeavoring to make their men appear as decent and soldierlike as possible.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 1st January, 1778.

Parole-Jones.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

All guards are to turn out to the Governor of the State, Commander in chief of the army, Brigadiers General, Commandants of Brigade, and Field Officers of the day. The Governor and General, or Commander in chief for the time being, to be received with rested firelocks; Brigadiers General, Commandants of Brigades, and Field Officers of the day with shouldered arms. Sentries are to rest their firelocks to all Field Officers, and to carry their arms to all officers of lower rank.

Col. Elbert will appoint some badge to be worn by the Field Officer of the day, that guards may distinguish him.

The General hopes to see the guards turn out with more alertness than he has yet observed, and all officers of guards are to take notice that a rest from an order is no compliment.

The General has under consideration the report of the court of inquiry.

Officers of guards are enjoined to take particular care that the wood brought for the use of the guards is not wasted or embezzel'd.

Henry Leit, Corporal in the first battn. confined for the loose, disorderly manner in which he relieved the sentries, is, at the intercession of Major Habersham, released from confinement. No future negligence of this sort, either in him or others, will be excused.

Brigade Orders.

Head qrs., 1st January, 1778.

Capt. Young's company of artillery will be mustered to-morrow at Tybee by Lt. Colo. Massey, Deputy Muster-Master General.

Agreeable to general orders to-day the Colonel-Commandant fixes a mark of distinction to the Field Officer of the day, the wearing his sash over the left shoulder; all other officers on duty to wear their sashes as ordered the 5th November last.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 2nd Jany., 1778.

Parole-Martin.

For the day to-morrow, Colonel Screven.

Officers absenting themselves from town, without leave, will in future, be made the subject of court-martial.

It has already been said that ignorance of orders will not, at headquarters, be received as an excuse for the non-observance of them. There are standing orders that have not been complied with. It behooves officers to make themselves acquainted with them, and to obey them. A punctual observance of orders is expected, and will most certainly be exacted.

The General intends very shortly to form the commissioned officers of companies into squads, and to review them. This he intends to do at every post he visits. It is therefore necessary that the Commandant of the Brigade transmit a copy of this order to the different divisions of his Brigade by the first opportunity, that the officers may be apprised of it. The General flatters himself that those officers who have not yet made themselves perfectly acquainted with their duty will exert themselves to effect it as soon as possible. Sergeants and Corporals will also be received and examined; those found ignorant of their duty will certainly be reduced.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 3d Jany., 1778.

Parole-Stirk.

For the day to-morrow, Colonel Habersham.

William Mathews, Esq., is appointed assistant Muster-Master General for the State of Georgia, with the rank of Captain; he is therefore to be respected & obeyed as such.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 4th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Screven.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Col. Rae.

The first Continental Battalion in this State will, in a few days, be ordered to march to Ebenezer, where they will for some time be posted, they are therefore to prepare accordingly.

Officers of companies are frequently to visit the houses where their men are quartered; they are to be careful that the soldiers do no damage to the buildings, and the men are forbid, under pain of severe punishment, doing any injury to the buildings, or other property of the inhabitants, where they may be quartered.

Surgeons of regiments are to report once a week, to headquarters, the number of sick they have in charge, the nature of the disorders with which they are afflicted and the time of their confinement; and when they are fit to return to their duty, they are immediately to notify it to the Commandant of the Brigade.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 5th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Wereat.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

The Deputy Quarter-Master General will provide horses and furniture sufficient to mount a detachment of ten men; the horses are to be ready by to-morrow evening. The chimneys at the General's quarters are to be swept to-day; the Deputy Quarter-Master General is to order it to be done.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 5th Jany., 1778.

A Brigade court of inquiry to sit immediately, to inquire into the conduct of Ensign Walton of the 3d Battalion, who commanded the Magazine Guard on the night of the 3d instant, when two prisoners made their escape therefrom; Lt. Col. Marbury, president, with four commissd. officers, are to compose this court; they are to report their proceedings to headquarters.

By order of the Col. Commandt.

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. Major.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 6th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Telfair.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The detachment of ten men, mentioned in the order yesterday, it to be commanded by a commissioned officer. The men are to be furnished 18 rounds, and will march early on Thursday morning.

The Deputy Quarter-Master General is to procure, as soon as possible, 500 reams of cartridge paper—the paper used for sheathing vessels will answer, if no proper cartridge paper is to be had; also to purchase immediately, or have made, twenty pair of handcuffs.

(HERE ONE SHEET OF MANUSCRIPT IS TORN OUT.)

Headquarters, Savannah, the 7th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Houstoun.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Smith.

The frequent escape of prisoners from the guards is a circumstance of surprise, anxiety, and displeasure to the General. Do officers ever quit their guards, or do they suffer themselves to sleep upon them? Do they consider the dignity and importance of their office while on guard; that every officer and soldier of the army, relying upon their firmness and vigilance, rest in security, absolutely depending upon them, as the guardians of their safety and honor? Do they consider that the least inattention to duty, or deviation from it, is a great abuse of this generous confidence; that a guard should be a sacred depository where every thing that is committed to its charge should be found when call'd for; and that as it is hardly possible for prisoners to escape without negligence or design in some part of the guard, an officer's reputation can hardly escape a wound, when ever it happens; that therefore it is absolutely incumbent upon officers not only to exert themselves to the utmost to prevent such disgraceful accidents for the future, but to impress upon the men of their guard such a sense of duty and discipline as will induce them to be vigilant and alert, upon which the good of the service essentially depends?

As cleanliness is essential to the health of an army, officers of companies are to be careful that the men of their companies keep their barracks clean; and as accidents from fire are, of all others, the most dreadful; and as they too frequently happen from foul chimneys, they are, without fail, to make the men sweep the chimneys of their barracks at least once a fortnight.

The guards, to-morrow, are to be arranged in the following manner. Both the Main & Magazine Guard to be commanded by a subaltern officer. The Magazine Guard to consist of the same number as at present, but to be independent of the Main Guard, and therefore to report separately. The Spring Guard is to continue dependent upon the Main Guard, and a captain is to act as officer of the day.

Lieut. Morrison, of the first battn., is released from his arrest, the court having reported in his favor.

All the officers in town, except those of the Guards, are desired to meet the General, at headquarters, at half past one o'clock; it is expected they will punctually attend.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 8th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Taarling.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Scott.

The sentries are to be continued at headquarters as usual.

Officers of guards will take care to give them, every day, strict orders to be attentive and alert.

The General observes, with pleasure, that the men begin to improve in discipline. He leaves the camp to-day, and hopes, at his return, to find them still more advanced. He expects of the officers the strictest attention to duty, and that they will, by every effort in their power, endeavor to improve both the soldiers & themselves in that discipline, upon which so much depends.

The command devolves upon Colonel Habersham, until the return of the General, or some officer superior in rank to the Colonel.

Orders by Col. Habersham, Comandg. Officer in Savannah.

Savannah, the 10th January, 1778.

Parole-Glen.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Smith.

Colonel Habersham was much surprised to observe that none of the troops were under arms the night the alarm was given. Officers, instead of running to the fire, should have immediately repaired to their respective alarm posts and got their men under arms ready either to have opposed the enemy, or to have given the inhabitants every assistance as they could not tell, when they were first call'd out, for what occasion it was. Such remissness of duty reflects highly on the army; and every officer, for his own credit, should endeavor to avoid it in future.

The Colonel was informed that the officers of the Main Guard, on the night the fire happened, permitted some other officers to commit the greatest irregularities in the guard house. He will make further inquiry into it, and, if he finds his information true, is determined to make an example of the officer who commanded the guard.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Sunbury, the 13th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Stirk.

All officers, at this post, are to deliver their Orderly books to Brigade Major Habersham, at five o'clock this afternoon, for the General's inspection.

The Deputy Commissary of Purchases is to report to the General to-morrow morning the provisions he has now on hand, the places at which it is stored, also the quantity he has contracted for, particularizing each sort, the persons with whom he has contracted, the price he is to give, and at what time and in what manner the provision is to be delivered.

The health of the soldiery is of the highest consideration to the General and should ever claim his particular attention. And as it essentially depends upon the provisions they are supplied with, their method of dressing it; also upon their keeping their barracks clean and comfortable, and indeed upon cleanliness in general, officers, of ever degree (but more especially officers of companies) are, by constant care and frequent inspection, to prevent or correct any errors in these particulars; And it is expected that no officer, however high in rank, will think himself exempt from a duty which humanity and the good of the common cause make incumbent upon all.

The Adjutant will take care that every officer in camp sees this order immediately.

Savannah, the 13th January, 1778.

Sir: James Rae, Esq., Commissary General, represents to me that the difficulty he labors under in procuring money from the treasury is such as will put it out of his power any longer to furnish the troops with provisions, unless speedily remedied. Give me leave to request that you will immediately take such steps as appear necessary in this matter. I have the honor to be with much respect, sir,

Yr. most obedient servant.

(Signed) S. ELBERT.

His Honor John Houstoun, Esq., Governor & Ca.

Savannah, the 14th January, 1778.

Parole-White.

Orders by the Col. Commandant of the Brigade, Commanding at Savannah,

A court of inquiry to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Young of the Artillery, respecting a complaint lodged against him by Capt. De. St. Marie: The court to consist of six commissioned officers & Lt. Colo. Harris President.

Orders by the Col. Commandant of the Brigade, Commandg. at Savannah.

Savannah, the 16th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Howe.

All the troops in town, consisting of the 1st, 3d & 4th battalions to be drawn up at three o'clock this afternoon on the square fronting the General's quarters, with their left to Mr. Sheftall's house, and their right extending towards the court house, when they will be reviewed by Major General Howe; after which thirteen rounds of cannon to be fired from two field pieces, to be drawn up on the right and left for the purpose, under the direction of Major Romans.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Sunbury, the 16th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Virginia.

Doctor Alexander Harvey is, till further orders, to act as surgeon to the detachments which are or may be stationed in Sunbury; and also to those troops occupying the outposts to the southward.

The General leaves Sunbury to-day. The command, until the arrival of some superior officer, devolves upon Captain Morris.

Complaints have been made to the General that some of the soldiers have injured the buildings in town; and his own observation convinces him that these complaints are but too well founded. Actions like these disgrace an army, and render it hateful. Any soldier who either offers insult or does injury to the persons or property of the inhabitants, will be punished in the severest manner. And officers of every degree are enjoined to exert themselves to prevent such enormities for the future, if possible, or to detect those who may commit them, that they may receive that punishment which such actions so richly deserve. Officers of companies are to take particular care that their men are made acquainted with this order.

Savannah, the 17th January, 1778.

Parole-Hovenden.

Orders by the Col. Commandant, commanding in town.

As General Howe will certainly be in town this afternoon, the orders of yesterday to be observed. Exact returns of the strength of each corps to be immediately made to the commanding officer.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 18th Jany., 1778.

Parole-White.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

The fourth Continental Battalion will be reviewed on Tuesday. Col. White will appoint the parade, and report the place fixed upon to headquarters; the time eleven o'clock in the morning.

All Officer's Orderly books are to be left at the General's quarters by four o'clock this afternoon, for his inspection.

Col. Hovenden will report to the General the number of arms he purchased for the Continental service, the price he gave for them, and the names of the persons of who they were bought.

The guard to-morrow is to be increased to the same number as before the General left the town, and is to be arranged in the same manner. A Field Officer is to be named as officer of the day.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 19th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Eustace.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

The Deputy Commissary General of Purchases or, in his absence, his assistant commissary, is as immediately as possible to purchase a large quantity of wheat flour and indian meal, for the use of the army.

Surgeons of regiments have been negligent in not reporting the sick men they have in charge, agreeable to a standing order relative thereto: It is advisable for them to refer to the order, and, in future, punctually to comply with it.

The Deputy Quarter-Master General will immediately order two sentry boxes to be placed at the Governor's door; he is also to order twenty new ones to be made.

Colonels of battalions are to report to the General the vacancies in their several corps and no application is to be made for commissions but thro' the commander in chief in the State for the time being.

Brigade Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 19th January, 1778.

A court of inquiry to be held immediately, to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Andrew Jeter of the 3d battalion, arrested by order of the Colonel Commandant, for disobedience of order; a captain, as president, and four other commissioned officers to compose this court.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 20th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Assembly.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

An orderly sergeant from each corps in town is every day to attend on the General.

Each battalion is to be furnished with an ammunition wagon. The Deputy Quarter-Master General is to have them made; he will consult the colonels of battalions as to the form of them, which, when agreed upon, he is to report to the General.

Commanding officers of battalions are immediately to report to headquarters the number of ammunition chests they are furnished with, that more may be ordered if necessary.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 21st Jany., 1778.

Parole-Moultrie.

For the day to-morrow, Col. Screven.

The 1st, 2d, 3d & 4th battalions (Continental) in this State are to be furnished with camp colors, two to each company will be requisite. The field of those for the 1st battalion is to be blue, the insertions yellow. Those of the 2d white, the insertions blue. Those of the 3d green, the insertions———. Those of the 4th red, the insertions blue. The Deputy Quarter-Master General is to furnish the materials. He is to receive instructions as to the form of the colors at headquarters.

A general court-martial is to sit to-morrow, at some convenient place, for the trial of Capt. Andrew Jeter, of the 3d Continental Battalion in this State, for disobedience of orders, as reported by a court of inquiry. This court is to consist of one field officer as president, & 12 other officers of lower rank, to be taken from the several corps in town, according to detail. Major Habersham is to furnish the court with evidence.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 22nd Jany., 1778.

Parole-Sunbury.

For the day to-morrow, Colonel Habersham.

The General waits with impatience for a return of the vacancies in the different battalions.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 23rd Jany., 1777.

Parole-Pinckney.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. Rae.

Commanding officers of companies are to report to the commanding officers of their corps the exact state of their arms and accoutrements with which their men are furnished; they are to make it known to the men that any arms or accoutrements lost or injured otherwise than in course of service or inevitable accident, will be replaced or repaired by stoppages from their pay; and that beside this, they will most certainly be punished. Officers of companies will be attentive to carry this order into execution, whenever necessary, or they may depend on being themselves made answerable for the loss or repair of arms or accoutrements.

When commanding officers of companies are, by permission or otherwise, removed from their companies, they are immediately to report to the commanding officer of the regiment, for the time being, the exact state of the arms when they were appointed to, and when they left the company, or the officer succeeding to it may be made answerable, should occasion require it.

Commanding officers of regiments, for the time being, are to take certificates from the officers of the companies for the arms with which they have been served, which, with the reports directed to be made by their orders, are to be carefully filed, that they may be referred to occasionally, or if entered into books, kept on purpose, it would be better.

Brigade Orders.

Savannah, the 23rd January, 1778.

The Brigade Major complains that many officers of the 1st & 3d Battalions have neglected to obey his orders, especially for the purpose of parading and disciplining the men and attending roll-

calling, at the hours fixed by him, agreeable to order of the 8th November last. Any hereafter who are guilty of the above offence may depend on being treated as they deserve.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 24th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Motte.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

The general court-martial ordered to sit for the trial of Capt. Andrew Jeter, of the 3d Battn., arrested for disobedience of orders, having sat accordingly, Capt. Jeter appeared before them and pleaded guilty. The court, after the examination of some witnesses, passed the following sentence "that the said Capt. Jeter be immediately cashiered." The General approves and ratifies the sentence. He is therefore no longer to be respected as a Continental Officer.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 25th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Huger.

For the day to-morrow—————

The General is concerned that he is again obliged to call upon commanding officers of battalions for a report of vacancies in their several corps, a repetition of orders being exceedingly disagreeable to him. Those, however, who have not yet complied with the former orders, are immediately to do it, and it is expected that they will assign a reason for their noncompliance, in writing, at the foot of their report.

Six men are to be added to the Magazine Guard next Tuesday, when the fourth battalion will furnish their quota of officers and men for duty. The Brigade Major will warn them according to detail.

The sentries at the Governor's door are on Tuesday to be relieved from the Magazine Guard, and continue to be extended from that guard until further orders.

The general court-martial that sat on the trial of Capt. Jeter are to sit to-morrow morning.

Headquarters, Savannah, 26th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Discipline.

For the day to-morrow—————

Savannah, the 27th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Howe.

Orders by Col. James Screven, Commandg. at Savannah.

A subaltern and three men are to patrol the streets every two hours after tattoo is beat, and apprehend all disorderly persons they meet with, and every person who cannot give a good account of himself to be conveyed and examined by the commanding officer of the Main Guard, and, if thought necessary, to be secured in the guard house until morning.

If any soldiers are found at tippling houses, they are immediately to be sent to the guard house.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 29th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Eveleigh.

For the day to-morrow, Col. Screven.

Commanding officers of battalions are immediately to cause exact returns of their regimental stores to be made to the Deputy Quarter-Master General, who is, as soon as he receives them, to make out a general return, to be laid before the General.

Commanding officers of companies are immediately to have each man of their company furnished with a former exactly fitted to his gun; and as the calibers may not be equal, commanding officers of battalions are directed to have boxes prepared to deposit cartridges in separate bundles, which, bearing some mark to distinguish to which gun they belong, no mistake, confusion, or delay may happen in serving them out when necessary.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 30th Jany., 1778.

Parole-Cattell.

For the day to-morrow, Col. Habersham.

No officer, for the future, shall enlist any man in the room of any soldier, desirous of being discharged, unless the time for which such soldier enlisted is near expiring, and the person enlisted in this room will enlist during the war or for three years.

Three men are to be added to the Main Guard, to be taken by detachment from the different corps in town immediately; a sentry, at night, is to be fixed at the back of the Governor's house at such

place as he shall direct, one at the back door of the General's quarters, one at the store of the Deputy Clothier General, and one at the store of the Commissary of Issues, and they are to be instructed to be vigilant.

Tattoo, for the future, is to be beat at nine o'clock in the evening, any soldier found out of his quarters after that will be sent to the guard house, and tried by a court-martial.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 31st Jany., 1778.

Parole-Thompson.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colonel Rae.

The proceedings of the general court-martial ordered to try William Simons, of the first battalion, for desertion, is approved of, and the court is dissolved. Col. Habersham will order the sentence of the court to be executed at such time and in such manner as he shall think proper. The sentence of the court is, that the criminal shall receive one hundred lashes on his bare back. The court having reported that Josiah Tewgak, Adam Miers and John Ryan, brought before them, have been guilty of crimes cognizable before a regimental court-martial, the commanding officers of the battalions, to which they belong, will give orders accordingly.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 2d Feby., 1778.

Parole-Motte.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

Commanding officers of battalions are immediately to have bullet moulds made for their several regiments; if the caliber of the guns is equal, two to each regiment, casting four or five bullets on each side will be sufficient, but if there should be a variety of different bores a greater number of moulds will be wanted, in which case they need not be made to cast so many. The regiment they belong to must be marked on each mould.

Lieut. Baugh of the 2d Battalion having resigned his commission, he is no longer to be considered as a Continental officer.

Capt. Smith. }
Lieut. Cole. } For guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 3d Feby., 1778.

Parole-Charles Town.

For the day to-morrow, Col. White.

Necessary houses are to be built at the regimental hospitals. Quarter Masters of regiments are therefore to construct, with workmen to build them immediately.

The order for surgeons of regiments to make weekly returns of the sick under their care, to headquarters, has as yet been complied with but by few, tho' it has been twice repeated. It is once more enjoined, and must be obeyed. The great number of sick soldiers at this healthy time of the year is a circumstance of anxiety to the General; he thinks proper in the most earnest manner to direct that surgeons of regiments pay the strictest attention to the men, and that every possible care be taken of them and as the provisions usually served out may be some times improper for sick people the surgeons of regiments, when this is the case, are to make out in writing, signed with their name, a list of such provisions as may be required, which regimental commissaries, till a proper purveyor is appointed, are to purchase; a regular account of the expense of which is to be kept by the commissaries and the surgeons list of the articles wanted are by them filed that they may refered to if necessary.

After Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 3d Feby., 1778.

John Sutcliffe, Esquire, is appointed assistant Deputy Quarter Master General of the Continental troops, stationed in the State of Georgia, with the rank of captain; he is therefore to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, th. 4th, Feby.

Parole-McIntosh.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Harris.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 5th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Stirk.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Col. Hovenden.

The Commissary of Purchases is immediately to report to headquarters what quantity of salted beef, pork, flour he has contracted for and at what time he can deliver it in Savannah or Sunbury.

After Orders.

Regent. Quarter Masters are to have the chimneys of the barracks and the hospitals of their several regiments swept immediately. They are to be swept regularly once a fortnight and care is to be taken that it is well done. Capt. Nash for guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, th. 6th February, 1778.

Parole-Morgan.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The Col. Commandant of the Continental Brigade in the State of Georgia will make out a genl. return of vacancies in his brigade and send to headquarters. The Brigade Major will deliver him the regimental returns.

Capt. Smith.

Lieut. McKenny.

} For guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 7th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Maxwell.

For the day to-morrow, Col. Screven.

The General desires that commanding officers of battalions would look over their orderly books, and take notice how many reports have been required of them in genl. orders, that have not been made, and compensate for the omission by an immediate compliance with orders.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is to report to headquarters the quantity of musket cartridges, that are made up in future, when any are served out an exact account is to be kept of the number served the battalions, corps or company they were served to and by whose order.

Ensign Pearre for guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 8th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Glen.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Harris.

Lieut. Powell of the fourth battn. having resigned his commission is no longer to be considered as an officer.

Captain Downman for guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 9th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Alatamaha.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Col. Hovenden.

Major Roman is as immediately as possible to put all the field pieces in proper order, that the men may be trained and exercised to the use of them.

The report from the Commissary General of Purchases is expected with impatience. The Commissary General of Issues will also report the provisions, and stores, of every kind he has in hand. Surgeons of regiments are to report what medicines they have in possession, belonging to the army, and give in an estimate of what others are wanted.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 10th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Liberty.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

Regimental Pay-masters are in future to pay the soldiers in person in the presence of one commissioned officer of the company to which the men belong—this order is to be punctually obeyed. Major Roman is to report to the Deputy Quarter Master General the quantity of flannel, necessary for cartridges for the field pieces, also what store of tin should be provided for the use of the artillery in this State; he is to report the articles wanted to put the artillery arrangement in a respectable situation.

The Deputy Commissary General of Purchases is immediately to provide a large quantity of provisions of every sort, in doing which not one moment must be lost, as the season will very soon be too warm properly to cure the necessary provisions.

Commanding officers of battalions are immediately to report to headquarters the number of camp cattles in their regiments, that more may be ordered if necessary.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Morrison.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The carpenters and black smiths wanted to do the work necessary to the artillery are to be draughted from the different corps in town and to take orders from Major Roman. Quarter masters of the regiments are to take care to provide the straw necessary for the hospitals and barracks of the several regiments. The General has been informed they have not had the chimneys in the hospital and barracks swept according to the order issued some time since; if it is not immediately done it will be the subject of a court-martial.

Capt. Scott for guard to-morrow.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 12th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Oliphant.

For the day to-morrow—————

Phillip Box, Esquire, is appointed Commissary of the hospitals in the State of Georgia, until the pleasure of the Honble. Continental Congress be known, he is to be respected accordingly.

The surgeons of regimental hospitals are to make a report in writing to the commissary of hospitals of the articles of diet necessary for the sick men which he is to lay before the commandant of the brigade who will order them to purchase if he thinks proper. He will deliver the things to surgeons order taking a receipt as a voucher.

Ensign Maxwell for guard.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 14th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Harleston.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

A neglect of orders still prevails in camp to the great dissatisfaction of the General; should it continue those guilty of it may ex-

pect to see their names particularly inserted in genl. orders. Gentler admonitions having failed to produce the wished for effect to prevent a circumstance so extremely disagreeable to the General he enjoins officers of every degree to have a retrospect to past orders and to comply with them, and by greater attention to those issued in future to give no cause for similar reprehensions.

Regemt. Adjutants are to be particularly careful that all orders are made known to all officers and other persons in their corps to whom they relate, and commanding officers of battalions and corps are to take care that they execute this order. The reports from the field officers of the day and non-compliance with some orders relative to surgeons of battalions gives the General reason to suppose that the orders have not been made known to them, as he is unwilling to think they would otherwise have been neglected. Adjutants are, therefore, to report to the commandant of the brigade whether all orders respecting surgeons have been showed them, particularly that orders where they were directed to make out a report of the provisions proper for the sick.

The Commissary of Hospitals is to inquire the price of sago and report it to the General that a quantity of it may be purchased for the use of the sick men.

Brigade Orders.

Savannah, 14th February, 1778.

A court of inquiry to sit immediately to inquire into a complaint lodged against Adjutant Brown of the 4 Battn. by Major Roman of the Artillery; A field officer as president and six commissioned officers of inferior rank, to compose this court, who are to report their proceedings to the commander in chief. A party of one captain, two subalterns, 3 sergts., two drums and fifer, and 50 rank and file to appear at grand parade precisely at two o'clock to attend the funeral of Capt. Lee of this State Artillery. Lt. Booker for guard to-morrow.

Brigade Orders.

Savannah, 15th Feby., 1778.

A party consisting of the same number as that ordered yesterday to appear precisely at three o'clock this afternoon at the grand parade to attend the funeral of Captain Herd.

By order of the Col. Commandt.,

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. Major.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 15th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Rae.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The Commissary Genl. & Deputy Commissary Genl of Purchases, the Commissary General & Deputy Commissary of Issues, are immediately to take oath of qualification ordered by the Honble. the Continental Congress before some magistrate duly qualified in the presence of the Col. Commandant of the Brigade, and all purchasers employed under either of them are previous to their acting to take the same oath before some authorized magistrate of whom they are to take a certificate of their qualifications, a copy of which they are to lodge with the commanding officer of the brigade.

Capt. Scott,
Lieut. Threadgile, } For guard to-morrow.

Brigade Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 16th Feby., 1778.

A court of inquiry to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Lieut. Sutton of the 4th Battalion arrested by Col. White for ungentlemanly behavior on the parade. A field officer as president and six commissioned officers of inferior rank to compose this court, who are to report very fully their opinions on the ground of the dispute. A party consisting of one field officer, two captains and four subalterns, six sergeants and sixty rank and file, by detachment from the regiments in town, to be ready to march immediately with fifty rounds of ammunition pr. man; eight days' provisions. Lt. Col. Hovenden who will take command of this party, is to wait on his excellency, Major General Howe, for orders.

The Deputy Quarter Master Genl. is to provide as many horses and saddles as possible, on some of which the provisions for this party is to be packed.

By order of the Col. Commandt.,
JOHN HABERSHAM, B. Major.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 16th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Ogechee.

For the day to-morrow, Col. White.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 17th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Chas. Town.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Harris.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah 17th, Feby., 1778.

Parole-Charlestown.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Harris.

The commandant of the brigade may reduce the guards in town if he thinks proper until detachment sent out yesterday returns.

Commanding officers of companies for the time being are in future to sign the provision returns of their companies which are to be delivered to the regimental quarter masters who is to make out a general return which is to be signed by the Col. or commanding officer of the regiment for the time being by which return the Commissary General of Issues will serve out the provisions.

The Deputy Quarter Master Genl. having received no report agreeable to general orders from the third battalion, the commanding officer of that corps for the time being is immediately to make the report required, and assign a reason, in writing, why it was not complied with before.

Capt. Scott,	} For guard to-morrow.
Lieut. Cook,	

After Brigade Orders.

Head qrs., Savh., 17th Feby., 1778.

A fatigue party, consisting of a subaltern, two sergeants and 23 rank and file being detached from the several corps in town with 4 days' provisions to appear on the grand parade by seven o'clock to-morrow morning; Major Roman will direct this party where to proceed.

By order of the Col. Commandt.,

JOHN HABERSHAM, Bri. Major.

Detail of the fatigue party.

	Sub.	Sergts.	Rank & File.
1st Battalion,	"	1	7
3d Battalion,	"	1	9
4th Battalion,	1	"	7

Major Roman is desirous that Lieut. Petty should command this party.

A sergeant and 9 men of the above detail are to appear with arms.

 Brigade Orders, previous to the preceeding order.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 17th Februy., 1778.

On account of the number of men in town being so much reduced, in consequence of the detachment yesterday, and the many artificers necessary to be employed, the guard for the present to be arranged as follows.

	Capt.	Subs.	Sergts.	Corps.	Privates.
Main Guard,	1	1	2	2	18
Magazine Guard,	"	1	1	1	15
Spring Guard,	"	"	"	1	3
	—	—	—	—	—
Total,	1	2	3	4	36
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By order of the Col. Commandt.,

 JOHN HABERSHAM, B. M.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 19th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Eveleigh.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

The first and third battalions will, in a day or two, receive orders to march from this post; they are to make preparations accordingly. Col. Habersham's battalion is to move first.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 19th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Roman.

For the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

The Deputy Quarter Master Gen. is, as immediately as possible, to provide four wagons, proper for carrying ammunition: He will be careful that they are in such order as to prevent the powder from receiving damage.

He will also provide all the pack-saddles he has in store immediately put in order for use, and provide a number of bags, a quantity of cords fit for tents, and the lines, ropes, and cordage necessary for four battalions.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 20th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Coxspur.

For the day to-morrow—————

Two subaltern officers, with a detachment of twenty men from the 4th battalion, are to relieve the company now stationed on Tybee on Monday next. The men best trained to the use of artillery are to go upon this command; they are on Monday to draw four days' provision, which the Commissary of Issues is to have ready for them.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 22nd Feby., 1778.

Parole-Jenkins.

For the day to-morrow—————

The first battalion marches on Tuesday next; the men of that regiment on duty are therefore to be relieved by detachment from the 3d & 4th to-morrow morning.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 23d Feby., 1778.

Parole-Tybee.

For the day to-morrow—————

The Deputy Quarter Master General will have a boat provided, sufficient for a detachment of twenty men with their baggage and provisions for four days; the boat to be ready at six o'clock to-morrow morning at the public wharf.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 24th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Burke.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Scott, Junr.

All officers, particularly officers of companies, are to be careful that their men do not waste the ammunition served out to them; and all soldiers who are detected in wasting it, are to be confined and reported, that they may be punished.

The Deputy Quarter Master Gen. is, as immediately as possible to procure two flats and six boats for the use of the army in this State.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 25th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Conway.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

Major Roman having preferred a petition to the General praying a court of inquiry to inquire into a difference between Colonel White and himself, respecting a company of artillery, enlisted by him, and into many other matters, by which he conceives himself injured and ill-used, and which he makes no doubt he will make appear before the court. Sign'd, Roman DeLisle, Major of Artillery.

In consequence of which a court of inquiry is to sit to-morrow morning, by nine o'clock, at such place as the president shall appoint, to inquire into all matters relative to this dispute; and also into the circumstances by which the Major conceived himself to have been injured and ill-used. The court is to consist of Colonel Elbert as president, Colo. Habersham, Lt. Col. Stirk, Lt. Col. Harris and Major Roberts. Major Roman is to furnish the evidence.

Brigade Orders, *previous to the two preceding ones.*

Head qrs., Savannah, the 23rd Feby., 1778.

Exact and accurate returns of the strength of the different battalions and corps of Continental troops in this State to be immediately made, the same being necessary to be laid before the General.

By order of the Col. Commandt.,

JNO. HABM., B. M.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 26th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Barre.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

Commanding officers of battalions are to exert themselves to the utmost to equip their regiments with every military requisite; to be particularly careful that the arms and accoutrements of their men are put in the best order; and to have every thing in readiness to go upon actual service, at a moment's warning, should it be necessary; this is considered, in some degree, the duty of every officer in the line, who will receive the applause, or incur the censure of the General, as their attention to duty or neglect of it shall appear to deserve.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is to be uncommonly assiduous to place the arrangement of his department in the most respectable situation; to exert himself to furnish those articles al-

ready ordered, and to provide whatever else may be wanted. He will report to-morrow morning what quantity of cloth he has in possession fit for haversacks.

The Deputy Clothier General will forward the clothing of the men with all possible expedition.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 27th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Barre.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Melvin.

A court-martial is to sit this morning at eleven o'clock, for the trial of Lieut. Jeter, of Col. Screven's Battn., put under arrest for ungentlemanly behavior; Col. Habersham will furnish the evidence. The court is to consist of one field officer, as president, and twelve other members; the Brigade Major will warn them according to detail.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 29th Feby., 1778.

Parole-Conway.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

One of the sentries at headquarters is to be withdrawn from the front door every evening at 8 o'clock, and to be posted in the back yard, where a sentry is to be continued until sun-rise next morning, and then to be re-posted at the usual place. This order has, by the direction of the General, been several times given to the officer of the Main Guard by an aid-de-Camp. Future negligence will therefore certainly be treated as a breach of duty ought to be.

General Orders.

Headquarters, March 1st, 1778.

Parole-Maxwell.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Templeton.

The proceedings of the court of inquiry and the general court-martial, held lately, are now under consideration of the General. Those courts are dissolved.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 2d March, 1778.

Parole-Jones.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Scott, Junr.

The General having accepted of the resignation of Capt. Thomas Scott, of Col. Screven's Battalion, he is no longer to be respected or obeyed as a Continental Officer.

Headquarters, Savannah, 3d March, 1778.

Parole-Fort Johnston.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

The Commissary of Issues is to report to-morrow morning at headquarters the number of hides and quantity of tallow he has in store at this post; and also to report what is in store at the out-post. The feet of the cattle that are killed are to be boiled, and the oil extracted from them, preserved, which the Commissary of Issues is to have carefully done. He is also to have the horns of the cattle taken care of for the use of the army.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 4th March, 1778.

Parole-Middleton.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

Commanding officers of battalions are to report to headquarters to-morrow morning by ten o'clock an exact list of the artificers in their corps, upon what duty and at what places they are employed, and to particularize the profession they are of.

The detail books of Adjutants are to be left at headquarters by ten o'clock to-morrow.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is, with all possible expedition, to get made a sufficient number of iron fetters with locks, proper for hobbling of horses. They are to be case-hardened. He will take directions as to the number and the manner in which they are to be made from the Colonel Commandant of the Brigade.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 5th March, 1778.

Parole-Biddle.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Melvin.

A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, at some convenient place, for the trial of Daniel Donnaven,

Thomas Nicholas, Abel Lively, Michael Grossey and Peter Luckner of the fourth Continental Battalion, for desertion. Colonel White will furnish the evidence.

This court is also to try all other prisoners, confined in the guard, whose crimes are properly the subject of a general court-martial. Of this court a field officer is to be president, who, with the rest of the members, the Brigade Major will warn according to detail.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 6th March, 1778.

Parole-McQueen.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

The General is sorry to observe, that since field officers of the day have been discontinued, guard rounds, by the reports of the guards, seldom visit later than ten o'clock and hardly ever exceed eleven; and that they never visit but once a night. He thinks proper to express his displeasure at this remiss way of doing duty, and expects an alteration.

His honor, the Governor, having expressed a desire that the cannon and artillery, the local property of this State, be surveyed by Major Roman, in order to their being put in proper repair, the Major is therefore to examine the cannon in and about the town, and report to the Governor the situation they are in, and the best method to place them on a more respectable footing. This report is, previous to its delivery to the Governor, to be laid before the General, that if any thing by accident should be omitted it may be added.

The immediate clothing of the battalion is, for many reasons, an important object to the General; therefore he repeats the injunction to officers of every degree to exert themselves to effect it.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 7th March, 1778.

Parole-Izard.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Templeton.

The General has under consideration, the proceedings of the general court-martial; they are, in the mean time, to sit upon the trial of Hugh Syms, of Capt. Young's Compy. of Artillery, for disobedience of orders.

Commanding officers of battalions are to order regimental courts-martial, for the trial of such prisoners belonging to their corps who have been confined for crimes within the cognizance of such a court.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 8th March, 1778.

Parole-Motte.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

The General has received the report of the general court-martial, which he will consider. The court is dissolved.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 9th March, 1778.

Parole-Laurens.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Melvin.

The general court-martial ordered for the trial of Daniel Donnaven, Thomas Nicholas, Abel Lively and Michael Grossey, of the 4th Battalion, for desertion, and Hugh Syms, of Capt. Young's Company of Artillery, have sentenced them as follows; "That Daniel Donnaven is guilty of a breach of the 1st and 4th Articles of the 6th Section of the Articles of War, that therefore they sentence him to be picketed half an hour, and then to receive ninety nine lashes on his bare back, with switches; that Abel Lively & Thomas Nicholas do receive on their bare backs thirty nine lashes each; and that Michael Grossey do receive on his bare back one hundred lashes; that Hugh Syms, being guilty of a breach of the 5th Article of the 2d Section of the Articles of War, is sentenced to be picketed half an hour." These sentences the General ratifies. Col. White will direct the execution of those belonging to his regiment, and Capt. Young that of Hugh Syms, at the time, place, and in the manner they think proper.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 10th March, 1778.

A brigade court-martial to sit immediately for the trial of all prisoners in the guard house, whose crimes are cognizable by them. A captain, as president, & six other commissioned officers, from the 3d & 4th Battns. to compose this court.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 10th March, 1778.

Parole-Cattell.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

The General cannot but be displeased at commanding officers of regiments giving leave of absence to their officers or even sending them out upon duty, without their informing him or the commandant of the brigade. A colonel may know that he has no regimental duty for an officer, but he cannot be certain but that the duty of the line may require him. Commanding officers of corps are therefore, in future, to report to the commander in chief, for the time being, and to the commandant of the brigade, the names and rank of such officers as they give leave of absence to, or send upon duty, the nature of the duty upon which they are sent, and the place to which they are to go, and this they are to do previous to the departure of such officer or officers.

A general court-martial is to sit on Thursday morning at ten o'clock, for the trial of Lieut. McKenny, of Col. Screven's Battalion, for unprovoked and scandalous abuse of a lady of distinction, and for other indecent behavior unworthy of an officer and a gentleman. The court is to consist of a field officer, as president, and the usual number of other officers, whom the Brigade Major will warn according to detail. The evidence will be produced to the court by the Judge Advocate, who is punctually to attend for that purpose.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th March, 1778.

Parole-Middleton.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th March, 1778.

The Brigade Court-Martial, of which Capt. Day was president, is approved of and dissolved. Sergts. White, Keith and Ryan of the 4th and Sergt. Sisson of the 3d Battalion to be released, no evidence appearing to support the charge against the first two, the third (sentenced by the court to be reduced to the ranks) being interceded for by Ensign Campbell, who confined him, is forgiven by the Colonel Commandant, in hopes of future good behavior,

and the last, at the request of his excellency General Howe, is acquitted. Willm. Mitchell, of the 4th Battalion, for stealing public lead, is to receive thirty nine lashes on his bare back, according to his sentence, which is to be executed at such time and place as the commanding officer of the regiment he belongs to shall think proper.

By order of the Col. Commandant,

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. M.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 12th March, 1778.

Parole-Liberty.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

The general court-martial, now sitting, is to try Lieut. Bilbo of Col. Marbury's regiment of Light Dragoons, for quitting his post without permission. Col. Marbury will furnish the evidence. The Brigade Major will give Lieut. Bilbo notice to prepare for his trial immediately. The Assistant Deputy Muster Master General is immediately to make returns of the regiments he has mustered; the utmost exactness is expected in these returns.

The Deputy Clothier General is to take particular and distinct certificates for the clothing delivered out to the different battalions, signed by the commanding officers thereof; and commanding officers of regiments are to report to the commander in chief, or, in his absence, to the commandant of the brigade the names of the men to whom clothing has been served, and produce the men's receipts for the same, which receipts are to be taken in a book.

Regimental Pay-masters are to advert to an order, some time since issued, respecting the manner in which they are to pay the men, which they are punctually to observe, under pain of court-martial.

The General repeats to commanding officers of regiments the necessity of putting their battalions into immediate order either for attack or defence, and into readiness for marching at a moment's warning.

Surgeons of battalions are to attend at headquarters to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Staff officers having plead in excuse for the non-observance of orders their ignorance of them, they are therefore directed to keep regular orderly books, as well principals as deputies.

After General Orders.

The general court-martial ordered to try Lieut. McKenny of Col. Screven's Battalion, for unprovoked and scandalous abuse of a lady of distinction, and for other indecent behavior, unworthy of an officer and a gentleman, have reported as follows: "That it is the unanimous opinion of the court that Lieut. McKenny is guilty of the charge laid against him, and that he falls under the first Article of the tenth Section, and the twenty first Article of the fourteenth Section of the Rules and Articles of War, and have therefore sentenced him to be discharged the service;" which the General approves of and ratifies. Lieut. McKenny is therefore discharged from the service, and is no longer to be obeyed as a Continental Officer.

The same court having, by a subsequent order, been directed to try Lieut. Bilbo of Colonel Marbury's regiment of Light Dragoons, for quitting his post without orders have also reported: "It is the opinion of the court that Lieut. Bilbo is guilty of the charge laid against him, and that he falls under the thirteenth Article of the thirteenth Section of the Rules and Articles of War, and do sentence him to be discharged the service, but recommend him to the mercy of the General." The General feels concerned that the resolution he has fixed, of establishing the strictest discipline in the army under his command, renders it impossible for him to pay that attention to the recommendation of the court which he should otherwise be glad to do; but as the present situation of the army requires that the strictest execution of justice should be attended to, rather than the dictates of mercy, and in this particular case more especially, as Lieut. Bilbo has been lately guilty of a similar offence, which was generously overlooked, the General is compelled to ratify the sentence, discharges him the service, and he is therefore no longer to be respected & obeyed as a Continental Officer. The court-martial is dissolved.

Headquarters, Savannah, 13th March, 1778.

Parole-Mifflin.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

The General is so anxious to have the men clothed, that he is under the necessity of giving positive orders, that the tailors of regiments are by no means to be employed upon any other business, until this desirable purpose is effected, Commissd officers, who feel properly for the naked situation of the men, will, with pleasure, suspend employing the regimental tailors until their soldiers

are clothed; but if it can be possible that there are officers who want this feeling, the General would have them to understand that they are positively forbid having any work of their own done by the tailors of regiments, until the clothing of the men of their battalion is finished.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 14th March, 1778.

Parole-Savannah.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

Tattoo every night, to begin to beat precisely at nine o'clock, which, when finished, the countersign is to be demanded of every person whatever passing the streets, who are to be brought to by the sentinels in town and the environs, and if soldiers shall be sent to the guard, if inhabitants of the town, who cannot give the countersign, they are to be detained 'till the patrole or relief comes round, unless the sentries who take them should be in hail of the guard, in which case the sergeant of the guard or patrole must be called for, and the persons detained delivered up to be dealt with as herein after directed; but if the sentry should not be within hail of the guard, the person or persons are to be detained and delivered to the patrole or relief, who are to take them before two gentlemen of the town orderly for the night at Doctor Houstoun's former shop, near Col. Elbert's and next door to Col. Harris's quarters, who will either discharge the prisoners or send them to the guard, as circumstances shall direct. In the latter case the patrole or relief are to convey them to the guard house, where they are to be detained until they are demanded by Col. Martin, town major, to whom, or whose order, they are to be delivered. Patroles, sentries and guards are to take care that every inhabitant who becomes a prisoner, is treated with decency, and no injury or insult be offered either to their property or persons; and that this order may be carried properly into execution, a sergeant and two men are to patrole the streets every hour between the reliefs of sentries, from 9 o'clock at night until daylight, after which no countersign is to be demanded or any person stopped. The patrole is to go from the Main Guard, and visit all the guards and sentinels. As this order is critical, the officer of the day will take care to instruct the sentinels in the most particular manner, that no mistake may happen.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is immediately to supply the camp with wood, of which it stands in great need.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 15th March, 1778.

Parole-Dispatch.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

The 3d Battalion will immediately get in order to march upon command; they are not, however, to withdraw as yet from camp duty on that account.

The officers of the 4th Battalion will exert themselves to get the men in order to march, as they also will move in a very few days.

Headquarters, Savannah, 16th March, 1778.

Parole-St. Clair.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

Commissaries of Purchases, of every degree, are positively directed to comply, in the strictest manner, with the instructions of the Honble. Continental Congress, relative to the mode in which they are to keep their accounts: any negligence in this particular will be treated as disobedience of orders and breach of duty.

The tallow of the beeves and fat of the hogs, killed for the use of the army, are to be carefully preserved and made into candles & soap.

The commanding officer, for the time being, of the 4th Battalion, is to report to-morrow morning at headquarters the number and names of the tailors employed about the clothing of the regiment, the time they have been employed, and what quantity of clothes are done; also whether there are not more tailors in the regiment, than have been employed about the men's clothes.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 17th March, 1778.

Parole-St. Patrick.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Nash.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 17th March, 1778.

The Main & Magazine Guards are to be re-inforced with four men each from the 3d Battalion; if necessary that any soldiers should be confined to-night they are to be confined to-night. The officers on guard are particularly desired to be vigilant, and the patrols to be regular and attentive in going their rounds.

(Signed) JAMES SCREVEN, C. Commandt.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 18th March, 1778.

Parole-Duty.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

The Dep. Quarter Master General having been directed to form some contracts respecting the public hides; those commissaries who have hides on hand are therefore to deliver them to his order.

The filth round the barracks not only contributes to increase the illness of the men, but is become a capital nuisance to the town. Commanding officers of battalions are therefore to order proper detachments from their corps, under the command of their quarter master, to rake up, burn, bury or destroy all the filth in the neighborhood of the barracks of the several regiments. This duty is to be performed to-morrow, and in a careful manner, and is to be done in future regularly twice a week.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 19th March, 1778.

Parole-Screven.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Hornby.

A subaltern officer in each regiment is to be appointed orderly for the day, to superintend the men at work upon the clothing of their several regiments, and to take care that they forward the work with the utmost expedition. They are every day to report to the Clothier General the number of hands at work, what suits are daily finished and the progress they make in the other work, and also to report the articles they stand in need of.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 20th March, 1778.

Parole-Tybee.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 21st March, 1778.

Parole-Resolution.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

As the sick in the hospitals will in future be under other regulations than have hitherto subsisted, they are hereafter to be

governed by the following rules: When they are sent to the hospital, they are no longer to be continued upon the Regimental provision list, but are to be furnished by the Commissary of Hospitals. Surgeon, to whose regiment the sick men belong, is to report to the Commissary of Hospitals such men as from whom meat should be entirely withheld, and the proportions in which it may be allowed to others; the quantity admitted is to be drawn for by the Commissary of Hospitals upon the Commissary of Issue, inserting the names for the person drawn for, and the proportion of meat allotted to each. In the absence of the Commissary of Hospitals, the surgeons of regiments will sign these reports, copies of which they are however immediately to give to the Commissary of Hospitals upon his return.

Surgeons of regiments are to report to headquarters to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, whether they are supplied with a sufficient number of nurses for the sick, a list of whose names they are to give in, and where they are not supplied with a sufficient number they are to endeavor to procure careful persons, proper for this purpose.

The sick in the hospitals are by no means to be suffered to be rambling about the town, at improper times; nor indeed to be absent from their hospitals upon any other occasion, and such as are requisite to give them necessary airing. The orderlies will be responsible if any men are absent from their hospitals without leave obtained of the surgeon.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 22d March, 1778.

Parole-Maryland.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Bennis.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 23d March, 1778.

Parole-Heyward.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Hornby.

The General takes the earliest opportunity of expressing in orders, how much he approves the conduct of the Continental Officers and soldiers upon the melancholy accident of fire last night. The zeal, activity, and address they displayed, in checking the progress of a calamity so dreadful, are circumstances he reflects on with pleasure, and are such as must do them the highest honor

in the opinion of their fellow citizens. The assiduity the men exerted, in saving the effects of the unfortunate sufferers, and the care they so faithfully took to preserve the goods from injury and embezzlement afterwards, was truly acting up to the character of soldiers in the service of the free, United, & Independent States of America.

His Excellency, the Governor, thinks proper to order a proportion of liquor to be served out to the men to-day and to-morrow, under the direction of proper officers, and the General hopes that the soldiers, by a cheerful yet prudent use of this donation, may give him occasion for further approbation; Officers of the line will be attentive to the men, during the continuance of this little jubilee.

The horns of bullocks, killed for the use of the army, are to be delivered to the Deputy Quarter Master General, who is to have them made into proper powder-horns immediately, but not to serve them out until further orders.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 24th March, 1778.

Parole-Freedom.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Smith.

In case of accident from fire all officers of battalions and all soldiers will assemble with their arms, at the usual place of parade, and from thence be marched by the commanding officer present to the place where the fire is; there they are to act in conjunction, or to be divided into parties, as the commanding officer shall find it necessary, but always with an officer at their head. They are to consider it as their indispensable duty to exert themselves to the utmost, to stop the progress of so dreadful a calamity; to aid and assist the inhabitants in saving their effects; to take those effects, if required, under their immediate protection; to guard them securely from being embezzled, and to return them uninjured, when ordered to do so.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 25th March, 1778.

Capt. Young's Company of Artillery are to go down to Tybee immediately and relieve a detachment of the 4th Battalion posted there.

Those men of the 1st & 4th Battalions now in town, fit for duty (artificers excepted) are to march to-morrow morning, as an escort to a wagon going to the southward with ammunition.

By order of the Col. Commandt.,

JOHN HABERSHAM, B. M.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 25th March, 1778.

Parole-Washington.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Day.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 26th March, 1778.

Parole-Clay.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 27th March, 1778.

Parole-Barton.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Bennis.

A general court-martial to sit to-morrow morning by ten o'clock, at some convenient place in Savannah, for the trial of Sergt. Allcock, of the 4th Battalion, for mutiny and endeavoring to inveigle continental soldiers to desert with him to the enemy, and for any other matters which may be brought against him. The court is to consist of one field officer, as president, and the usual number of other members, whom the Brigade Major will warn according to detail: Lieut. Dixon will furnish the evidence.

General Orders.

Head qrs., Savannah, 28th March, 1778.

Parole-Grimball.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Melvin.

The regimental court of inquiry which sat upon the conduct of William Ryan, of the 3d Battalion, report him a proper subject for a general court-martial; but the crime which the court report him, in their opinion, to be guilty of, being cognizable by a regimental court-martial, and as highly punishable by that court as any other, it is recommended to the commanding officer of his battalion to take measures accordingly. The practice of holding courts of inquiry upon common soldiers, for supposed crimes, the General does not recollect a precedent of.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 29th March, 1778.

Parole-Stirk.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Nash.

In Congress, April, 1st, 1777.

“For the better regulating the pay of the army: Resolved, that the Pay-Master or Deputy Pay-Master General shall pay no money but by warrants from the commander in chief, in their respective departments, countersigned by their respective secretaries, and that the money be paid only to the person specified in the warrant, or to his order in writing, excepting in cases otherwise provided in Congress.

“That the regimental abstracts be made up by the regimental pay-masters, at the close of every month, and certified by the colonel or commanding officers and brigadiers general, who shall carefully examine and compare the same with the returns, after which they shall be lodged with the pay-master or Deputy Pay-Master General, who shall give a certificate, that he has received the abstracts, which the regimental pay-master shall produce to the General to receive orders for payment.

“That the regimental pay-masters only shall receive from the pay-master or deputy pay-master general the money due upon abstracts to the officers and soldiers, and the said regimental pay-masters alone shall settle with and pay the money due to the officers and soldiers of the regiments to which they respectively belong, either in person or to their order, and take receipts for the same, to be produced as vouchers on the settlement of their respective accounts.

“Commanding officers of companies must in future attest their pay-rolls, before they deliver them to the regimental pay-master.”

General Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 6th April, 1778.

Parole-Houstoun.

The troops under march are to be commanded by Col. Saml. Elbert who is to issue his orders to the Dep. Quart. Master General, the commissaries, and other staff officers for every thing he shall think requisite for the expedition, which orders they are to pay obedience to.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah, 6th April, 1778.

Agreeable to genl. orders, all the men of the 3 & 4 Battalions, fit for duty, are ordered to march immediately to the southward; the commanding officers of those corps are to see their men provided in the best manner with arms and accoutrements, ammunition and clothing, and that they are also provided with sufficient camp equipage. The Quarter Master Genl. is to furnish such wagons and stores as are necessary for the artillery, ammunition, provisions, and camp equipage, with a quantity of axes and spades, four field pieces with the ammunition and necessary under the directions of Major Roman, to move to-morrow forenoon. The Commissary General, of Purchases to have proper deputies to follow the army, with a sufficient supply of provisions, and the Commissary General of Issues to send proper persons to receive and issue the same. What salted provisions are in camp to be carried on, but not served out till orders from the commanding officer.

The men to be furnished with thirty six rounds of ammunition & to march with two days' provisions, ready cooked. Each mess to be served with a canteen.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Savannah.

Parole-Liberty.

For the day, Lieut. Col. Rae.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

Exact & accurate returns to be immediately made of the strength of each corps; ammunition & paper to be served out to those corps that are without, and their commanding officers are to see that proper cartridges are made up for their men to fit their pieces so as to ram down easy, each soldier to be served with thirty six rounds and three spare flints, & at least one hundred rounds are to be kept in readiness to be served out when ordered. A subaltern with a sergeant & 15 rank & file to guard the Quarter Master Gens. stores, and wagons. A capt. with a sub., two sergts. and 36 rank & file to mount the main guard. This guard to post sentries so as to prevent the soldiers strolling out of camp, which is strictly forbid on pain of the severest punishment. It is expected that

officers will be attentive to their duty, and that the strictest decorum will be observed in camp. The artillery are to furnish their own guard.

By order of the C. C.,
JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

Headquarters, Midway Meeting House, 9th April, 1778.

Capt. Melvin is to make choice of twenty four men from the 2 battalions of infantry, to go on board the galleys at Sunbury. He is to wait on the commanding officer for orders immediately.

By order of the C. C.,
JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Orders to Captain Melvin.

Sunbury, 9th April, 1778.

(Dear Sir): You are to go with the detachment under your command, with the Captns. Hardy & Bradock who will proceed with you up the river Alatomaha, and take under their convoy a large flat and boat with sundry necessaries for the army which you are to forward with all expedition to me at Fort Howe. A Mr. Cantey hires twenty negroes for the purpose of working the flat and boat up the river. Mr. Austin & Mr. Cantey likewise go as patroons. Let me intreat that you exert yourself in joining me with the above without loss of time, as the army can't pass the river without the assistance of the boat and flat, and without a galley to cover their retreat it will be imprudent to pass it; please consult with Captns. Hardy & Bradock and with them do all you can for the public service, I wish you success, & am, sir,

Yr. most obedt. servant.

N. B. Should it be judged improper to leave the galleys with your men, the negroes will be sufficient to carry up the vessels if they don't come as high as we are with the galleys.

General Orders.

Headquarters, Midway Meetg. House, 10th April, 1778.

Parole-Georgia.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. White.

Doctor Waudin is appointed assistant to the Deputy Quarter Master Genl. till further orders. Rolls to be called regularly morn-

ing and evening, and the men's arms, accoutrements & ammunition examined. The retreat to beat every evening at sunset when the guards are to parade. The officer of the day is frequently to visit the sentries & to make a report in writing, every morning, of what happens worth notice. Patroles are to be kept constantly going round the environs of the camp. Sentries are to be very particular in challenging; any who are reported to be deficient in this respect, or are found sleeping on their post will be punished severely. All soldiers in camp, whether bowmen or others, are to take their regular turns of duty, wagoners excepted.

The countersign is to be demanded from the time it is dark until daylight, any persons who cannot give it are to be detained by the sentries (unless they should happen to be within hail of the guard) till the rounds or relief come round, who are to take charge of and deliver them to the officer of the Main Guard, who if he finds it necessary is to report them, if not, they are to be discharged.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Midway Meetg. House, 10th April, 1778.

Parole-Washington.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

It is to be observed as a standing order that upon all occasions the men are to be formed in two ranks with the tallest in the rear; the troops to march to-morrow morning, one days provisions to be cooked to-night as no time will be allowed for that purpose before coming to an encampment in the evening, and this is to be observed while the army is on the march. Each soldier to be furnished with thirty six rounds of ammunition and three spare flints, and the officers are to see that the men have those in their pieces properly fitted. Each battalion is to form eight sub-divisions and march by wheeling them to the right, as the army marches that way; when the road is too narrow to admit of that order they may file off, but the officers are to be particularly careful to form their divisions again as soon as conveniently, and which they are always to do the instant they are ordered to halt; they are also to preserve their proper intervals. No soldier to be suffered to quit his division on the march.

One field piece to go in front, two with the ammunition in the center, and one in the rear next the baggage. A subaltern,

two sergeants & twenty rank & file to compose the Van. Guard who is to keep about two hundred yards in front, and occasionally detail parties to examine those places where he suspects men may be in ambush; a subaltern with a sergt. & 16 rank & file to be the rear and baggage guard.

He is to take particular care that no soldier remain behind. The Genl. to beat at six o'clock in the morning at which time the guards are to join their respective corps and the tents to be struck. The assemble at seven and the march precisely at half an hour after.

By order of the C. C.,
JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Gen. McIntosh's plantation, 12th April, 1778.

Parole-Whylyly.

For the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

Detail for guards as yesterday.

By order of the C. C.,
JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Head qrs., McClennan's plantation, 12th April.

Parole-Savannah.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. White.

Detail for guards as usual.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 14th April, 1778.

Dear Sir: Yesterday one Stafford & this minute one Inman came to this place, having made their escapes from the insurgents, both taken on Ogeechee. The first left them on the south side of this river, and the other on Sattilla. From what I can gather by their different accounts the number of those who marched through the country are nearest to 400, under command of Colo. Murphey, as he is stilled,* they are much at a loss for provisions. The acct. of their carrying a number of cattle with them is groundless. All except 40 are on horse back, and the whole very well armed. The unfortunate heavy rains obliged me to halt for two days, or I would have been at Satilla before them. As soon as I found they had passed, I did not hurry but judged it most prudent to march the men leisurely. We arrived here this forenoon with several

*Styled.

men taken sick on the road. As soon as we are refreshed and a convoy of provisions arrives, which I sent round with boats and a flat, I shall try a partisan party or two, and perhaps when they little expect it give them a brush at St. Marys. I shall write you again in a day or two.

I hope you are so much recovered, as to be able to direct matters again, and must beg to put you in mind that I think our friends in So. Carolina should be prevailed upon to march men to our assistance, at least a good one for every rascal they suffer to join the enemy, otherwise we shall soon have our hands full. I am, dr. sir,

Your very humble servant,

(Signed) S. ELBERT.

P. S. The two men say the insurgents told them at least 1500 men more intended shortly to join them from the back parts of So. Carolina; 7 men of Colo. Marbury's regiment who were on the station over the Ogeechee joined the enemy on their march.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 14th April, 1778.

Parole-Alatamaha.

For duty to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. Stirk.

Guards as usual.

Orderly hour at head qrs., eleven o'clock.

After Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 14th April, 1778.

The present guards are to be relieved to-morrow morning, at troop beating, by a captain, two subalterns, four sergeants, a drum & fife & fifty rank & file by detail from the line.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 15th April. 1778.

Parole-Gates.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

A court of inquiry of a captn. as president & 6 subaltern officers to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Ensign Goffe arrested by Lieut. Jones of the 2nd Battalion for disobedience of orders.

No guns to be fired within hearing of the camp without leave and not even then till the field officer of the day is first made acquainted with the same.

The Main Guard is to detach a subaltern, a sergt. & 13 rank & file as an advance guard. Sentries to be posted as the officer of the day will direct. A detachment of a subaltern, two sergts. & thirty rank & file to parade immediately with 36 rounds; they are to leave their blankets, and take no provisions. When the party is ready the officer is to wait on the commanding officer for orders.

After Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 15th April, 1778.

A detachment of three field officers 6 captains, eighteen subalterns, twenty four sergts. two filers, six drummers and three hundred rank & file by detail from the line. Also a detachment of Artillery with two field pieces to be in readiness to march early to-morrow; each man with 50 rounds, of ammunition and 6 days' provisions. This party are to carry no baggage, except blankets.

	FO.	Cpts.	Subs.	Sergts.	Drum.	Fif.	r&f.
1—	“	1	1	2	“	“	20
2d—	“	2	6	10	2	1	135
3d—	2	1	5	8	2	“	75
4—	1	2	6	4	2	1	70
	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>300</u>

By order of the C. C.,

JOHN HABM., B. M.

Brigade Orders.

Washington Galley, 18th April, 1778.

Parole-Liberty.

The division of troops on board the Washington under the command of Lieut. Colo. Rae are the first to land at the place called Pikes Bluff, on the north west extremity of Frederica, including the first division of riflemen; the latter lead the vans and are immediately to take post in the woods, and cover the landing of the rest. Canty's boat will attend for the purpose.

Major Roberts with the division on board the Bullock, with the second division of riflemen is next to land, and are to proceed agreeable to the orders for the first. They are to form on their

left. The above boat with what can be spared from the galleys is to attend their landing.

As soon as the above two divisions have effected their landing and taken possession of the woods in front, Captn. Young is to land with the Artillery, and get in order for action with all possible expedition.

All the boats are next to rendezvous with the Lee, where the commanding officer will be ready to debark with the rest of the troops.

Officers and soldiers are earnestly entreated to pay the strictest attention to their duty, in which case the commanding officer will insure them success against the plunderers of their country and the common enemies of the rights of mankind.

Colo. White on board the Lee, Captain Melven on board the Washington, and Lieutenant Patty on board the Bullock are to remain with the detachments under their command, and assist in fighting and navigating those vessels.

By order of the C. C.,

JOHN HABERM., B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 23rd April, 1778.

(Dear Sir) I have this moment recd. intelligence that General Provost is on his march to attack this place; you are therefore to conduct the prizes to Sunbury and after putting them in a secure place and the directions of them given to Mr. Jno. Jones, who I know to be a gentleman of honor & who I will authorize to take the necessary steps with them. You are to land the men, leaving only such as are necessary to put the galleys in a posture of defence, and by forced marches join me at this place. I know your anxiety for the safety of the State is such that no time will be lost. I am, dr. sir,

Yr. most obedient servt.,

S. ELBERT.

P. S. Pray recommend to Captn. Hardy to take on board the three galleys what rice they can conveniently carry, and impress a boat or two as large as he can get, loaded with the same, and proceed with all speed into this river with them. Tell him bring a barrel or two of salt.

Colo. White.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 23rd April, 1778.

Parole-Rae.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

Ensign Goffee appearing sensible of his error in refusing to obey the orders of Lieut. Jones, in hopes of better behavior in future, the commanding officer releases him from his arrest. He is to join his regt.

Colo. Elbert leaves the camp to-day for a short time; the command therefore devolves on Lieut. Colo. Rae.

After Orders.

As Lieut. Colo. Stirk remains in camp the command devolves on him instead of Lieut. Colo. Rae in the absence of the Colo. Commandant.

Brigade Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 24th April,

Parole-Harris.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Hornby.

A genl. court-martial to sit immediately for the trial of John Mason of the 2d regiment for desertion; Lieut. Colo. Rae, president. Lieut. Davenport is to march up the river immediately, with twenty-one men to make what discoveries he can of the enemy who fired on the militia this morng. Lieut. Turner is also to cross the river with a party to take three days' provisions. Officers to be attentive in seeing their men's guns, ammunition, &c., in the best order, to be ready for action on the shortest notice.

(Signed) JNO. STIRK, Comg. Offr.

After Orders.

The general court-martial ordered this morning, of which Lieut. Colo. Rae was president, having proceeded to the trial of Jno. Mason of the 2d regt. for desertion report as follows: The court, on mature consideration, are of the opinion that the prisoner, Jno. Mason, is guilty of a breach of the 18th Article of War, and sentence him to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back which sentence the commg. officer approves of, and orders that the prisoner do receive the above punishment at 5 o'clock this

afternoon on the grand parade, on which occasion the different regts. & corps are to be drawn out. The court-martial is dissolved.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABR., B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 25th April, 1778.

Parole-McIntosh.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Nash.

Detail for guards as usual.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

One subaltern, a sergt. & 20 rank & file, by detail from the line, to be in readiness to march early to-morrow mornng. with one day's provisions. The officer commg. the party is to wait on the commg. officer for orders.

Morning Orders.

Head qrs., Fort Howe, 26th April, 1778.

A court of inquiry to sit immediately at the request of Lieut. Fitzpatrick of the 4th Georgia Battalion to inquire into his conduct respecting his being found in possession of sundry goods taken on the Island of Fredrica; a captain as president, and six other comy. officers to compose this court, who are to report their proceedings to headquarters.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 26th April, 1778.

Parole-Howe.

For the day to-morrow, Col. Screven.

The large boat and hands to go down to Broton Island for a load of rough rice, a sergt. & 6 men to attend as a guard. The Main Guard in future to consist of a capt., two subalterns, 3 sergts., a drum, a fifer & 32 rank & file. The Post Guard to be detached from the same.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Morning Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 27th April,

A considerable reinforcement having arrived in camp last night, the commg. officer thinks the service of the militia under Colo. Screven may, at this time be dispensed with, and takes this opportunity of returning his thanks to those gentlemen for their readiness in reinforcing the garrison of Fort Howe, at a time when there was the greatest reason to expect an attack from the enemy.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM. B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 27th April, 1778.

Parole-Moultrie.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Harris.

The court of inquiry ordered to hear the charge against Lieutenant Fitzpatrick of the 4th Battn, report as their opinion that he is not guilty, and that he should be acquitted with honor. The commanding officer is happy in confirming the same. The above court have found a charge against Lieutenant McKenney of the said battalion, for which he has been arrested by Major Eustace. A genl. court-martial to sit immediately for his trial, Lt. Colonel Harris, president.

	F. O.	Capt.	Subs.
1st Batt	1	1	1
2d "	-	-	4
3d "	-	1	2
4th "	-	1	2
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	1	3	9

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

Two parties of one subaltern, one sergt. & 15 rank & file each to be in readiness for a march immediately. The officers are to wait on the commanding officer for orders.

	Subn.	Sergts.	r&f.
Lt. Dragoons	-	-	1
1st Battn	-	-	2
2d do	1	1	13
3 do	-	1	9
4 do	1	-	5
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	2	2	30

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 28th April, 1778.

Parole-Pinkney.

For the day to-morrow, Major Eustice.

A party of two subalterns, three sergts. & thirty rank & file to be paraded immediately for a march. The officers are to wait on the commanding officer for orders.

	Sub.	Sergts.	r&f
Dragoons	-	1	3
1 Battn	-	-	2
2 do	1	1	12
3 do	-	1	9
4 do	1	-	4
	2	3	30

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Mornng. Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 29 April, 1778.

The Colo. Commandant & Lieut. Colo. Rae will be absent from camp a few days; the command, therefore, devolves on Lieut. Colo. Harris, until the arrival of an officer superior in rank to him.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 29th April, 1778.

Parole-Elbert.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Downman.

A subaltern, two sergts. & eighteen rank & file to be in readiness for a march immediately. The officer is to wait on the commanding officer for orders.

Officers of companies are careful to inspect their men's arms, and see that they lose no time in cleaning them out of order, any soldier detected in making noise in camp, after retreat beating, may expect to be severely punished.

The Assistant Depuy. Qr. Mr. Genl. is to prepare a pack horse and a leather canoe, for the above party who are to take with them three days' provisions.

	Sub.	Sergts.	r&f.
Lt. Dragoons . .	1	-	2
1st Battn	-	-	2
2 do	-	1	8
3 do	-	1	4
4 do	-	-	2
	1	2	18

By order of the C. C.,
JNO. HABM., B. M.

Head qrs., Fort Howe, 30th April, 1778.

Parole-Lee.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Hornby.

By order of F. Hy. Harris,
Lt. Colo. Commandant.
JNO. HAB., B. M.

Morning Orders.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 1st May, 1778.

All the pioneers in camp will be* hired negroes, are to parade immediately for fatigue. A subaltern, a sergt. and 9 rank & file to act as a covering party to the men while at work. The whole to be supplied with three days' provisions. The Officer, when prepared, to call at headquarters for instructions. A genl. court-martial to sit immediately for the trial of Jno. Claton of the 2d Regt. for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, Charles Hutchinson of the 4th Battalion, for sleeping on his post. Major Eustice, president of this court.

By order of Fs. Hy. Harris,
Lieut. Colo. Commandant.
JOHN HABERSHAM, B. M.

	Fatigue Party.			G. C. Mart.		
	Subs.	Sergts.	r&f.	F. O.	Cpts.	Subs.
Lt. D . .	-	-	1	Lt. D .	-	1
1 B . . .	-	-	1	1 B . .	1	1
2	-	1	4	2 . . .	1	3
3	-	-	2	3 . . .	1	1
4 . .	1	-	1	4 . . .	1	2
	1	1	9	1	4	8

*Evidently "with the."

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 1st May, 1778.

Parole-Rae.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Cuthbert.

The genl. court-martial ordered this morning of which Major Eustice was president, is approved of and dissolved. The said court having proceeded to the trial of Jno. Clayton of the 2nd Battalion and Charles Hutchinson of the 4th Regiment report as follows: That Jno. Clayton is guilty of the charges alledged against him (neglect of duty and disobedience of orders) which brings him under the discretion of the court agreeable to the 18th Section 15 Article, and sentence him to receive 50 lashes on his bare back, and that Charles Hutchinson is guilty of the charge he stands accused with (sleeping on his post) and sentence him to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back. These sentences the commng. officer approves of, ratifies, and orders to be put in execution this evening at five o'clock on the grand parade, on which occasion the whole line is to be under arms.

By order of Fs. Hy. Harris.

Lieut. Colo. Commandant.

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

A subaltern, a sergt. and twenty rank & file, to march immediately as a reinforcement to the post down the river.

Detail for Covering Party.

	Sub.	Sergts.	r&f
Lt. D.	-	-	2
1 B.	-	-	2
2 do	-	1	10
3 do	-	-	4
4 do	1	-	2
	1	1	20

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, 2d May, 1778.

Parole-Thompson.

For the day to-morrow,

A sergt. and twelve rank & file to be in readiness immediately to act as a covering party to a boat with provisions.

Another subaltern, a sergt. and eighteen rank & file with five days' provisions, to cross the river. Ensign Turner with a sergt. & twelve picked men under his command and the like quantity of provisions for the same service. The respective officers commanding the above detachments are to wait on the commanding officer for orders.

Detail for Covering party.			Detail for commang.		
	Sergts.	r&file.		Subs.	Sergts. r&file
Lt. D . . .	-	1	Lt. Dragoons . .	-	1 2
1 B . . .	-	1	1 Batt.	1	- 2
2	-	7	2	-	- 8
3	1	2	3	-	- 4
4	-	1	4	-	- 2
	1	12		1	1 18

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 3d May, 1778.

Parole-Sumpter.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Templeton.

The guard until further orders, is to be commanded by a captain. Commanding officers of regiments and corps are frequently to inspect their men's ammunition and see that it is kept complete. They are also to order their quarter masters to have the filth about their diff. encampments carried some distance from camp.

By order of Fs. H. Harris, Esqr., Lt. Colo. Commt.
JNO. H., B. M.

After Orders.

A subaltern, two sergts. and thirty rank & file to be in readiness early to-morrow—a march. The officer commg. the party is to wait on the commanding officer for orders. The party to be supplied with five days' provisions.

	Sub.	Sergts.	r&f.
Lt. D	-	-	2
1 B	-	-	2
2	-	1	15
3	-	1	6
4	1	-	5
	1	2	30

By orders of F. H. Harris, Esqr., Lt. Colo. Commt.
JNO. HAB., B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 4th May, 1778.

Parole-Laurance.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Donaldson.

The party ordered yesterday is to be reduced to one subaltern, one sergt. and fifteen rank & file, the remaining sergt. and fifteen are to be completed to a capt., two subalterns, three sergt. and fifty rank & file who are to be supplied with two days' provisions, and in readiness for a march immediately. The officer commanding the party mentioned to wait on the commandg. officer for orders. The detachments of So. Carolina troops that arrived at camp yesterday is to join in duty according to detail.

Detacht. from	Detail for Commd.			
	Cap.	Subs.	Sergts.	r&f.
So. Carolina	1	-	1	17
Lt. Dragoons	-	-	-	1
1st. Battn.	-	1	-	1
2d do	-	-	1	8
3 do	-	1	-	4
4 do	-	-	-	4
		2	2	35

By order of the Commt.

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 5th May, 1778.

Parole-Elliott.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Moore.

By order of Fs. H. Harris, Lt. Colo.

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

A detachment of one field officer, two captns., six subalterns, eight sergts. & one hundred rank and file, by detail from the line, to march early to-morrow morning, each man to be furnished with 36 rounds of ammunition and six days' provisions. The Deputy Quarter Master Genl. is to supply a suffict. number of horses & pack saddles to transport the same.

Detail for Commd.					
	F. O.	Caps.	Subs.	Sergts.	r&f.
So. C	-	2	1	1	38
Lt. D	-	-	-	1	4
1 B	1	-	-	-	4
2	-	-	2	3	37
3	-	-	1	1	8
4	-	-	2	2	9
	1	2	6	8	100

By order of S. ELBERT, C. C.

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 1778.

Parole-Lowndes.

For the day tomorrow, Major Roberts.

Commanding officers of corps are to see that such of their men as are without do immediately provide themselves with powder-horns and as many have not the proper means of carrying their cartridges, application must be made to the Deputy Quarter Master General, for leather or canvas to make pouches for supplying the deficiencies

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After Orders.

Doctor Brydie, Surgeon of
is appointed to direct and superintend the
at Fort Howe till further orders all concerned are desired to take
notice and govern themselves accordingly. Regular and daily re-

turns of the sick in the different corps are to be made to him which he is to report to the commanding officer.

By order of the C. C.,
JO. HAB., B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 7th May, 1778.

Parole-Howe.

For the day to-morrow, Major Wise.

A subaltern officer, a sergt. and twenty rank & file to be immediately mounted on horses to proceed to Mr. George McIntosh's plantation as guard to his excellency, Major Genl. Howe, who is expected to arrive in camp this evening on which occasion the different regiments and corps are to be drawn up on the genl. parade at 3 o'clock.

By order the C. C., J. HAB., B. M.

Headquarters, Fort Howe, 8th May, 1778.

Parole-Huger.

For the day to-morrow, Major Eustace.

Commg. officers of corps are requested to revert to an
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(Torn out.)

Howe, 9th May, 1778.

orrow, Lieut. Colo.

rt Howe, 10th May, 1778.

Officer for the day to-morrow, Major Roberts.

The troops of the 1st, 3rd & 6th Continental Battalions, from So. Carolina, are to be formed into a brigade, of which, Colo. Chas. Cotesworth Pinkney is to be Colo. Commandant; The detachment of Artillery from that State is to join the Artillery of this, and to be under the command of Major Roman.

Commanding officers of brigades will order a sufficient number of fatigue men, who under the directions of the regimental quarter masters are to gather up the garbage and filth in and about the camp, and burn it, and as cleanliness is so very essential to the

health of the men, officers of companies are to be attentive that the soldiers are as cleanly as possible and particularly that all the offals of their meat are carried out of camp. The Deputy Quarter Master Genl. are to have well covered arbors built for the sentinels for the brigade to which they belong. This order only relates to the sentinels of this camp. They are also to fix upon proper places for necessaries, both for officers & men, and order them to be built. The Genl. disapproves of the manner in which many of the men, pitch their tents, the heads of the poles are so sharp that they will soon force their way thro. the roofs. That this circumstance should escape the observation and correction of officers of companies and quarter masters of regiments, is matter of surprise to the General. Colo. Elbert will report to the Genl. to-morrow morning, an exact detail both of the guards established in camp and those that are detached. John Jones, Esquire, is appointed a supernumerary aid de Camp to the Genl. with the rank of major; he is, therefore, to be obeyed and respected as such.

Adjutant John Hamilton is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Major to Colo. Pickney, until further orders.

A general court-martial is to sit to-morrow morning, at some convenient place, for the trial of Michl. Newgan, John Brown, Reuban Wandrum, John Baptist Curchon, and Peter Jeute, this court to consist of a field officer as president, and twelve other members to be taken according to detail. The evidences against the prisoners are to be produced by those who can find them and the detail of their crimes is to be furnished by the Judge Advocate.

The pinning down the borders of tents with bayonets seems to be too prevalent in camp, and to the utter astonishment of the Genl. he saw it yesterday at a tent which by the label, appeared to belong to an officer.

The practice is absolutely forbid under pain of punishment. Orderly hour twelve o'clock, at which time the Deputy Quarter Master Genl. and Brigade Majors will attend. A sergt. from each brigade to attend as orderly upon the General.

Brigade Orders.

The quarter masters of regiments are immediately to collect the camp color men, and have the filth in the neighborhood of their different encampments gathered up and either burned or buried. If officers any longer neglect paying a proper attention to their men and seeing that they are clean in their persons and encampments they may expect to meet the censure they deserve. The

brigade to parade precisely at 4 o'clock every afternoon for exercise, and as it is possible they will soon be brought to action no men able to bear arms are to be excused.

By order of the C. C.

JNO. HABM., B. M.

After Genl. Orders.

The heat of the weather makes it necessary that sentinels after this day should and are to be relieved every hour during the course of the day. The usual method of relief is to be pursued after sunset.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 11th May, 1778.

Parole-Pinckney.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Major Wise.

All tools for fatigue are to be served out from the part of Artillery, and to be returned there again when the fatigue is over; should any be lost or injured by the men, otherwise than by inevitable accident in actual service, the price of such tools will be stopped out of their pay. Officers commanding fatigue parties are therefore to be careful to prevent the loss or injury of tools, as much as possible, and to report the soldiers by whom they are lost or injured; negligence in this particular will be deemed and treated as a breach of duty. The General upon questioning many soldiers yesterday, found them entirely ignorant even of the orders issued relative to them. It behooves all officers in future, either commissioned or non-commissioned, whose duty it is to communicate orders to make the men immediately acquainted with those which relate to them, a strict compliance with this order is expected and will be exacted.

The prisoners in the Main Guard who were yesterday reported to the Genl. and whose crimes are cognizable before regimental court-martials, are by their several corps; prisoners of this sort are to be for the future confined, in quarter guards. The court-martial now sitting are to try John Oates of Colo. Pinkney's Regiment for desertion, the Colo. will furnish the evidence.

B. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 11th May, 1778.

Each regiment to mount a quarter guard in which all soldiers guilty of offences not capital are to be confined, which are to be made by the officer commg.

Camp Fort Howe, 12th May, 1778.

Parole-Charles Town.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Major McIntosh.

Commanders of brigades will cause returns to be made them by the commanding officers of corps in their brigades of the number of cartridges, of bullets, lead, loose powder and other military stores, in their possession, and also what has been served out to their several corps since the commencement of the present expedition, a genl. report of which they will lay before the Genl.

Tattoo, for the future, is to beat only in the Fort after which all soldiers, who are seen out of qrs., will be sent to the Main Guard except those on command, or officers' servants on errands with written passes, signed by the officer whom they serve, who is to take the pass from them when the errand is over.

G. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 13th May, 1778.

Parole-Houstoun.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Major Eustace.

No drums to beat in camp without leave of the commanding officer for the time being except for duty.

Commanders of Brigades and of Artillery are to make a return of the strength of their respective commands this evening to the General.

A detachment consisting of 27 men are to be ready for immediate duty, to be furnished with three days' provisions, according to the following detail, viz: 1st So. C. Regiment; 8-3d-4-6-4 from the 2nd Georgia Regiment, 6-3d-3d- & the corps of Artillery-2. The Major of Brigade will order those of their respective brigades, Major Roman those of the Artillery.

The Genl. court-martial now sitting are to try the following prisoners, viz: Jas. Johnson and Thos. Campbell for desertion, Jno. Sullivan, Jno. Woodcock & Jno. Mason for mutiny. The persons confining them to furnish the evidences.

Colo. Taarling and Colo. Huger, are each to furnish three wagons, proper to be made into ammunition wagons, which Major Roman is, as immediately as possible, to get in order. A sergt. and 10 men from each brigade are daily to attend the Dy. Quarter Master Genl. as fatigue men.

Officers, whose duty it may be to make out returns of the strength of regiments corps, detachments, or guards, or reports of

arms, ammunition or other stores, and all commissaries who receive provision returns, are enjoined to be exceedingly careful that no copies of such returns are lost, and cautiously to avoid showing or speaking of them to any but those who have an official right to be informed of or inspect them. The form used by regiments in their provision returns are to be laid before the Genl, by the respective quarter masters. The Genl. thinks proper to express in public orders how highly he approves the conduct of Colo. Elbert in the late expedition against the enemy at Frederica, and with equal pleasure applauds the spirited behavior of the officers and men, both of the galleys and of the army who were upon that command.

This he would certainly have done earlier, but his absence from the army, and the hurry he has been in since his arrival, deprived him until now of that satisfaction. Orderly hour for the future will be at 11 o'clock.

After Orders.

Captain Hyrne of Colo. Pinkneys Regiment is appointed to act as assistant Dy. Adjutant Genl. to the army upon the southern expedition until further orders. All persons, confining prisoners in the Main Guard shall give in writing a detail of the crimes for which they are confined and the evidences to prove them. Each brigade is in rotation to furnish an orderly to attend the Genl.

G. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 14th May, 1778.

Parole-Bowen.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Col. Rae.

The genl. court-martial now sitting is to proceed immediately to the trial of Sergt. Tyrrel of the 4th Regiment, for mutiny, and attempting to seduce and inveigle the party under the command of Lieut. Frazer to mutiny and desert. The Deputy Quarter Master Genl. are by turns to furnish the Dy. Adjutant Genl. with a horse day by day until further orders. The call for Brigade Major, when they are wanted, will be the first part of the tattoo.

A detachment of one sergt. and ten privates are to be ready to march to-morrow morning by day light, they are to be furnished with one day's provisions, which must be cooked to-night. Cap. Taylor, of the 6th Continl. Battalion, will command this party. The division of the army under the command of Colo. Henderson are to do duty.

G. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 15th May, 1778.

Parole-St. Marys.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Henderson.

The Dy. Quarter Master Genl. to report immediately the number of wagons with their respective brigades. The Genl. with concern and displeasure observes, that many of those ordered for relief of guards, neglect to attend parade at the time appotd., and what enhances his anxiety upon this occasion is that even officers are guilty of this want of attention to duty. This error is injurious to service, unjust to the guard to be relieved, and to those of the new guard who punctually attend, it must and shall be corrected. All soldiers therefore, who are not upon parade before the troop has done beating, will certainly be punished, and all officers who are not in their places may expect to have their neglect of duty made the subject of a court-martial. Guards, for the future to be relieved at seven o'clock in the morg.

The Genl. with pleasure observed the readiness with which the officers and men of some regiments turned out upon the alarm of last night, nor did those regiments that were less alert escape his observation. He doubts not the continuance of such soldierly conduct in the first mentioned and hopes that readiness equal to theirs may be shown by the latter upon future occasions.

The Commissaries of Issues are to have the stores of the cattle already killed collected, and to be careful of those which may be killed hereafter.

Commanding officers of battalions are to have powder horns made for such men as are not furnished with them.

The men are not for the future to go into the water except between the hours of 5 & 9 in the morning and 5 & 7 in the evening, nor are they to continue in it longer than 10 minutes.

For Picket			For Guard			
Sub.	Sergt.	r&f.	Capt.	Sub.	Sergt.	r&file.
1	2	18	1	2	4	18
from the 1st Brigade.						

Camp Fort Howe, 16th May, 1778.

Parole-Stirk.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. Scott.

No officers or soldiers or other persons are to go beyond the advanced guard without a pass signed by the officer of the day,

the known commissaries, butchers and grass guards excepted. Commandants of brigades are not intended to be included in their order.

Field officers of the day are to give in their successors a detail of the guards & the prisoners confd. in them and of every other matter and thing committed to their charge.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try Jno. Baptist Corchon, Jno. Brown, James Johnson and Thos. Campbell for desertion, having found them guilty have sentenced them to run the gauntlet thro their respective brigades. The Genl. approves and ratifies the sentence, which Colo. Pinkney and Lieut. Colo. Stirk will order to be executed upon the criminals of their several brigades, at the time and in the manner they shall think proper. The other determinations of the court are reserved for further consideration.

Brigade Orders.

Camp Fort Howe, 16th May, 1778.

Thos. Campbell of the 4th Regiment having been tried by a genl. court-martial for desertion of which he was found guilty and sentenced to run the gauntlet, and the Genl. having approved and ratifies, and left the time and manner of putting the same into execution to the commandant of the brigade to which he belongs; It is therefore ordered that the brigade be under arms this afternoon precisely at five o'clock for that purpose.

By order of JNO. STIRK, Esq., Commt. of 1st Brigade,
JNO. HAB., B. M.

G. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 17th May, 1778.

Parole-Middleton.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. McIntosh.

A detachment of two subalterns, two sergts., two corporals and 20 privates are to be ready for command to-morrow morning by sun rise, to be provided with three days' provisions and 18 rounds of ammunition. Commg. officers of Brigades will have the arms of their Brigade that require repaired immediately.

The Dy. Quarter Master General will have the public wagons put in order for service without delay

Major Roman will have the Artillery, Cohorns, shells, and hand grenades put in proper order for field service, with the utmost expedition.

The Genl. was pleased in observing the readiness with which the army turned out the last evening, upon the alarm; such conduct is consistent with the character of a soldier, and will always meet his applause.

The vigilance of sentries is the highest importance to the safety and honor of the army. A neglect of this duty in a soldier would be punished with death, and would most certainly deserve it; he should, however, be careful not to fatigue the army, by false alarms, and therefore never fire his piece without he has good reason to believe that there is real occasion for it.

The advanced guard to be re-inforced every evening at retreat beating with 6 men, and to extend two additional sentries during the night. This re-inforcement to return to camp at reveille beating.

Detail from the 1st Brigade.

Picket			Guard			
Sub.	Sergts.	r&f.	Caps.	Sub.	Sergts.	r&f.
1	3	8	1	1	3	18

Command, 1 Sub., 1 Sergt. and 9 rank & file.

Brigade Orders.

Camp at Fort Howe, 17th May.

The Commanding officers of regiments in the first Brigade are immediately to report to the Brigade Major the number of arms in their respective regiments wanting repair.

By order of JNO. STIRK, Lt Colo. Commt.
JNO. HAB., B. M.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 18th May.

Parole-St. Marys.

Field officer for the day to-morrow, Major Brown.

The following promotions have been made in the first Continental Regt. of South Carolina, viz., Major Wm. Scott, to be Lieut. Colo.; Capt. Thos. Pinkney to be Major; Lieut. Wm. Hext as Captain, 2d Lieut Wm. Fishburn as first Lieut, whose appointments bears date the 1st day May, 1778; Lieut. Joseph Elliott as Captain; 2d Lieut. Benjamin Postell 1st Lieut., and 2d Lieut. Willson Glover, as first Lieut., whose appointment bears date the 8th March, 1778, and are to continue until the pleasure of Congress or of the State of South Carolina be known therefor; 2d

Lieut. Barnard Elliott of the Continental corps of Artillery in the State of South Carolina is appointed to act as first Lieut. in the said corps whose appointment bears date the 18th Jany., 1778, and is to continue until the pleasure of Congress or of the State of South Carolina be known there upon. These officers are therefore to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The firing of guns in and about camp, except when service requires it, is unmilitary, contrary to duty, and may be attended with very bad consequence; it is absolutely forbid, and any person guilty of it will most certainly be punished.

All commissioned and non-commissioned officers are desired to except* themselves, to prevent this abominable practice or to detect those who commit it; a sergt. and 12 men are to be warned for the Grass Guard to-morrow; they will receive another order from the A. D. A. G. Woodcock, Maj., of the 4th Continl. Battalion of the State of Georgia, and John Mason of the 2d having been tried by a genl. court-martial for mutiny are found not guilty; they are therefore to be discharged from confinement and to return from duty. Cornelius Fitzpatrick is also to be discharged from confinement, the court having reported there were no circumstances to ground a prosecution upon; the court-martial is dissolved.

After Genl. Orders.

A detachment of one sub., one sergt., one corporal and 20 privates under Captain Taylor are to be warned to go on command to-morrow morning at sun rise, they are to be furnished with two days' provisions and to be out one night; as this is intended for a reconnoitering party, the Genl. would be glad that it could be made up of volunteers who in consequence of this service will be exempted from duty at part † 24 hours after their return.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 19th May,

Parole-Henderson.

For the day to-morrow, Major Eustace.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try Jno. Tyrrell of the fourth Continental Battn. of Georgia for mutiny and an attempt to inveigle the party under command of Lieut. Frazer to desert, have reported as follows; that after serious consideration of the

*The word "except" is evidently intended.

†This word is surely written by mistake for "least."

evidences, they are of opinion that he is guilty of the crime laid to his charge, and do therefore sentence him to suffer death. The Genl. ratifies the sentence and orders the prisoner to be shot, on Tuesday next between the hours of 5 & 7 in the morning; he recommends to the criminal during the short time he has to live by sincere penitence, repentance and prayer to endeavor to obtain mercy from Almighty God for the heinous crimes for which he stands so justly condemned. The Genl. truly laments the necessity the Sergts. conduct has laid him under of making him become a warning to the soldiers of that army to whom he was so very capable of having been so excellent an example. The court-martial having also tried Peter Juty, of Colo. Pinkney's Regiment for desertion, have found him guilty and sentence him to suffer death, this sentence the Genl. also ratifies, and orders the criminal to be shot on Friday next between the hours of 5 & 6 in the evening; both these unhappy men are to be informed of the dreadful fate that awaits them, that they may prepare themselves accordingly. A subaltern and 18 men from each regiment to which the condemned belongs, are to be warned for these executioners, according to detail. A detachment of 150 men from each brigade are to be ready to march early on Thursday mornng., upon command, their tents and baggage will be sent after them, they are therefore to strike their tents and pack up their baggage at reveille beating.

Commanding officers of brigades will detain as many men of companies from the detach., to take care of the baggage as they think necessary; they are not soon to return so will prepare accordingly. Two field officers be appointed to go in orders for this command this evening or to-morrow morning.

The Dy. Qr. Master Genl., and Engineer are to go upon command to-morrow morning; they will receive orders from the General this evening. Two subalterns, two sergts., one corporal & twenty five privates to be warned as an escort to the Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl., and to be ready by sun rise to-morrow morning; they are to take with them one day's provisions ready cooked.

Brigade Orders.

Agreeable to genl. orders of this day a detachment of four captains, eight subalterns, eight sergts., & one hundred and fifty rank & file to be warned for command, according to the following detail.

	Captns	Subs.	Sergts.	r&f.
Light Dragoons	-	1	1	20
1st Batt	1	1	-	10
2d do	1	3	3	70
3 do	1	1	2	35
4 do	1	2	2	15
	4	8	8	150

Commanding officers of battalions are to see that a sufficient number of men, of each mess, are left in camp to take care of the baggage.

By order of the C. C.

JNO. HAB., B. M.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 20th May, 1778.

Parole-Justice.

For the day to-morrow, Major Pinkney.

The criminal appointed to die to-morrow morning is to be executed before the whole line in such manner and in such place as the A. D. A. G. shall direct. No parties except those for duty are to go out of camp without leave from the commander in chief for the time being, nor shall any officer or soldier upon any pretense leave camp without the permission of the commg. officer of the brigade, who will report to the Genl. their names and the time of their return, which is by no means to exceed sun set. Should any fishing or hunting parties be permitted to go out an officer is always to go out with them, who is to prevent their straggling while moving, to keep out flankers, and while fixed intend.

The great waste of ammunition, by the men is unsoldierly, unpardonable, and must be corrected; those who presume to fire a single gun in or about the camp, without leave except upon duty, or in any manner of way waste their ammunition, shall if detected be assuredly punished. Officers of companies are immediately to examine the cartridges of the men, and distribute them in such a manner that every man may have an equal number, by which means should any be missing the men may easily be detected, & one officer of a company is every day at morning and evening roll calling to examine their cartridges and confine the men who have not their quantity. Officers of companies whose men are not served with cartridges will count their balls and mark the

powder in their horns, and in other respects follow the directions in the preceeding order.

The orders of this day relative to the men are to be read to them company by company, and to be considered by the army as standing orders. The detachment ordered for to-morrow to be reduced to 100 rank & file from each brigade.

Brigade Orders.

The Genl., having been pleased to reduce the detachment of command to 100 rank and file, the following detail is to take place.

	Caps.	Subs.	Sergts.	R&F.
Light Dragoons	-	1	1	14
1st. Batt.	1	1	-	7
2 do	1	2	3	46
3 do	-	1	1	24
4 do	1	1	1	9
	3	6	6	100

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 21st May, 1778.

Parole-Reads Bluff.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Henderson.

The Genl. most earnestly wishes that the melancholy event of this day may have a proper effect upon the minds of the soldiers; that they would forever remember and observe the injunctions of their comrade and brother soldier who, with his dying breath, and in the solemn manner, warned them against mutiny and desertion, and also against any other crime which might bring them to the dreadful situation to which he was reduced. Desertion is of all other crimes the greatest a soldier can be guilty of. In committing it every moral sanction is violated, the cause of freedom, the darling rights and privileges, both of the present and succeeding generations, which soldiers were ordained particular to secure and protect, are relinquished and betrayed. No sense, therefore, of public or private virtue, no sentiments of honor or religion, can possibly actuate the bosom of that wretch who can have enough to perpetrate a crime in which felony, perjury and treason, to the United States of America, are complicated. But if these considerations, forcible as they are, should not be sufficient to prevent the heinous crime of desertion, let a soldier reflect for a moment on the life a deserter must

lead, and he would not devote himself to a situation so miserable. Suspicious of his very friends, if a deserter can have a friend, afraid of and with a meanness a man of spirit must disdain, from the gaze of every eye he meets, deprived of the heartfelt pleasure of social converse, and dreading the noise occasioned by the very air he breathes, he lives continually in apprehension and terror until overtaken by offended justice, under all the horrors of a wounded conscience, he suffers that shameful death, he so The Genl. considering himself as the guardian of the army he has the honor to command calls upon the soldiers, in the most manner to avoid deserving so dreadful a fate, which, as he is resolved never to pardon any future desertions, must inevitably attend all those who may be convicted of it. This order is to be read to the army, company by company.

The Commissary of Issues will take care to have provisions sent down to the detach., sent this day to Reads Bluff.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 22nd May, 1778.

Parole-Spencer.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Scott.

The execution of Peter Jutie is postponed till further orders. The Genl., having received certain information that scouting parties of enemy indians, have crossed the river, the soldiers are absolutely forbid going out of the camp unless upon duty.

Commanding officers of corps and battalions are to report to the commanders of brigades whether the order of the 20th inst., respecting the distribution of cartridges and loose ammunition, to prevent its waste, has been complied with. All persons coming into camp, excepting officers belonging to it, are to give in their names in writing to the officer of the day, who is to examine them and report them to the Genl., if necessary, and all officers who have been absent from camp either upon duty or otherwise are immediately upon their arrival to wait on the Genl.

After Gen'l Orders.

A genl. court-martial, to sit immediately, consisting of one field officer and twelve other members, for the trial of James Lester for being a spy, for sedition and for inveigling Continental troops to desert to the enemy, James Neigle, Wm. Carpenter, Daniel McKay, Claudius Morrison, Joseph Clair, Joseph Powell, Richard Savage, John Royal, and Wm. Cannon, privates in the 4th

Continental Battalion, and Cornelius Fitzgerald, in the first Battn., for desertion. Colo. Pinkney is to act as Judge Advocate during this court-martial. The Judge Advocate will furnish the evidences, and appoint the place for the court-martial to meet.

Second After Orders.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try James Lester, for being a spy, for desertion, sedition and for inveigling Continental troops to desert to the enemy, have reported as follows: that having taken the evidence into serious consideration, they acquit the prisoner James Lester, of being a spy and of being guilty of sedition, but find him guilty of the crime of desertion and of the crime of inveigling Continental troops to desert to the enemy, and do sentence him to be hanged by the neck till he be dead. The Genl. approves and ratifies the sentence, and orders execution, between the hours of four and seven to-morrow afternoon, this sentence to be immediately made known to the prisoner by the officer of the day, that he may prepare himself for the dreadful fate that awaits him, and endeavor by sincere repentance to atone for his crime.

Morning Orders.

A sergt. and 5 rank and file to be ready for commd., they are to take provisions for one day.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 23rd May, 1778.

Parole-Discipline.

For the day to-morrow, Licut. Colo. McIntosh.

The assistant genl. will summons an officer to sit in the room of Captain Faulks, who is taken sick, upon the present genl. court-martial.

The whole line to be paraded by four o'clock this afternoon; it is expected that all officers and soldiers will attend; any soldier missing will be taken notice of. The flat is never to be removed from the landing opposite the Genl's. tent during the day, without leave from the Genl., or officer of the day. At retreat beating all boats are to be carried to the fort landing and put in charge of sentries to be extended from corps of Artillery; they are not to be delivered to any person after night without leave from the Genl.

The Genl. takes this opportunity of expressing his approbation of the conduct of the officers and men who turned out with such readiness in pursuing the deserters taken yesterday, the assiduity which all showed in pursuing, and the spirit of those who were immediately concerned in taking them was becoming good soldiers and zealous supporters of the noble cause of freedom. The Genl. desires the Adjutant Genl. to inform Capt. Gray and the Indians under his command that he is pleased with the behavior and spirit in taking deserters.

The piquit guards are by no means to quit their post till after sun rise, two more sentinels are by night to be extended from the advanced guard; if their increase of duty is too hard for the present number the A. D. A. G. will reinforce them.

After Orders.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try the following prisoners: James Neigle, Wm. Carpenter, Daniel McKay, Claudius Morrison, Jos. Clair, Jos. Powell, Richard Savage, John Royal, Wm. Conner, Cornelius Fitzgerald, for desertion, have reported that after serious consideration that have found them guilty of the crime laid to their charge and therefore do sentence, said Danl. McKay, Claudius Morrison, Jos. Clair, Jos. Powell, Richd. Savage, James Neigle, and Wm. Connor, to be shot, and that Cornelius Fitzgerald be hanged by the neck until he be dead. The Genl. approves of and ratifies the above sentence, and orders the said Cornelius Fitzgerald to be hanged this evening between the hours of five and seven, and the remaining seven, Daniel McKay, Claudius Morrison, Jos. Clair, Jos. Powell, Richd. Savage, James Neigle, and Wm. Connor, to be executed agreeable to their sentence by being shot to-morrow morning between the hours of five and nine. The field officer of the day will immediately make the criminals acquainted with their fate.

By order of the Genl.

STEPHEN DRAYTON, A. D. C.

G. O.

Camp Fort Howe, 24th May, 1778.

For the day to-morrow, Major Eustace.

One hundred men from each brigade are to march to-morrow morning to Reads Bluff. Their baggage to be packed up and their tents struck by sun rise, in half an hour after which they will march off, their tents, &c., will be carried by water and are therefore to be put into boats which will be provided by the Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl.

Colo. Pinkney and Lt. Colo. Stirk will order field officers for each of the divisions, the common proportion of captains & subalterns will be taken according to detail; A sergt. from each division will be left to take care of the baggage.

B. O.

Agreeable to genl. orders of this day a detachment of one field officer, three captains, six subalterns and six sergts. to be warned for commd. according to the following detail.

	F. O.	Capt.	Subs.	Sergts.	R&f.
Lt. Dragoons	-	-	0	1	10
1st Batt	1	-	1	-	8
2 do	-	1	3	3	48
3 do	-	1	1	1	22
4 do	-	1	1	1	12
	1	3	6	6	100

By order of JNO. STIRK, Esqr., Comt. of 1st Brigade.
JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 25th May, 1778.

Parole-Promotion.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Stirk.

The following promotions have taken place in the Georgia Brigade which are to continue till the pleasure of Congress or of the State of Georgia be known thereupon: Lieut. Colo. Stirk, of the 2d Battalion, Colo. of the 3r, vice Screven, resigned 21st March; Lieut. Colo. Rae of the 3d, Colo. of the first, Vice Colo. Habersham, resigned the 1st April; Major Roberts, of the 3rd, Lieut. Colo. of the 2d, vice Stirk promoted 21st March; Major McIntosh of the first, Lieut. Colo. of the 3d, vice Rae, promoted the 3d April; Major Pannell of the 2d, Lieut. Colo. of the 4th, vice Lieut. Colo. Hovendon dead, 16th April; Captain Habersham of the first, Major of the same, vice McIntosh promoted, 1st April; Captain Lane of the 3d, Major of the same, vice Roberts promoted, 2d April; Capt. Porter of the 2d, Major of the same, Vice Pannell promoted, 16th April.

Morning Orders.

Camp at Fort Howe, 26th May, 1778.

Ensign Thos. Wylly is immediately to parade the negroes brought into camp last evening; the Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. are then to attend and to form them into two companies, one company for each brigade; they are to appoint proper persons to oversee them who are to enroll the names of their slaves delivered to their charge, and to call over the roll morning, noon and night, and make immediate reports if any are absent to the Dy. Qr. Mr. Generals to whose division they belong; they are to be served with a quart of rice pr. day and a sufficient quantity of beef heads and plucks by; the overseers will be particularly careful that the slaves do not encamp in damp or unwholesome places, and always to encamp so near them as to prevent confusion or desertion. The Dy. Qr. Mr. Generals will be attentive that the overseers do their duty and that the encampments of the negroes are formed in a situation as healthy and secure as possible; an immediate and exact return of all the slaves, in the hands of the Dy. Qr. Mr. Genls., will be made by them to the General.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Howe, 26 May, 1778.

Parole-Nassaw.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Scott.

One subaltern, one sergt. and 10 privates to be immediately ordered for command, they are to return in the evening. The officers commanding the party will attend and receive his order from the Genl.

The Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. are immediately to order twenty negroes from each of this division to go over the river, and clear a road for the wagons to the high land; a covering party will be sent with them; one of the Dy. Qr. Mr. Generals will superintend the clearing of this road. The army marches to-morrow, the General to beat at 6 o'clock in the morning, the Assembly at 7, half an hour after which the whole line will march off. The commanding officers of brigades will determine the number of men to be left at this Fort, to be taken by detachment from each of the brigades, and the estimate of Artillery, provisions and stores to be left with them, and make report of it this evening to the Genl.

The Dy. QMr. Genl. will inquire how many wagons are repaired, in consequence of an order formerly issued, and to exert themselves to have those still wanting repair made fit for service as

soon as possible. The genl. court-martial ordered to try John Oates, John Royal and Wm. Carpenter, for desertion, have found them guilty and sentence John Oates to receive 100 lashes on his bare back, John Royal and William Carpenter to receive 99 lashes and stand on the picquet for half an hour, which sentences the Genl. approves, but the court having reported that some favorable circumstances appearing upon the trial of the prisoners relative to each, the General hopes that a proper sense of their guilt and the dreadful examples lately made of their comrades will prevent their future misbehavior, is prevailed upon to pardon them; they are therefore to return to their duty.

Brigade Orders.

The Brigade to march to-morrow morning agreeable to genl. orders. Commanding officers of corps are required to have their men in the best order, and to be ready at the hour appointed. Adjutant Antrobus remains in camp till further orders, and is to take care that the sick and are not neglected and that they are embodied, and their arms and accoutrements kept in order for immediate service. As soon as the Surgeon reports them fit for duty—this is the particular service for which he is left—any further orders he will receive from the officer who is left in command at Fort Howe.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

B. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 28th May, 1778.

Quarter Masters of Battalions are to be furnished with a sufficient number of men to build necessary houses in front of their respective encampments immediately.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Morning Genl. Orders.

The officer commanding in camp before the arrival of Genl. Howe, is to report to him immediately the guards he mounted, the places when fixed and the regulations by which the camp were governed.

After Brigade Orders.

Each battalion to be divided into ten equal companies the two additional ones to be grenadiers and light infantry and are to be picked men, each with a good musket and bayonet with which the Light Dragoons are to do duty till further orders, the light infantry of the brigades and the Light Dragoons are to do duty until further orders. The light infantry of the Brigade and the Light Dragoons to be formed into one corps as Light Troops under the command of Lieut. Colo. Harris of the first regiment, the grenadiers to be likewise formed into a corps under the command of Cap. Moore of the 2d; those corps are to be under arms twice a day that they may be taught the necessary manoeuvres.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

General Orders.

For the day to-morrow, Major Brown.

The Main Guard to consist to-morrow of a capt., two subalterns, two sergts. and 40 rank & file. The picquet guards already established to remain as formerly. An additional picquet guard consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 15 rank & file to be fixed upon the river below the camp at such place as the D. A. G. shall direct; an advanced guard is to be established of 1 sub., 1 sergt. & 15 rank & file, the D. A. G. is also to station and to report where posted to the Genl. A sergt. and 6 men to be posted on the other side of the river opposite the encampment and to be relieved every other day.

Morning Genl. Orders.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 29th May, 1778.

The Dy. QMr. Genls. are to proceed with the working parties of their respective brigades, to lay out & clear roads for the advance of the army, the engineer is also to attend upon the occasion; at proper places and at convenient distances, *are to be sunk that the troops may get water upon their march. 1 sub. and 15 privates are to be immediately warned as a covering party to the Dy. QMr. Genls., and to the working party; they are to return in the evening.

*The word "wells" is probably left out here.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 29th May.

Parole-Obey.

For the day to-morrow, Major Brown.

All hunting and fishing parties are absolutely forbid, without leave from the Commander in chief.

No soldier is to absent himself from camp without permission from, and a written pass signed by, the Genl. Commandants of Brigades, of the Offir. of the Day; the substance of this order is contained in a standing order issued the 20 inst., which having been so little observed, officers of companies are directed to refer to it and to take particular care that this is read to their companies this evening and to-morrow morning, and all commissioned and non-commissioned officers are desired to send any soldiers they find transgressing these orders to the Main Guard that they may be punished. The Genl. thinks proper to repeat the substance of another standing order, that ignorance of orders in officers is by no means to be considered as an excuse for the neglect or breach of them. Moses Allan, Esqr., is appointed to act as A. D. A. G. till further orders.

Morning Genl. Orders.

Camp Reids Bluff, 30th May, 1778.

A sub., 1 sergt. and 20 privates to parade for command immediately, they are to be as a covering party to the Dy QMr. Genl. at the working parties; they are to return in the evening.

G. O.

Parole-Hornet.

For the day to-morrow, Major Lane.

A genl. court-martial to sit to-morrow, consisting of 1 field officer as president and 12 captains and sub. from the line for the trial of persons that may be brought before them, the Judge Advocate will furnish the evidence and give into court the crimes for which the prisoners are to be tried.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 31st May, 1778.

Parole-Laurence.

For the day to-morrow, Major Pinkney.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try Jacob Shaffer of the 6 South Carolina Regiment, confined by Captain Thyres for quitting

his guard, have found him guilty and sentence him to receive 100 hundred lashes on his bare back with a cat nine tails, the Genl. approves and ratifies the sentence and orders execution at the time and in the manner the commanding officer of the brigade to which the prisoners belong shall think proper; officers of companies are to be particularly careful that the men of their camp keep large fires at the doors of their tents and encampments, during the continuance of this damp weather, both by night and by day; the health of the men requires that this order should be particularly attended to and obeyed.

After Gen'l Orders.

The inclemency of the weather induces the Genl. to extend his indulgence to the guards who are immediately exposed to it, he therefore orders a gallon of rum to the Main Guard, half a gallon to the Advanced Guard, and the same quantity to the Picquets; the commanding officer of each of their guards will receive an order for their proportion of rum for each of their commands from the Adjut. Genl. The officers of the several guards will have this rum dealt out in proper proportion to the men as occasion may make it requisite.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 1st June, 1778.

Parole-Roberts.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. White.

The cartridges of the men are immediately to be examined by the officers of companies, and if any are damaged by the late rain the number are to be reported to the Genl. and those not for service to be delivered to the Dy. Q. M. G. of the respective brigades to which they belong. The Genl. is exceedingly happy in having it in his power to inform the army of his having received undoubted intelligence that France has publicly acknowledged, and declared the independency of the United States of America, and the Court of France, the 5th day Feby., 1778. The Genl. with the greatest pleasure congratulates the army upon so great and desirable an event, orders the whole line to turn out upon the occasion, when 13 cannon are to be fired and when grog will be served out to the men upon the parade. The above order to be read and explained to each compy. in the line by an officer of a company.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 2d June, '78.

Parole-France.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Rze.

All guards are in future to load with loose powder and running ball which is to be wadded with black moss, that the charge may be easily drawn. Officers of companies are to send out men to provide this kind of wadding and to see that what is collected is dry, and that it is kept so. The guards for relief are to charge their pieces, before they march from the genl. parade, to which place old guards are to be marched, when they are to draw their pieces, return their powder into their horns and secure their ball before they are discharged. The shameful waste of powder by firing of guns in and about the camp, absolutely forbid in genl. orders, is highly displeasing to the Genl., it is sporting with the property of Congress, and depriving the army of the means of obtaining honor, defending themselves or supporting the common cause. Have not all officers been directed to exert themselves to the utmost in order to prevent this evil, or detect the perpetuity of it, would not this have been their duty, had such an order never been issued, and have they, the Genl asks, fulfilled it?—if they have, their efforts have been indeed unaccountable unlucky that, notwithstanding the frequency of the crime, no criminal has been detected. He recommends however to the officers in genl., and particularly to the officer of the day not to be disheartened by past ill success, but by redoubted efforts to suppress so unsoldierlike a practise, which may be dangerous and is not certainly disgraceful to the army.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 3d June, 1778.

Parole-Screven.

For the day to-morrow. Lt. Colo. Henderson.

All boats are to be kept at the landing place near the house, now used as a guard house, and are by no means to be taken from there without leave from the commanding officer, in camp for the time being. A breach of this order will be made the subject of a court-martial, let the rank of the transgressor be what it may.

The officers commanding the Picquet Guard below the camp is to suffer no boat to go down the river without a pass signed by the Commander in Chief, or the Officer of the Day, and all boats coming up are to be detained by the guard, until report be

made to the Offr. of the Day who will order them to pass if it appears to him proper. The sentry at the well is to be removed to the lower end of the camp and to be posted on the river side; he also is to suffer no boat to go down without pass signed, as above mentioned, nor any person to come up until passed by the Officer of the Day.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 4th June, 1778.

Parole-Franklin.

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. Harris.

An additional piquet of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 15 rank and file, they will be posted by the offr. of the Day, who will receive orders for that purpose from the Genl. The piquet on the river side below the camp to be reduced to 8 rank and file, but still to be commanded by a subaltern.

Morning Orders.

The 1st & 2d Brigades are to parade to-day precisely at 12 o'clock. The certainty there is that enemy indians are backing about the camp, induces the Genl. absolutely to forbid all officers and soldiers, except those upon duty, going without the camp sentries. 2 sub., 2 sergts. and 18 rank & file to be in readiness to march to Clarks Bluff; they are to receive their orders from the Adj. Genl. and to return this evening.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 5th June, 1778.

(Parole-Whylly.)

For the day to-morrow, Lieut. Col. Roberts.

A genl. court-martial to sit to-morrow morning for the trial of Robert Scott, of Colo. Sumpter's Regiment, for desertion, and also of such other prisoners as shall be brought before them, the Judge Advocate will furnish the evidence against Scott. This court is to consist of 1 field offr. and 12 other members, to be taken according to detail. Burgess Moore, confined by Major Pinkney for neglect of duty while he acted as a sentinel, having been interceeded for by a number of offr., and also by Major Pinkney himself, the Genl. is prevailed upon to pardon him. This indulgence will never again be extended either to him, or any other, for a fault so heinous in its nature.

After G. Orders.

Commanding Officers of Brigades are to lay before the Genl. an exact list of the officers and men in their respective brigades, now in camp, of the women belonging to each company, of the servants of each officer, and of every other person is to be set down. Officers and men at each post and the sick sent away are to be particularized in another return that is also to be made.

G. O.

Camp at Reids Bluff, 6 June, 1778.

Parole-McIntosh.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Scott.

The first Brigade to march to-morrow. The officers and men of that brigade upon duty to be called in this evening. The Guards and Picquets to be in future as follows: Main Guard to consist of 1 captain, 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 30 rank and file. The Advanced Guard of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and ten rank and file, two Picquets each of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and ten rank & file, and another Picquet of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 8 rank & file.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try Jno. Scott for desertion have found him guilty, and sentence him to receive 99 lashes on his bare back with a cat of nine tails, and to stand on the picquet fifteen minutes. The Genl. approves and ratifies the sentence and orders execution this afternoon, at such hour as Colo. Pinkney shall appoint. The Genl. invests the Colo. with power to remit any part of this sentence he may think proper. The court is immediately to sit again for the trial of Lachlan Phenny of the 2 Georgia Battalion confd. by Lieut Turner for abuse language, Lieut. Turner is to furnish the evidence.

After G. Orders.

The genl. court-martial ordered to try Lachn. Phenny for abuse language to Lt. Turner have found him guilty and sentence him to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back with switches. The Genl. approves and confirms the sentence, which is to be executed in such a manner and at such hour as Colo. Elbert shall appoint.

Colo. Elbert is at the same time empowered to remit any part of this sentence he may think proper. By desire of his Excellency Major Genl. Howe the commg. offrs. of corps are immediately to draw from the Dy. Qr. Mr. Gl. as follows:

	Shirts.	Shoes.	Kelts.
Lt. Dragoons	16	12	16
1st Battn	16	11	15
2 do	76	55	74
3 do	46	33	45
4 do	20	29	40
	174	140	190

which are to be served out to such of the men as are most in want of those articles. The sentence of the genl. court-martial on Lachlan Phenny is immediately to be put in execution before the regiment he belongs to.

Brigade Orders.

Each corps to draw a kettle from the Dy. Q. M. G. who will likewise serve to the Light Troops one, and to the 4th Battn. two tents. The first Brigade being under orders to march to-morrow at the beating of the troop, the tents to be struck and the baggage packed up and put into the wagons, the whole to be paraded at 9 o'clock, and are to march precisely at 10, in the following order: first, the Light Troops under Lieut. Colo. Harris who are to be the Advanced Guard and to furnish flanking parties, and are to keep about 300 hundred yards in front and when ever a place appears in which the enemy might form an ambuscade it is to be well reconnoitred. Captain Snef with the prisoners will follow close in the rear of the Light Troops and clear the road for the Artillery and wagons.

Capt. Moore with the Grenadiers will lead the head of the column, which will march by wheeling platoons to the right, the whole will be told off in 24 platoons, the first sixteen from the right to compose the front line, and the remaining 8 platoons the 2 who are always after to form 100 paces in the rear, the head of the front line is to be preceded by a light field piece, in its center a brass four pounder, and in the rear a third piece, next the Artillery stores and ammunition. The 2d line preceded by a field piece with another in its rear, the wagons and baggage is next to follow under guard of a sub., a sergt. and 15 rank and file, to be taken by detachments from the line.

Colo. Stirk, Lieut. Colo. Roberts & Major Lane to the 1st line, and Colo. Rae with Lieut. Colo. McIntosh to the second. No man is to be suffered to quit his rank, while on the march, and officers are strictly enjoyned to keep their divisions in order for forming at a moment's warning. When the woods will not admit of marching by platoons in front they are to file by the right; should any part of the troops be attacked on their march, they are to maintain their

guard, till the commanding offir. either reinforces them or gives orders for a retreat. Each man to be furnished with 24 rounds, exclusive of the ammunition they have loose; they must have a sufficient quantity of wadding and three spare flints; the troops will be served with three days' salt provisions, and as much rice and indian meal as will last 8 days is to be transported in wagons; beeves will be drove on for the use of the army.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Camp Spring Branch, 7th June, 1778.

Parole-Howe.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Lowe.

Each division of the brigades to furnish a sergt. and 7 men as a quarter guard, also a picquet consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and ten rank and file; respectg. the posting of the later the commanding officer will give orders. The quarter guard are to be posted in the front of the center of each division, the sentries to be extended from them as the offir. commanding the division may direct, the rear guard to act as a Main Guard and to be relieved every morning before the brigade marches, from the first and 2d divisions; the comtersign is to be demanded from dark until day light. The whole line to be under arms for an hour before day, till the Picquet Guards are called in which will be an hour before day. The commanding offir. is to be furnished with a sentinel, from the Grenadiers, whenever the brigade in camp.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Camp at Werts Old Cowpen, 8th June, 1778.

Parole-Pinkney.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Bennis.

It is expected that such volunteers as are in camp will, and such officers who can be spared from the corps they belong to and can, furnish themselves with horses under the commd. of Colo. Habersham.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

Mornng. Orders.

Camp at Werts Old Cowpen, 9th June, 1778.

A court of inquiry is to sit immediately at some convenient place to inquire into the conduct of Lieut. Sutton of the corps of Artillery, arrested by Cap. Younge of the same corps, for disobedience of orders, who will furnish the evidence; Major Eustice as president and 6 other members of inferior rank to compose this court.

Parole-Pinkney.

For the day to-morrow, Captain Cuthbert.

The Main Guard to be augmented with a corpl. and three men which are to be extended as a guard over the cattle.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

B. O.

Camp at Red Cap Branch, 10 June, '78.

Parole-Wildair.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Wood.

B. O.

Camp at Sand Hill Branch, 11th June, 1778.

Parole-Sattilla.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Brosard.

One sub., 1 sergt. and 18 rank and file to be ready for commd. immediately, according to detail.

B. O.

Camp within three miles of Old Town, 12 June, 1778.

Parole-Lee.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Scott.

B. O.

Camp three miles from Old Town, 13th June.

Parole-Tates.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Templeton.

Morning Orders.

Camp, 14th June, 1778.

A sergt and 6 men to be ready for command immediately, the sergt. will receive his orders from the commanding offir.

B. O.

Parole-McIntosh.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Wm. McIntosh.

Three detachments consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 15 rank and file to parade for command immediately. The officers will receive their orders from the commanding offir; they are to return this evening.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

B. O.

Camp three miles from Old Town, 15th June, 1778.

Parole-Houstoun.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Booker.

A sub., 1 sergt. and 12 men for command immediately. The offir. will receive orders from the commanding offir.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Camp at the Cowford, 16th June, 1778.

Parole-Eustace.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Cook.

As many of the reports made to the brigade are very incorrect, commandants of corps in future are ordered to inspect and sign them before they are given in. Any person hereafter who presumes to leave the limits of the camp, without leave, will immediately be brought before a general court-martial.

Morning Orders.

Camp at Cowford, 17th June, 1778.

Lieut. Colo. Harris with his Light Troops and the Volunteers under Colo. Habersham, are to go on command immediately. Capt.

Moore is to cross the river with the Grenadiers under his command, and to take post in the old field so as to cover the engineer and his workmen.

B. O.

Parole-Laurance.

As Capt. Moore is to march up the river with his Grenadiers a detachment of one capt., two subs., two sergt. and 32 rank and file is to take post on the ground he occupied until his return.

Morning Orders.

Camp at the Cowford, 18th June, 1778.

A court of inquiry to sit immediately at some convenient place to inquire into the cause of Adjutant Lowe being arrested by Major Lane; Colo. Stirk as president and 6 other members to compose this court.

B. O.

Parole-Senf.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Lowe.

The Dy. Q. M. G. is ordered to send three or four wagons with the best teams to assist the 2d Brigade in bringing up their baggage, and a sergt. and 6 men to go as an escort to the wagons.

The court of inquiry ordered to sit on Adj. Lowe report, as their opinion, that he was insolently treated by Sergt. Barkley, and that he should be acquitted from his arrest, and orders that Sergt. Barkley be immediately ordered to the ranks as a private sentinel. Major Lane would have acted more becoming his character by coolly and impartially inquiring into the matter in dispute, between the Adjutant and Sergt., before proceeding so hastily to an arrest. The commandant is determined to treat a corps of private soldiers with the same rigor for insolence and disobedience to a sergt. as he will the like offence in a sergt. to his superior offir.

G. O.

Camp at Cowford, 19th June, 1778.

Parole-Cowford.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Stirk.

The Dy. Q. M. G. will report to the comanding offir., to-morrow morning, the horses, saddles, bridles and other articles taken from the enemy the 17th instant; he is also to have horses and other things

collected together by 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. A return of each brigade and corps of artillery to be made to the Dy. A. G. by 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Commandants of brigades will have the arms and accoutrements of the men of the respective brigades to be particularly examined to-morrow morning, and put in the best order for action. Commanding offrs. of Artillery will also have every thing in his department put into the best order.

G. O.

Camp at Cowford, 20 June, 1778.

Parole-Lee.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Rea.

The wagons of the Georgia Brigade are to cross the river immediately; Colo. Tarling will therefore receive directions from Colo. Elbert, and take measures accordingly. The brigade, with its baggage, will cross the river to-morrow, as early as possible, immediately after which the Carolina Brigade is to cross. The Dy. Q. M. G. engineer is to make out an encampment on the other side of the river this evening, if the wagons of the Georgia Brigade gets over in time, those of the Carolina Brigade will be ordered to cross to-night. The Main Guard is to be formed by detachment this evening and to be reinforced with a capt., 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 11 privates, the picquets to be formed by detachment—their number and stations are always fixed. The noise in camp last night was exceedingly displeasing to the Genl., it must not happen again. All soldiers are to be in their tents immediately after dark; those disobeying this order will be punished.

Brigade Orders.

A sub., two sergts. and 25 rank & file to be paraded to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock for fatigue; the D. Q. M. G. will give the necessary orders to this party.

By order of C. C., J. H., B. M.

G. O.

Camp, Sattilia River, 21 June, 78.

Parole-Barton.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Scott.

Commanders of brigades will have returns made them of such men as have no shoes, and have mockazons made for them out of the

hides, the well calculated the number of hides necessary, that no waste may happen, which the commissary is to deliver to their order. Commg. officers of battalions, till regular hospitals can be established, will make returns of the articles wanted for their sick to the commandants of brigades who will order what they think necessary to be delivered; the situation of affairs requires that be attended to in this order. A weekly report of the expenditures to be made to the Genl. by the commandant. The shirts, kelts, shoes and other clothing served out to the Georgia Brigade at Fort Howe, Reids Bluff and this camp, are to be immediately reported by the commanding officers of each corps to Colo. Elbert in which the names of the men and the clothing served to them are to be particularized. A copy of which report is to be laid before the Genl. by the commandant.

Brigade Orders.

The commandant desires that returns be immediately made to him by commanding offir. of battalions, agreeable to those pointed out in genl. orders of this day, that he may lay them before the Commander in Chief.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Brigade Orders.

Three picquets consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 10 rank and file each are to be paraded immediately, two from the line and one from the Light Infantry. A Main Guard is also to be furnished by detail for the Grenadiers and Light Infantry consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 16 rank and file; this guard is to be mounted in the redoubt. Capt. Bennis is to act as offir. of the day.

By order of C. C., J. H., B. M.

B. O.

Camp at South Side of Sattilla, 22d June, 1778.

A detachment of 1 sub., 1 sergt. & 20 rank and file to be in readiness for a march immediately, to be furnished by detail from the Grenadiers and Light Infantry.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

B. O.

Camp So. Side of St. Illa River, 22d June, 1778.

The Main Guard is this evening to be relieved by detail from the line, the Picquets as follows: one from the line, one from the Light Infantry, and another from the first Battalion So. C. Regt.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

B. O.

Camp So. Side of St. Illa River, 22d June, 78.

For the day to-morrow, Capt. Templeton.

Commanding offrs. of battalion are this afternoon to inspect the arms and ammunition of their men. Any ammunition damaged by the bad weather is to be made over again.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

M. G. O.

Camp So. Side of St. Illa River, 24th June.

The army marches to-day. Every man is to have his horn filled with powder, his cartouch box well furnished, carry thirty rounds of loose powder & ball and two spare flints pr. man; four days' rice is to be served to each man, and the drivers to carry on such a number of cattle as the commandants of brigades shall direct.

The corps of Artillery are to march with three brass field pieces, two iron two pounders & two swivel cohorns; 300 lb. gun powder in casks; All the fixed ammunition fitted to the calibres of each piece and one hundred rounds of round shot to each field piece, with port fires, match and every necessary apparatus. The baggage to be taken on this march by each brigade will be directed by the commandants thereof. The order of march will be directed by a subsequent order.

B. O.

Camp So. Side of St. Illa River, 24th June.

Commanding officers of corps are to draw from the Quarter Master of the 2d Regt. the articles agreeable to the following list, which they are to serve out to such of their men as stands most in need thereof. They are strictly ordered to take receipts from each man, which they will be called upon to produce at a proper time.

	Shirts.	Shoes.	Leggins.
1st Battalion . . .	15	10	13
2nd do . . .	58	39	52
3 do . . .	44	30	39
4 do . . .	26	17	23
Lt. Dragoons. . .	26	18	24
Total . . .	169	114	151

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

G. O.

24th June, 1778.

Parole-St. Marys.

For the day to-morrow, Major Brown.

The march of the army is postponed till to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock at which hour the whole is to move off. The baggage at half an hour after four.

The Main Guard is to consist of 1 captain, 1 sub. and 20 rank & file to-morrow. A field offir. of the day.

	Guard.	Picquets.
	1 Captain	2 Subs.
1st	1 Sub.	2 Sergts.
Brigade.	1 Sergt	
	9 R&F	14 R&F.

Camp at So. Side St. Illa River, 25th June.

The army is to march in the following order: the Light Infantry is to act as an advanced guard to the army and to keep 150 yds before the line; they are to have one small field piece, a two pounder. The Pioneers follow the Light Infantry under the command of Capt. Senf. The Grenadiers lead the line and will support the Light Infantry, should there be occasion. The Geo. Brigade marches in two columns, with 1 brass field piece in the center of the brigade; the corps of Artillery march in the center of the army with 4 pieces of artillery; the ammunition wagons follow the Artillery; the Carolina Brigade marches next in two columns with one brass field piece between the columns. A proper number of men are to be ordered by the commanding officer of the corps of artillery to attend the pieces of artillery detached from his corps. The baggage wagons follow the Carolina Brigade; one capt., two subs., 2 sergts., 2

corpls. & 50 privates from the South Carolina Brigade to compose the rear guard and march in the rear of the baggage wagons. The Light Infantry extend their own flankers, and furnish flankers to the head of the line. The rear guard also extends its own flankers. Their number and manner of marching will be directed by the Adjutant General. Each brigade will extend such a number of flankers as their respective commg. officers shall think necessary. The Brigades to be told off into platoons & divisions. The officers commg. them always to be in their places and the whole line in constant readiness for immediate action. If the advanced or rear guards should be attacked, they are to maintain their ground, and they will be certainly be supported. If the van of the line should be attacked, they are immediately to form with their front to the enemy, and repel the attack if possible, the rear brigade to form as a second line in their rear and wait for orders. The Artillery to immediately prepare for action & act agreeable to the orders they will receive, the advanced & rear guards will form & will be directed as occasion may require; should the center be attacked they are to make the best defence in their power. The wings will be ordered to support them if necessary. The cattle will follow the army under a guard consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. & 20 rank & file, to be taken by detachment.

Camp, Bayley's Branch, 25th June, '78.

Parole-King Tammina.

For the day to-morrow, Major Lane.

The Grenadiers & Light Infantry of the Georgia Brigade are to encamp upon the Hill on the side of the branch opposite to the army. They are to extend two picquets consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 10 rank & file each. If the Piquets are attacked by a party superior in force they are to retreat, defending themselves until they join their main body. If the main body of the Grenadiers & Light Infantry are attacked, they are to maintain their ground if possible, but if they cannot they are to retire slowly, defending themselves till they join the army; should anything, previous to an attack, give them reason to suppose that the enemy are approaching, they are instantly to acquaint the Genl. of it. Commanders of brigades will order parade to be marked out in the front of their encampments to which the officers and men of their brigades are upon any alarm instantly to repair; the least negligence, upon such an occasion, will be held inexcusable. The Artillery are to be posted exactly conformable to the line of march of this day, and they, as well as the whole line, are to be ready for action at a moment's

warning. The Main Guard is to consist of 1 cap., 1 sub., 1 sergt. and 20 rank and file; the Rear Guard of 1 sub., 1 sergt. & 15 rank and file. Three Picquets are to be established, consisting of 1 sub., 1 sergt. & 15 rank & file each, and are to be posted by the Adjutant Genl. The field officers of the day are in future to be more than commonly attentive, and to go the rounds at least three times every night. All fires are to be put out at ten o'clock to-night. The horses of the army are to be tied up at sun set. The army marches to-morrow by sun rise.

1 Brigade:

Guard.	Picquet.
1 Sub	2 Sub.
1 Sergt	2 Sergts.
13 r&f	17 r&f.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 29th June.

Parole-United States.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Rae.

All soldiers are to retire to rest at 9 o'clock, but are to lay upon their arms and not be undressed, and repair to their alarm posts at a moment's warning. Lights and fires to be put out at 9 o'clock, and the strictest silence to be observed in the camp. Guards are to be uncommonly attentive & alert; any officer who sleeps on his guard will be deemed inexcusable; the whole line is to be under arms an hour before and to continue so till broad day light; the offr. of the day is frequently to go the rounds, three times at least, he is positively enjoined.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 30th June.

Parole-Houstoun.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Henderson.

Fleches are to be thrown up in front of each battalion; the engineer is therefore to lay them out immediately; he is also to survey the fort and report to the Genl. whether it can be easily repaired, and what additional work may be necessary. The cartridges & loose powder & ball of the men are to be examined today, to see whether they are fit for service, or have been wasted or embezzled. Commandants will therefore give orders accordingly.

Guard.	Piquet.
1 Sub	2 Sub.
1 Sergt.	3 Sergts.
8 r&file.	13 r&file.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 1st July, 1778.

Parole-Freedom.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Roberts.

The army is to hold itself in constant readiness to march at a moment's warning, the Artillery are to have every thing in order to move on the instant they receive orders for that purpose. The Genl. is greatly concerned that the army is out of rice, but as it has happened unavoidable, and rice is momentarily expected, he persuades himself the men will bear it like good soldiers, and they may depend their back rations shall be made good. Drums are to beat for duty as usual in camp until further orders.

1st Brigade:

Guard.	Piquet.
1 Sub.	2 Subs.
2 Sergts	2 Sergts.
8 r&file	13 r&file.

M. G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 2nd July.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. McIntosh.

A capt. of the day is to be immediately appointed according to detail; he is to go the visiting rounds at least 3 times a night; the field offr. will appoint the time he is to visit that it may not interfere with the grand rounds, the time to be known only to themselves.

The field offr. of the day is to visit the piquet whenever he goes the rounds. All strangers coming into camp are immediately to be brought to the Genl.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 3d July.

Parole-Harnet.

For the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Scott.

A genl. court-martial is to sit immediately for the trial of Lieut. Devaliell, arrested by Cap. McIntosh, for quitting his post without leave of this court; a field offr. is to be president & 12 inferior offr. members, to be taken according to detail. Cap. McIntosh is to furnish the evidence. It was not the intention of the orders of yesterday that the field offr. and cap. of the day should go the

rounds together; the present situation of affairs requires the utmost vigilance and therefore a cap. of the day was appointed; the rounds they were to go were distinct in their nature and could by no means be performed together. Three grand rounds were required of the one & three visiting rounds of the other, which if performed would effectually have prevented any want of alertness in either guards or sentinels, & consequently contribute to the security of the camp. The most exact compliance is therefore expected. No sentry is to suffer any person whatever to come into the camp, or pass him by night, tho he may happen to give him the countersign, but is to call the sergeant of the guard who will take him to the officer of the guard, and if the man is found to belong to the army, the officer may pass him, but if a stranger he is to be sent to the field officer of the day. All officers of guards are to take particular care that the men of their guards be made particularly acquainted with this order. No party of men at any time under any pretence whatever are to be suffered to come into camp, but are to be detained till the field offir. of the day be acquainted with their arrival, who is immediately to examine them and, if it is proper, pass them. All guards at the approach of any party are immediately to parade and remain under arms until the officer of the day passes the party and orders the guard to be returned. The genl. court-martial of which Major Roberts is president is to also try Lient. Jno. Mitchell, put under an arrest by Colo. Stirk for refusing to do his duty under pretence of sickness.

NATHL. EVELIEGH, Colo. & D. A. G.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 4th July, 1778.

Parole-Independence.

Colo. Stirk, Colo. Rae, and some respectable field officers having understood that a council of war was held yesterday at the General's tent to which an offir. not superior in rank was admitted, and from which they were excluded, the genl. desirous of not having imputed to him a conduct as understood by them, unworthy of his own character & understanding, thinks proper to declare that he has not held a council of war since he came into this camp, nor would he hold one where any particular officer was called in, with out calling in all officers of equal rank, and that as to the conversation party he had with the Governor and Commodore yesterday (for it was no more) no officers of his army, the commandants of brigades excepted, were present except one gentleman, who was not called but dropped in accidentally; this explanation the Genl. hopes will be sat-

isfactory to those offrs. who felt themselves neglected, and induce them to do him justice, in believing that he never meant or intended to treat them with a disrespect they have never deserved at his hands, which, therefore, he would be highly blamable in showing them, and which he is concerned there should have been any appearance of.

After Orders.

This day, memorable for America Independence, ought to be held sacred by all whose object is freedom and to whom rights and privileges are of any importance. The enemy perhaps is mistaking this day for a day of dissipation among us, may endeavor to avail themselves of it by attempting to surprise us; redoubled attention and vigilance is therefore requisite, which the honor and safety of the army & good of the common cause expect and which the General enjoins and requires of the whole army.

A gill of rum pr. man is to be served out immediately. All the sutlers are forbid selling any liquor on any pretense what ever; the field offr. of the day is to take care that the sutlers be made acquainted with & pay proper attention to this order.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 5th July, 1778.

Parole-Laurence.

For the day to-morrow, Major Pinkney.

The goods taken from the enemy, military stores excepted, will be sold at public sale to-morrow for the benefit of the army, at 10 o'clock in the morning. An exact report of military stores and stores of every kind taken from the enemy to be made by the Dy. Qr. Mr. G. to the Genl. by five o'clock this afternoon. The genl. court-martial ordered to try Lieut. Devaleilee arrested by Capt. McIntosh for quitting his post without leave, and also Lieut. Mitchellson, arrested by Colo. Stirk for refusing to do duty, under pretense of sickness, have acquitted them. The Genl. ratifies the sentence & discharges Lieuts. Devaliele & Mitchell from their arrest; the court is dissolved.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 8th July, '78.

Parole-Williamson.

For the day to-morrow, Colo. Rae.

The Quarter Master Genl. will immediately report the number of wagons & horses fit for duty and what number are wanting to

complete the teams for the wagons of the army; he is also to go with the engineer this afternoon to mark out a road from the landing opposite Fort Tonym into the road cutting by the militia pioneers towards Saint Illas.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 9th July, '78.

Parole-East Florida.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Lieut. Colo. Henderson.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 10th July, 1778.

Parole-Rutledge.

F. O. for the day to-morrow Lieut. Colo. McIntosh.

No armed parties are at any time to be suffered to come into camp till examined & passed by the field offir. of the day. An order similar to this order has already been issued, but it has not punctually been observed.

The Physician & surgeon Genl. and all the surgeons of the army, are immediately to convene and report to the Genl. the state of the sick and their opinion of the consequences which may attend the health of those well, in case of a further progress to the southward at this season of the year. This report to be given in, in writing, with their reasons set forth at large.

Lieut. Alexr. Boyer is appointed to act as captain in the Sixth Regiment of South Carolina in the room of Captain McClintick, deceased, 27th ultmo.; he is therefore to be respected & obeyed as such.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 11th July, '78.

Parole-Removal.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Lt. Colo. Scott.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 12th July, 1778.

Parole-Union.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Major Wise.

1st Brigade furnishes the capt. of the day.

1st Brigade:

Guards.	Piquet.
1 Sub.	1 Sub.
1 Sergt	1 Sergt.
6 r&f.	12 r&f.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, E. F., July 13th, 1778.

Parole-Carolina.

F. O. for the day to-morrow, Major Lane.

The army is to march to-morrow; the commandants of brigades will receive orders from the Genl. A baggage guard is to be taken from each brigade in the following proportions: 1 capt., 2 subs., 4 sergeants and fifty rank & file from the Carolina Brigade; 1 sub., 2 sergts. and 30 rank & file from the Georgia Brigade; the commandg. officer of this party will take orders from the Adjutant Genl.

1st Brigade:

Guard.	Piquet.
6 r&f	3 Subs.
	2 Sergts.
	12 r&f.

2d Brigade furnishes the Capt. of the Day.

G. O.

Camp at Fort Tonym, 14th July, 1778.

Parole-Savannah.

The Genl. leaves the army to-day; he parts with it with reluctance, and from no other motive than to make those provisions at proper places necessary to its accomodation. He embraces this opportunity to testify how highly he approves the conduct both of officers and men whom he had the honor to command. The readiness with which the officers received orders, and the punctuality with which they executed them, gave pleasure to the Genl. and did honor to themselves. The cheerfulness with which the men supported a long fatiguing march under a variety of unavoidable yet distressing circumstances gives them an undoubted claim to the character of good soldiers, and is a happy presage of the service they will in future render to the glorious cause in which they are engaged. Com-

mandants of brigades will take care that this order be made known both to officers and men.

N. EVELEIGH, Col. & D. A. G.

B. O.

South End Cumberland, 17th July, 1778.

Doctor Flag & Doctor Brydie will examine the sick on board the Hospital Schooner, and such of them as are on the Recovery are to be removed to some other vessels; Capt. Spence is to pay proper respect to any directions which shall be given him by Doctor Flag. The whole of the troops are to be embarked by low water, that the fleet may be ready to sail with the first of the flood. Colo. Pinkney will order an officer on shore to see that all the men are sent off, and that no arms, accoutrements or baggage is left behind. The Commissary is to issue a gill of rum to each man pr. day till further orders.

S. ELBERT, C. C.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 28th July, '78.

Parole-Congress.

Mordicai Sheftall, Esqr., is appointed to act as Depy. Commissary Genl. of Issues for the State of Georgia, till further orders, in the room of John Bohon Gerideau, Esq., resigned.

An exact return of all the prisoners of war in the State of Georgia, specifying their names and rank and whether soldier or sailor, in order to their being sent to St. Augustine, to be exchanged, to be made without delay agreeable to a special order from his Excellency, Major Genl. Immediate and exact returns to be made to the commanding officer here, in order that the same may be transmitted to him, of the stores of every sort, particularly of rum, wine & sugar, shipped by the galleys or other vessels or sent by any other conveyance for the use of the troops on the late expedition, and also accurate returns of the delivery and expenditure; the particular vessels and persons to which the stores were delivered are to be specified in the report. Commissaries are immediately to account for the money received; to take the oaths of office. All other officers are ordered to take the oath ordered by Congress immediately. Commissaries of Hospitals are to be exact in accounting for the reception and expenditure of money. Surgeons are strictly to attend to their duty; the sick are to be taken care of in the best manner, and to be accomodated with every thing necessary for their

recovery, and greatest pains will be taken to detect and punish those who may presume to misapply any stores or other necessaries given out for the sick.

Regimental Pay Masters and other officers who have received money for the recruiting service are immediately to produce vouchers for the expenditure of the same, and exact pay-rolls of the pay now due to the soldiers are to be given in.

S. ELBERT, C. C.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 4th August, 1778.

One sub., one sergt. and nineteen rank & file by detail from the Light Dragoons and the 2d Battalion are to be paraded immediately and marched to the guard house where they are to act as a main guard, and extend sentinels at the following places, viz; two at his Honor, the Governor's, one at the Magazine, one at the Commandants, one at Major Demeres & one at the Guard House. The countersign is not to be demanded but of such as in arms.

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By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Sav., 6th Augt., 1778.

Sir:—I am commanded to forward to you the enclosed orders of this day, that they, with the Resolutions of Congress contained in the same sheet, may be made known to that part of the brigade under your command. The Commandant is anxious for returns of the 1st, 3d, & 4th Battalions, specifying the number of men lost since the commencement of the late expedition by deaths, desertion, &c., which I am to request you will send to headquarters as soon as possible, together with those demanded in the order of the 28th ulto. I am, with respect, sir,

yr. most obedt. servant.

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Sav., 9th August, 1778.

Parole-D. Estang.

The Light Dragoons are ordered to march as soon as possible to Ebenezer, and there remain till further orders. The officers

commanding them is to have strict duty done in guarding the magazine of powder or any other public stores which may be deposited there out of the 2nd Georgia Battalion. A capt. of the day is to be appointed, one part of whose duty it will be particularly to attend to the sick in the hospital.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Sav., 10th August, 1778.

Parole-King Louis.

A sergt. and six privates, without arms, are to attend the hospital, and are to be relieved weekly. The sergt. will receive orders from Doctor Brydie, and is to be answerable for the due execution of them.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

Adj. Lowe, of the third Battalion, having resigned his commission, is no longer to be considered as an officer in the Continental Army.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th Augt., '78.

A court of inquiry, consisting of a Field Officer, as president, and six other commissioned officers, to sit at some convenient place immediately to inquire into a charge exhibited against Capt. Scott of the Light Dragoons by Capt. Fowlkes, for gaming, Major Porter, prest. of this court.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

Complaint has been made that the soldiers have lately killed a number of hogs belonging to the inhabitants of the town. The Practice is absolutely forbid, and any soldier found guilty of it in future must be expected to be brought to a court-martial for disobedience

of orders. This order is to be read to each corps in town, company by company. Lists of the non-commissioned officers & privates in each corps are to be made to the Clothier Genl. immediately, that the necessary clothing may be ascertained.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Sav., 12th Augt., 1778.

Parole-York-Town.

A genl. court-martial, to sit at some convenient place to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, for the trial of Nathaniel Hooton and Wm. Wood of the Light Dragoons for deserting to the enemy and being taken in arms against this state. Lt. Colo. Harris as president and 12 other members to compose this court.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

After Orders.

Headquarters, Sav., 12th August, 1778.

The court of inquiry ordered yesterday to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Scott of the Light Dragoons have found him guilty of the crime alleged against him, and as it appears by the information given the court by Capt. Fowlkes, that Capt. Walls of the third Battalion is equally guilty, the genl. court-martial, ordered to sit to-morrow morning are to try the said Capt. Scott & Wall. for disobedience of orders in gaming. The court of inquiry is dissolved.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Genl. Orders.

Headquarters, Sav., 13th August, 1778.

Parole-Stiben.*

The genl. court-martial now sitting are ordered to try all prisoners in charge whose crimes are cognizable by them; by accts., just received, there is reason to expect that the State will very shortly be invaded by a body of Indians. All officers absent from their corps are ordered to join them immediately. No more furloughs are to be granted, and such as have already obtained them, who are to be found, are to be detained till further orders.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

*Steuben. (?)

Head qrs., Savannah, 15th Augt., 1778.

Parole-New York.

Lt. Colo. Harris, presidt. of the genl. court-martial now sitting, having on acct. of some very particular business, requested leave of absence; Lt. Colo. Roberts is to take his place.

By order of the C. C.

Head qrs., Savannah, 17th Augt., 1778.

Parole-Monmouth.

The genl. court-martial, now sitting, are to try Capt. Fowlkes & Lieuts. Bryson & Gilmore, of the Light Dragoons, arrested by Capt. Scott of the same corps; Capt. Scott will exhibit the charges and produce the evidence against them.

By order of the C. C.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 19th August, 1778.

Parole-New York.

The genl. court-martial of which Lt. Colo. Harris, and in his absence Lt. Colo. Roberts, was presidt. is dissolved. The court having reported as follows: That Capt. Scott & Fawlkes & Lieuts. Bryson & Gilmore of the Light Dragoons are severally not guilty of the charges exhibited against them, and on account of no evidences appearing against Capt. Wall of the 3rd Battalion, the court are of opinion he be discharged from his arrest, which being approved the gentlemen are released from their arrests, and are ordered to join their respective corps; William Hooton, tried for desertion, having several circumstances in his favor is acquitted, and ordered to be released and to join his regiment; William Wood, convicted of deserting to the enemy and taking arms against the State, is sentenced to receive four hundred lashes on his bare back; and James Burns, for desertion, is also sentenced to receive fifty lashes on his bare back. These two sentences being approved are ordered to be inflicted as soon as possible, and, as Wood and Burns are two notorious offenders, it is hoped their punishments will be given with more than usual severity.

The first Battalion is ordered to march to the western frontiers, as soon as possible; those in Savannah must be sent to Augusta immediately, and Lt. Colo. Harris will give the necessary directions

for having the remainder who are to the southward marched after them. As the laws of self preservation will justify the measures, such of that battalion who are prisoners of war are ordered to be armed, for the purpose of securing helpless & innocent women and children from the scalping knife of the bloody allies of the British King.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 24th August, 1778.

Sergt. George Eimback of the first regt. is appointed Barrack Master till further orders; as such he is to be respected; his pay commences the 16th instant. A genl. court-martial to sit at some convenient place for the trial of such prisoners in charge whose crimes are cognizable by them, Major Porter, presidt. Doctor Jno. Waudin & Adjutant Matthew Roche is appointed to act as Ensigns in the 2d Battalion; as such they are to be respected & obeyed, the first to take rank from the 1st & the other from the 2d inst.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 28th August, 1778.

Parole-Treutlen.

Agreeable to a notification from the Honble Council that the new barracks were in a sufficient state to receive the troops in town, it is ordered that they be immediately removed there; officers of corps are to apply to the Barrack Master, who will proportion the rooms agreeable to their strength. No sick are to be kept there, but always sent to the hospitals taken for the purpose by the surgeons. Capt. Moore with the Light Infantry of the 2nd Battalion is ordered to march immediately to Ebenezer and relieve the Light Dragoons stationed there, who are ordered to march without loss of time to Augusta. Capt. Moore will take care to have strict duty done in guarding the Magazine and other military stores deposited there and to counteract any steps of the enemy which require it, in the neighborhood of his post. The genl. court-martial of which Major Porter was president is approved & dissolved. Sergt. Mason of the Artillery, and Stephen Custis of the first Battn., are to be released

from their confinement & to join their corps, being acquitted by the court. The commanding officer is sorry to dissent from the opinion of the court-martial in the case of Wm. Slater, who in his judgment did his duty like a good soldier in refusing to be disarmed while on his post as a sentinel, and therefore remits the punishment to which he was sentenced, and orders him to be released; it is not at all doubted but Slater's misbehavior merited punishment, and it is recommended to any officer hereafter who may have occasion to make an example of a soldier on his post as a sentry, to have him first released. Those prisoners in charge for petty offences, whom the commanding officer of the corps find it too much trouble to have tried by their own court-martial, are ordered to be released. Six commissioned officers & a field officer as president are ordered to inquire into a complaint exhibited of a very serious nature by Lieut. Willson of the 2nd Battalion; it is hoped the gentlemen will take uncommon pains to inform themselves of every particular & report fully, as the Commandant is desirous of adjusting every grievance those under his command may have to complain of, as far as in his power. Mr. Willson's letter on the subject will be laid before the court for their information, on applying for that purpose.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HAB., B. M.

B. O.

Headquarters, Sav., 3d Sepr., 1778.

Parole-Girard.

Isaac Antrobus, Esqr., is appointed assistant to Philip Box, Esqr., Commissary of Hospitals, to act in the district of Sunbury; as such he is to be obeyed & respected till further orders; he draws the same pay & subsistance as the deputies to the Commissary of Issues.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Savannah, 19th Sepr., 1778.

Parole-Laurens.

A subaltern with a sergt. & twelve rank & file to parade immediately for a particular service of about two hours; the men are to be furnished with twelve rounds each; a magistrate will attend them, whose orders the officer is to obey.

A court of inquiry of six commissioned officers, & a field officer, president, to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Mosby & Lieut. Strother, arrested for neglect of duty.

As there is sufficient room in the new barracks to contain all the troops in town, none are to be suffered to remain elsewhere, except those in the hospital. In future the rolls are to be called over every night at tattoo beat, in the presence of the officer of the day, who is to make a report in writing the next morning to the commanding officers of the diff. corps of those present and likewise of those absent, showing the cause of absence; and after tattoo-beat any soldier found out of the limits of his barracks is to be sent to the guard house.

Headquarters, Savannah, 21st Septemr., 1778.

Parole-Telfair.

The court of inquiry ordered to sit on Capt. Mosby & Lt. Strother, arrested for neglect of duty, after having made full inquiry into the matter, have reported as their opinion that they are not guilty of the charges brought against them; they are therefore released from their arrest, and ordered to join their regiment.

Headquarters, Savannah, 30th Sept., 1778.

Parole-Sullivan.

Lieut. Strother of the Second Battalion having resigned his commission is no longer to be obeyed as a Continental Officer.

A general court-martial is ordered to sit immediately for the trial of all prisoners in charge whose crimes are cognizable by them.

Major Roman is ordered to make an immediate return of what Continental Artillery, ammunition, and other stores, are in the State, and where deposited. The Deputy Qr. Master General is likewise ordered to make returns of every thing belonging to the Continent which is in his charge.

The Deputy Commissary General of Purchases, and all others who furnished stores, particularly rum, wine & sugar for the Continental Troops on the late southern expedition, are ordered to make returns of the same, specifying to whom they were delivered and by what conveyance sent, and the Deputy Commissary General of Issues must produce returns of the expenditure of all stores which came into his or the hands of any of his deputies on the aforesaid expedition, and an account of what was returned, and what remains

on hand. Former orders, similar to this, having been paid no respect to by some, the Commanding Officer in justice to himself will be obliged to make examples of those who may disobey these orders.

Orders referred to after that of the 3d instant.

Head qrs., Savannah, 7th Sept., 1778.

Parole-Redress.

The Dep. Commy. Gen. of Issues is ordered to settle up the back rations that were stopped by order of Major Gen. Howe, in doing which he is strictly ordered to take particular care that there are no abuses.

Savannah, 1st October, 1778.

A capt., two subalterns, 3 sergts, and thirty rank & file to march immediately with three days' provisions of bacon & biscuit with 40 rounds ammunition each; the Officer commanding the party will receive his orders by calling on the Brigade Major.

Headquarters, Savannah, 2d October, 1778.

Parole-Hancock.

The general court-martial of which Major Porter was president is approved & dissolved.

Allen Bathurst, Joseph Terry, Charles Damerson & Henry Rae, tried by a general court-martial of suffering prisoners to make their escape from the gaol & guard house while they were on duty, have been found not guilty of the charge exhibited against them; they are ordered to be released.

Lieutenant Howe is appointed Quarter Master to the Second Battalion; as such he is to be obeyed & respected.

Headquarters, Savannah, 7th October, 1778.

Parole-Adams.

The Commanding Officer at Sunbury is ordered to forward immediately, under guard to Ogeechee Ferry, all the prisoners of war in his charge, with those that may be on board the Galley commanded by Captain Braddock; a party of soldiers with a subaltern officer are ordered to march to the above ferry on Friday morning. & there remain till the prisoners arrive, who they are to receive & safely

conduct to this place A capt., two sabalterns, three sergts., a drum & fife & thirty rank & file are to be immediately marched on board the Washington galley, & with her proceed to Tybee, & there remain till the Cartel vessel proceed to sea, each man to be furnished with 36 rounds ammunition.

Headquarters, Savannah, the 8th October, 1778.

Parole-Tiverton.

A general court-martial is to be immediately convened at some convenient place for the trial of Arthur Watts, a private of the 2nd Battalion, for desertion; Sergt. Hardwick of the same corps will furnish the evidence. Lieut. Col. Roberts, president of this court.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABERSHAM, B. M.

Headquarters, Savannah, 17th Octr., 1778.

Parole-Unanimity.

The Deputy Clothier General is to take immediate steps to have all the troops served with clothing, blankets, &c., such as they are entitled to receive.

The Deputy Quarter Master General is ordered to have every thing requisite for the army in his department ready by Thursday next, on which day it will take the field.

All officers & soldiers absent from their corps, on furlough or otherwise, are ordered to join the same immediately—no excuse will be admitted from officers whose men may be deficient in arms, accoutrements or ammunition, as they have had full time to repair any loss or damage since the last expedition. Surgeons are to report to the Commanding Officer such men as are unfit for duty; all who are not included in such reports must be marched with their corps at the peril of their officer who commands.

Pay-Masters may expect the most rigorous treatment, from whose neglect the men may have cause to complain of want of pay when ordered to march.

Headquarters, Savannah, 24th Oct., 1778.

Parole-Lincoln.

All the troops in town fit for duty are ordered to be paraded precisely at four o'clock this afternoon, when they will be reviewed. Major Roman will parade his Artillery, with the four pieces intended to march with the troops to the westward.

As it is expected that a very considerable army will be employed in this State in a little time, and in consequence of orders just received from his Excellency, Major Gen. Howe, the Deputy Commissaries General of Purchases & Issues are ordered to have magazines of every species of provisions stored at Savannah, Sunbury and Augusta. And for this purpose they are empowered to employ as many hands as are necessary at those respective places. A large quantity of barreled pork, and wheat flour, will be particularly wanted, which cant be done without. They are therefore to pay attention to this order, as no excuse can be received for a neglect thereof. The Brigade Major is ordered to furnish the Dep. Commissaries General of Purchases & Issues with certified copies of the above order.

John Dufort Chevalier Devaleile is appointed to act as Second Lieutenant of Capt. Dufau's company of Artillery, until the pleasure of the State or of Congress be known, in the room of Lieut. Sutton, resigned.

After Orders.

The Main Guard is to be augmented to a capt., two subalterns, three sergts. a drum & fife and thirty rank & file, to be taken by detail from the several corps: the Captain of the Guard is to receive his orders from the officer of the day.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 27th October, 1778.

Parole-Red-bank.

A captain, a subaltern, two sergts. a drum & fife & 25 rank & file are immediately to be marched on board the Galley going to Tybee, there to do the duty of marines; Major Roman will furnish as many of the corps of Artillery as he can spare for this command, the remainder are to be taken from the 2nd Battalion.

The two Companies of Light Infantry of the 3d & 4th Battalions, together with all those of the 1st Battalion and Light Dragoons in Town, are to march immediately to Augusta.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 28th October, 1778.

Parole-Saratoga.

A court of inquiry is to sit at some convenient place immediately, consisting of a Field Officer, as president, and six other Commiss. Officers, to determine a dispute, concerning rank, between Capts. DeKeyser & Scott of the Light Dragoons.

By order of the C. C.,

J. HABM, B. M.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 30th October, 1778.

Parole-Howe.

The court of inquiry ordered the 28th instant to determine a dispute, concerning rank, between Capts. DeKeyser & Scott, having been tender in giving their opinions, on account of the absence of Capt. DeKeyser, it is ordered that Capt. Scott do the duty of Major of the Light Dragoons, and that he be respected and obeyed as such 'till the arrival of Capt. DeKeyser, and a hearing be had in the matter. This court is dissolved.

Another court of Officers is immediately to sit, a Field Officer president, on the conduct of Mr. DeTard, Surgeon's mate of the 4th Battn., charged by Col. White with neglect of duty, who will produce the evidence.

By order of the C. C.,

JNO. HABM., B. M.

Head qrs., Savannah, the 2nd Novr., 1778.

Parole-Spain.

A court of Officers is to sit immediately, at some convenient place, to inquire into a complaint lodged with the Commandant by Major Roman, of the Corps of Artillery, against James Rae, Esqr., Commissary Gen. of Issues. This court is to consist of a Field Officer, as president, and six other officers of inferior rank.

By order of the C. C.,

JOHN HABM., B. M.

Headquarters, Savannah, 6th Novemr., 1778.

Parole-Rutledge.

A committee of three Field Officers are ordered to sit at some convenient place to examine some accounts Major Roman will produce against the public, which, if they find right, they are to certify.

Headquarters, Savannah, 7th Novemr., 1778.

Parole-Lowndes.

It having been represented that in consequence of orders for issuing back rations to the Officers, the demand is so considerable that it greatly interferes with the orders of the 24th October, for establishing magazines of provisions in this State; in order, therefore, to prevent the inconvenience which must arise from a continuance of the same, the Dep. Commissary General of Issues is

ordered to certify to each person the number of rations due since the 15th of December last, which certificate shall be taken as sufficient voucher to the Dep. Commy. Gen. of Purchases, who is empowered upon such certificate to pay the sum of three shillings & six pence, Georgia Currency, for each ration so due and owing, taking the Officers receipt on the back thereof for the same. Capt. Elisha Miller having, at his own expense, and at the particular request of Col. Stirk (there being no Commissary present), furnished a detachment of Continental Troops under Colo. Stirk's command with provisions for a considerable time, he is directed to lodge in the hands of the Dep. Commy. Gen. of Issues proper returns and vouchers for the number of rations served out, who will give him a certificate for the same, specifying the time it was served out, on which certificate the Dep. Commy. Gen. of Purchases is ordered to pay him the price that ration then bore.

By order of the C. C.,

J. H., B. M.

Headquarters, Savannah, 8th Novemr., 1778.

Parole-Parsons.

A committee of three Field Officers are ordered to sit immediately and examine the accounts Geo. Walton, Esqr., of Virginia, will lay before them, against the Continent, which they are to certify, after striking out such articles thereon as don't appear to them to be proper.

Headquarters, Savh., 10th Novr., 1778.

Parole-Attention.

John Campbell, Gentn., is appointed to act as Second Lieut. in the first Continental Company of Artillery in this State, until the pleasure of Congress or of the State be known. He takes rank as such from the first of October last.

Headquarters, Savannah, 11th Novr., 1778.

Parole-White.

The Commissaries General of Purchases & Issues are ordered to pay particular attention to the orders of the seventh instant, and to settle all matters of the like nature which may come before them, in the manner therein set forth.

Colo. Elbert being appointed by the Honbl. the House of Assembly to go to So. Carolina to negotiate with that State on affairs of great importance to these States, find it necessary to withdraw from the business of the army for a few days. The command, therefore, devolves on Colo. White till further orders.

In Congress, 8 January, 1780.

Resolved, that the four Georgia Regiments be reformed and no more officers retained in service than are necessary for two regiments.

That the Commanding Officer of the Southern Army establish some equitable rule for the arrangement of the said Officers, and such as are left out of the arrangement be considered as supernumeries, agreeably to the rules adopted in the main army.

That such of the Officers as are retained in service shall be employed until the regiments can be recruited in such way as the Commanding Officer shall deem most conducive to the public interest.

That the Georgia Officers of the Gallies & of the Light Dragoons who are on Continental Establishment be considered as supernumeries.

Extract from the minutes.
Copy.

CHAS. THOMPSON, Secy.

LETTER BOOK

OF

Governor Samuel Elbert,

FROM

JANUARY, 1785, to NOVEMBER, 1785.

LETTER BOOK

OF

GOVERNOR SAMUEL ELBERT,

From January, 1785, to November, 1785.

Council Chamber, Savh., 16th Feby., 1785.

To Colonel John Baker, or Officer Commanding the Liberty County Militia.

Sir:—I have the honor to enclose you copies of an information received this day, and of a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly thereon.

I am instructed by the Executive Council to request that you will immediately, on the receipt of this letter, take the most effectual means to secure the villains who are at this time assembled between St. Illa and St. Marys Rivers, with a number of negroes, horses & other property supposed to have been stolen from the Citizens of these States.

The number of the banditti assembled as above are supposed to be about twenty-five men, and probably a few more will join them, as the Spaniards in East Florida are making severe example of all such who fall into their hands, and I think it will be a happy circumstance if you can fall in with them, as it will nearly put a stop to any further trouble to this State from that quarter.

Captain Cone, Major Carr, and a few more voluntiers from this place, will immediately join you on this service—they are now preparing for the purpose.

You will please make an exact return of the men employed on this expedition, with every expense attending the same, in order that the necessary provision may be made for the payment thereof, agreeable to a resolution of the Assembly.

I most heartily wish success to the enterprise, and am, with sentiments of esteem and regard, Dear Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. E.

From Govr. Elbert.

To George Walton, Esquire, Wilkes County.

Savh., March 10th, 1785.

Sir:—I received your letter of the 2nd Instant, covering one from John Crutchfield with a talk from the Cherokees, and I send under cover to you a letter to Mr. Crutchfield, with an answer inclosed, which I beg you will forward to him.

It is a pity that the people on our Frontiers will behave so cruelly towards those poor Savages; not contented with having their lands, but to rob, beat and abuse them likewise, is enough to bring down divine vengeance on their heads. Did they but reflect that the blood of some poor women & children, who might suffer in consequence of such conduct, will undoubtedly lay at their doors, it would surely deter them, and I think it is the duty of every good citizen to make severe example of such notorious offenders, if by any means it can be done. As we are to have a talk some time in the Spring with the Creeks I think it will be best to have the Cherokees at the same time. I am, Sir,

Your very obedt. servt.,

S. E.

Letter to Mr. John Crutchfield, Cherokees.

Savannah, March 10th, 1785.

Sir:—Inclosed is a short talk in answer to that which I received under cover from Mr. Walton, to the Kings, Head Men and Warriors of the twelve Cherokee towns. I wish you could have attended yourself as I could have been better informed what the Indians really wish, by asking many questions of you.

It appears that their principal complaint is against a set of outlayers who rob, beat and abuse them. I wish that some of the white people in the Nation could contrive to be present when these matters are transacted, so as to be able to give evidence against such villains on their being prosecuted; provided some white men were present the Indians should tie and bring them to the nearest Justice of the Peace, when on the evidence of the white person they could be committed to gaol; the Inhabitants in general would be glad to see this done, and it would serve to convince the Indians that it was not their wish to ill-use or oppress them. Pray explain these matters, and tell the Indians that as we are to have a meeting some time this Spring with some of the Creeks about establishing a boundary line. I will let them know, that they can come down at the same time, when we will hear all their talks, and if in our

power redress their grievances, and if a proper person can be had he will be empowered to superintend and give & receive talks in behalf of this State. I am, Sir,

Yr. obedt. servt.,

S. ELBERT.

The following talk was sent with the foregoing Letters:

To the Kings, Head Men and Warriors of the twelve towns in the Cherokee Nation called Tazontee, Sauttee, Newcussee, Corwee, Naucuee, Waltoger, Tomotla, Tallogua, Nottolee, Cooser, Bufferter, and the Frogtown:

Friends and Brothers: I received the talk you sent me, by our beloved friend, Mr. John Crutchfield, with a string of beads which you sent—a token of your friendship & respect to me and the people of Georgia. The beloved talk which you sent to me by him I received with an open heart which I always had for my friends & Brothers, the Cherokees, ever since we took each other by the hand in Augusta. I well remember at the time you gave us some land for our Warriors and People to sit down upon after they had beat the English King and his Soldiers. We promised to be ready at all times to hear your talks and to redress your grievances as much as we had power to do. I am sorry if you have anything to complain of at present; they must be bad men indeed who trouble you; their numbers must be very small as I know all the great men and Warriors in Georgia love their friends & Brothers, the Cherokees, and wont suffer them to be hurt; and if they can find out who it is that steal your horses & skins, & beat and abuse you in the Woods, they will make them suffer for it. I wish you could get some of our white men, who you know, as witnesses, who understand how to read in our books, to come and tell me the names of any of the bad people who oppress you, and I will take care to make examples of them. We all remember the line that was to be marked, between you & us, and none of our people will be suffered to go over it, & as we intend to have a talk with the Creek people this summer about the line between them & us, we will take the same time to meet you, in order that you may tell us what you want to say. When the time is fixed upon I will send a talk and let you know, and then we will agree about who shall be appointed to superintend and give talks from Georgia and your Nation.

To the Kings, Head Men & Warriors of the Creek Nation.

Friends and Brothers: The talk which you sent in June last to my Brother, our late Governor, was laid by him before the Head Men of this State at their last meeting; it lay a long time open on the table; they gave it a full consideration and have desired me to send this talk to you in their names in answer thereto, and to assure you that they wish to hold you by the hand and keep the path open and straight between our two Countries, and that the chain of friendship should be made brighter than ever and hold so fast that it might never again be tarnished.

Friends: The War is now over, we have sheathed our swords and are at peace with all the World; you gave us land for our Warriors to rest upon, and we are satisfied we have opened a trade with you and will send as many goods to your Nation as you stand in need of.

Brothers, attend: When our Head Men were considering your talk, they found that paper alone was not sufficient to mark the Line on, between us, to prevent bad people from going over it, and therefore to convince you of their sincerity and good intentions, they directed me to choose three beloved Men on our part and to request that you will choose beloved Men on your part, to meet on the very ground and there hold a talk together and set up posts and mark trees and stones and drink out of the waters that lay on the line which you shall agree upon to be the boundary between you and us, and when this is done, no Land on your side of that Line shall be touched by our people on any pretence whatever, and if any should have been marked on the trees blazed it shall go for nothing; and those who did it, if we can find them out, shall be made example of.

Friends and Brothers: Let me intreat that you open your ears to this talk, and that you will as soon as convenient appoint beloved Men and fix a day and place where our beloved Men, which I have already appointed, shall meet with yours to proceed on this business, which I pray the great Master of Breath to smile upon, and grant that it may be a means of cementing our friendship and preventing the spilling of blood.

House of Assembly, Feby. 7th. 1785.

Resolved, that Mr. Wood be called upon by his Honor, the Governor, to deliver any books or papers relating to public accounts, which may be in his possession.

Extract from the minutes.

JOHN WILKINSON, C. G. A.

(Copy.)

Savannah, 30th March, 1785.

To Joseph Wood, Esquire.

Sir:—In pursuance of the above extract from the Journals of the Honl. House of Assembly, I must request the favor that you will be kind enough to deliver such books, or papers, relating to public accounts which may be in your possession, to John Wreath, Esquire, public Auditor. Some matters respecting the accounts of the Army makes it necessary that this should be done as immediately as possible. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedt. servt.,

S. E.

House of Assembly, Feby. 7th, 1785.

Resolved. That his Honor, the Governor, be empowered to order a box of books, and other State documents, now in Charleston at the house of Doctor Jones, to Savannah, and that the same be deposited in the office of the Auditor General. And the said Auditor is hereby required and directed to examine the said books, and make the necessary entries in the books of the said Auditor.

Extract from the minutes.

JOHN WILKINSON, C. G. A.

(Copy.)

To the Honl. Noble Wimberly Jones, Esqr., Charleston.

Savannah, 30th March, 1785.

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit you a resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly of the 7th last February, agreeable to which I request the favor that you will forward the box of books and other State documents in your possession either by Captain Ponder or Dickenson, taking their receipt for the safe delivery here; the freight I will order payment of. I have the honor to be, with the most perfect esteem and regard, Sir.

Your very obedt. servt.,

S. E.

To His Excellency, the Governor of East Florida.

Savannah, State of Georgia, 20th, Jany., 1785.

Sir:—I have the honor to address your Excellency by the bearers, Colonel Milledge and Mr. O'Sullivan, both citizens of this State, who come to your Province for the purpose of recovering their property, detained by some of the British subjects in East Florida.

I beg leave to recommend those gentlemen to your Excellency's particular attention and will be happy in an opportunity of rendering service to any of the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty.

I have the honor to be, with the most perfect respect,

Your Excellency's most obedt servt.,

S. E.

To His Excellency, the Governor of So. Carolina.

Savannah, Feby. 12th, 1785.

Sir:—I have the honor to receive by express your Excellency's letter of the 4th Inst., which with its inclosures was immediately laid before our Legislature, and I have now the pleasure to transmit you their resolutions thereon.

At the request of the gentlemen who are appointed Commllsioners on the part of the State on this business, I must beg the favor that your Excellency will inform those gentlemen, who may be chosen by your Legislature, that they will, if agreeable, meet them at Ebenezer or Purysburgh, on the tenth of March next.

I flatter myself that the difference between the two States will shortly terminate to their mutual satisfaction.

I have the honor to be, Your Excellency's mo. obt.,

S. E.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Et. Florida.

Savannah, 8th March, 1785.

Sir:—I was honored by the receipt of your Excellency's letter of Feb. 7 last, by Colo. Milledge & Mr. O'Sullivan. Please accept my thanks for your friendship to those gentlemen.

The Honorable Major General Greene, who does me the honor to be the bearer of this letter, I beg leave to introduce to your Excellency. This gentlemen's character is so well known that it is unnecessary for me to say anything to induce your Excellency to pay that attention to him which must be due to a person of his distinguished merit.

The General has a valuable estate on the Island of Cumberland, which he goes to take a view of, and intends visiting your province before his return.

I have the to be, &c.,

S. E.

To His Excellency, the Governor of East Florida.

Savannah, March 8th, 1785.

Sir:—I had the honor to address your Excellency of this date by the Honorable Major General Greene.

Permit me to recommend to your Excellency's friendly & polite attention the bearer of this letter, Colonel Hawkins, a citizen of this State and late a Delegate to the Congress of the United States of America, from North Carolina, and who accompanies the General on a visit to your Province.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To His Excellency, the Governor of So. Carolina.

Savannah, 28th Feby., 1785.

Sir:—The letter which I had the honor to receive from your Excellency by express, inclosing the resolutions of 21st & 22nd Instant of both branches of your Legislature, I will lay before the Legislature of this State immediately on their next meeting.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

His Excellency, Richard Henry Lee, Esqr., President of Congress.

Savannah, 5th May, 1785.

Sir:—Your letters of the 24th December and 21st Jany last I had the honor to receive a few days after the Assembly had adjourned. They shall be laid before our Legislature immediately on their next meeting, and I rest satisfied that such measures will then be taken as may fully answer the wish of Congress.

This letter will be handed your Excellency by Major Habersham and Mr. Baldwin, two of the Delegates to Congress from this State.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

The Honble. William Houstoun, Esquire, Delegate to Congress from the State of Georgia. New York.

Savannah, 5th May, 1785.

Sir:—Your letters of the 21st January & 8th March I have had the honor to receive. I have not the least doubt but our Legislature at their next meeting will fully come into the 5 per cent. impost recommended by Congress, and when this measure takes place

I flatter myself the situation of a Georgia Delegate at Congress will be more agreeable than yours at present appears to be; in the mean time Major Habersham and Mr. Baldwin have generously undertaken to ease you of part of your present burthen.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

The Honble. John Jay, Esquire, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, New York.

Savh., 5th May, 1785.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your letter of the 29th last January which will be laid before the Legislature of this State when they next meet.

Sensible of the influence of our domestic or our foreign affairs, it shall be my study to afford you, from time to time, such information on this head as may be deemed necessary for your department.

I have directed the State Secretary to prepare a copy of our Laws which shall be forwarded to you by next opportunity, should they be too late for the present.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

The Honbl. Major General, The Baron De Steuben, at New York.

Savannah, 5th May, 1785.

Dear Sir:—From the delay occasioned by the post-office, it was but last February that I had the honor to receive your letter of the 14th October.

The eminent services which you have rendered this Country does not leave a doubt with me but ere this Congress have fully come up to your wishes.

This letter will be handed you by Major Habersham and Mr. Baldwin, Delegates to Congress from this State, and will serve to make you acquainted with those gentlemen to whom I have communicated the contents of your letter. I have their promise that they will most readily concur in any measure that may tend to your advantage.

That the remainder of your days may be passed in this Land of Liberty with ease and happiness is the sincere wish of, My dear Baron,

Your mo. obt.,

S. E.

P. S. To the Honble. Wm. Houstoun's letter of the 5th inst.

All the money that it has been in the power of the executive to collect from the ways and means pointed out by the Legislature during their last session, has been paid into the hands of Major Habersham and Mr. Baldwin, to be equally divided between you and them. I am hopeful the sum tho' small will answer your immediate demands, and you, with those gentlemen, may rest assured that I shall be attentive in collecting and forwarding to you a further sum as soon as it can possibly be collected.

Yours, &c.,
S. E.

The Honl. Monsieur De la Forest, Consul to His Most Christian Majesty, Charleston.

Savannah 16th May, 1785.

Sir:—I delayed answering your letter of the 23rd March in hopes that ere this it would have been in my power to forward the grants for the land, which our Legislature at their last meeting confirmed to His Excellency, the Count D'Estaing, together with a copy of the act of naturalizing and making a free citizen of this State that much esteemed great man. The delay in our public officers is the sole cause of their not being now sent, but you may rest assured that as soon as I can have them properly authenticated they shall be forwarded to you. The letter respecting the affair of Mr. Bayard was, as soon as received, laid before the Assembly which the great hurry of business they were engaged in prevented their deciding on.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Sir,
Yours, &c.,
S. E.

To Alexander Sample, Esquire, Cumberland Island.

Savannah, 16th May, 1785.

Sir:—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th Instant by Mr. Pengree, and thank you for the information therein contained.

You will be informed by Mr. Osborne ere the receipt of this of your appointment of Magistrate to the Southern Counties of this State, and under this authority I flatter myself that you and him

will be able to take such measures as will effectually rid you of the rest of villains who infest your part of this State.

I much approve of the step you have taken, and wish it may be in your power to augment the party to a sufficient number, under a prudent and determined leader, to co-operate with any troops Governor Dezespedes may order on that service, and I have no doubt but our Legislature will provide for any reasonable expense attending it.

George Armstrong I take to be the person who was lately under sentence of death in this State for forgery, and reprieved by the Legislature, and transported under the pains of forfeiting his life if ever he returned within its limits.

Mr. Pengree will deliver this to you. I am happy when such characters (who are an acquisition) come into our country, it will be my study, and as he is so near you it will be in your power, to afford him every countenance and support possible.

Please to keep me regularly informed of the situation of affairs in your district.

I have the honor to be, &ca.,

S. E.

To Colonel John Baker, in Sunbury.

Savannah, 16th May, 1785.

Dear Sir:—The bearer of this letter, William Pengree, Esquire, I beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance; he is a gentleman of character and property who has long been a resident or in East Florida and about settling in our State. General Green has recommended him very particularly to me. As this gentleman must for some time be an alien, it is necessary for him to fall on some mode of securing a piece of vacant land on which to fix himself without a risque of it being taken from him, and I have referred him to you for advice on this head.

I have information of a gang of plunderers between St. Marys & St. Johns who have connections in this State, which makes it necessary to have something immediately done to prevent their becoming more formidable. I therefore wish to renew my former orders to you to detach a party if possible *to make short work with them*. Mr. Pengree can give you the particulars; and I am, with esteem & regard, Dear Sir,

Yours, &c.,

S. E.

To the Delegates from the State of Georgia in Congress.

Savannah, 18th May, 1785.

Dear Sirs:—The sudden departure of Mr. Peirce, the bearer of this letter, scarcely affords me sufficient time to let you know that by an express received last night from the Creek Country I have information that the Americans and Spaniards on the Mississippi have had two skirmishes, in consequence of which the latter have reinforced their posts up that river with twelve hundred men, and that the Americans had or were collecting in force, when it was expected something serious would take place. I am in hopes, as the accounts have come from the Indians, that they might be void of foundation; I shall, however, take every step to get the truth and give you further advice thereon. I shall forward you a bill for one hundred & fifty pounds in a few days, and you may be fully satisfied that every means in my power shall be used to keep you supplied.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

To William Clark, Esquire, Mercht. Beards Bluff, Alatomaha.

Savannah, 20th May, 1785.

Dear Sir:—Your letter, inclosing several others from the Creek Nation, I received from Mr. Calowell Eastes, the express, who will deliver this to you, and I am instructed by the Council to request that you will satisfy him for his trouble; we have fixed no price with him here as it is judged you can do much better; you will likewise please to pay Mr. Durouzaux thirty-five pounds, taking a receipt for each, particularly mentioning for what service, and whenever you are pleased to apply I will give you a draft on the Treasury for the whole amount.

The Council have appointed Mr. Durozaux Interpreter for the State in the Creek Nation, and I have no doubt from the recommendations we have had of him but he will do us justice.

We have fixed as the most proper place for the meeting the Scull Shoals on the Oconie River, and unless McGilvary does I see nothing to prevent the business terminating to the satisfaction of both parties; our Commissioners won't go to the Nation, and as the running the Line is more the advantage to the Indians than to ourselves, they need not expect great presents, and therefore 'tis expected that but few will attend.

I think it possible—but should you get proper accounts of any difference between the Americans and Spaniards on the Mississippi, I beg you will give me immediately information of it.

I am, &c.,

P. S. Since writing the above Mr. Cadwell Eastes has requested an order on Mr. Clay's store for the last service, which I gave him; you therefore have only to settle with for the first service agreeable to your engagements.

To the Honl. Benjamin Hawkins, Esqr., Charleston.

Savannah, June 3rd, 1785.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th May by Mr. Read. I received a few days since official information from Congress of their appointment of Commissioners to treat with the Cherokees and all the Indians south of them, and think Georgia particularly fortunate in having one of her citizens at the head of that business, in which she is so much interested, especially as Congress did not intend to place her in quite so good a footing as the other States who are in some degree concerned. I had accounts from the Creek Nation the other day; they have not yet agreed on a time for meeting the Commissioners from our State; when they do I shall inform you of it and will be glad to have your opinion whether the appointment from Congress will interfere with your proceeding on the business as one of our Commissioners. I believe Genl. McIntosh will decline serving.

I have the honor to be, with much esteem & regard, &c.

To the Honl. Benjamin Hawkins, Esqr., Charleston.

Savannah, June 9th 1785.

Sir:—I did myself the honor of writing you on the 3rd Inst., which I have no doubt ere this you have received; since then I have information that the Deputies from the Creek Nation for holding a treaty with the Commissioners appointed on behalf of the State, to establish a boundary line between them and us, are on their way down and may be expected in Savannah in five or six days from this.

Inclosed is an extract from the minutes of Council of this day, and also of a letter received from Mr. Durouzeaux, Indian Interpreter, which are forwarded by express in hopes that you will not be so far engaged in other business as to prevent your immediate attendance on the present occasion. I have the honor to be with much esteem, Sir,

Your mo. obt.,

S. E.

To Colonel Elijah Clarke, Wilkes County.

Savannah, June 9th, 1785.

Sir:—Colonel Hawkins promised to inform you that the Council had made choice of you as one of the Commissioners for holding a treaty with the Creek Indians in order to establish a boundary between them and the State agreeable to the act of Assembly passed the 22nd February last for the purpose.

Inclosed are several papers which will give you further information on that head.

Very unexpectedly I received intelligence yesterday that the Deputies from the Indian Nation would be at Beards Bluff on the 11th Inst, with a request that we would have provisions ready for them. This being a matter entirely out of our power, and no means of transporting the necessary articles for the Treaty to that place, induced the Council to give directions to bring them directly to Savannah, where I expect they will be in the course of five or six days, and therefore send this per express to request that you will not fail of giving immediate attendance here; it is a business of the first consequence to the State, and should not be delayed, especially as the Commissioners from Congress will shortly be on the same errand, and if we get thro' with this before they commence, it may be a capital point gained.

Should it, unfortunately, so happen that you can't attend, I beg you will send me word by express, in order that another may be appointed in your stead.

I have the honor to be, with esteem & regard, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

To the Honorable William Houstoun, John Habersham & Abraham Baldwin, Esquires, Delegates to Congress from the State of Georgia, New York.

Savannah, 9th June, 1785.

Gentlemen:—My last letter to you was of 18th last month. Since then I have not had any further accounts from the Mississippi.

The Tallisee King and the Fat King with a few other, in behalf of their Nation, will be in town in a few days, to meet our Commissioners, and I am in hopes that the boundary line between us and the Indians will be fixed before the Commissioners appointed by Congress can enter upon their business. How far the latter may affect Georgia is at present uncertain, but I think she has been insulted by not having a Commissioner appointed from the State for treating with the Cherokees, and all other Indians southward of them, tho' Mr. Houstoun informed Congress at the time how

much she was interested therein. It may not be improper for you to take up this matter again, and, if it appears necessary, to enter a general protest against their proceedings in a business in which we were refused a representation.

Georgia never at any one period stood more in need of a spirited and firm representation in Congress than at present, and I feel happy when I reflect that she has there, at this time, gentlemen who will guard her honor and who dare to vindicate her wrongs. The conduct of a neighboring State makes it necessary to be watchful; nor do I think that one of you can possibly withdraw while Congress are sitting.

The Executive adjourn on the 14th to meet in Augusta, the 28th Instant, there to remain for three months. I request that you will keep me regularly informed of every matter that requires immediate attention, and as you know the expense and disadvantage of a call of the House, be decided when you write on that subject, as the whole will depend on the advices we may receive from you; if you judge it necessary, urge it; if otherwise, say so.

You may rely that I will use every means I can to keep you fully supplied with cash, and I have now the pleasure to inclose, to be equally divided amongst you, Joseph Clay, Esqr.'s bill on Cox and Frazier of Philadelphia for forty-three pounds 15, Sterling, and also Owens & Thomson's bill on Hugh Newbigging & Co., Philadelphia, for one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling, a further sum will in a few days be remitted you by Mr. Clay, via New York, on which he advises Major Habersham by this conveyance, to cause the necessary insurance to be made.

I have the honor to be, with real regard, Gentlemen.

Exchange £43. 15 0 Sterling.

Savannah, the 6th May, 1785.

Gentlemen:—Thirty days after sight of this my first of exchange, second and third of the same tenor and date not paid, pay to the Honl. Jno. Habersham, Esquire, or order, the sum of forty three pounds, fifteen shillings sterling, for value received from the State of Georgia, which charge to account as pr. advice from, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servt.,

(Signed) JOSEPH CLAY.

To Messrs. Coxe and Frazier, Merchants, Philadelphia.

(Copy)

Exchange £150. Stg. Dollars at 4-8.

Sav., 11th June, 1785.

At forty days sight of this our first of exchange (second and third of same tenor and date not paid) pay to Messrs. John and William Wallace, or order, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling, dollars at 4-8 value received, which place to account of, gentn.,

Yr. very huml. servt.,

(Signed)

OWENS & THOMSON.

To Messrs. Hugh Newbigging & Co., Merchants, Philadelphia.
(Copy.)

To the Honorable William Houstoun, Esquire, Delegate to Congress from the State of Georgia, New York.

Savannah, 9th June, 1785.

Sir:—Your letters of the 14th Feby. & 2nd April I had the honor to receive, the later on the 9th & the former on the 21st last month. I have also received the Journals of Congress and their resolutions of 15th March respecting the appointment of Comrs. to treat with the Cherokees and all other Indians southward of them, and likewise, which I have caused to be published in the Gazette of the State, the Proclamation of Congress of the 2nd Feby. and their resolutions of the 23rd Feby. and 17th March.

It is with justice that you complain of want of information from the State, which I could not have expected to be the case, as the House immediately on their appointment of you and choice of other Delegates, appointed a committee to draw up instructions for them, whose duty I judge it to be to write to you, and I assure you that during the time of a long and tedious session, and for a considerable time after their adjournment, I was kept in the dark with respect any matters you should have been made acquainted with, and you may depend, sir, that I never had the most distant wish to make your situation either in Congress or any where else disagreeable; the sacrifice you have made I am fully sensible of, and I think your country stands bound in gratitude to make you full and ample compensation. You will find from my letter to the Delegates what I have been able to remit by this conveyance, and you may fully confide in my making every exertion to place you on a respectable footing in Congress, where I hope you will remain, and with the assistance of your colleagues place Georgia once more on an equal footing with her Sister States.

I have the honor to be with sentiments of the most perfect regard and esteem, Sir, &c.

To the Honorable Major General McIntosh.

Savannah, June 8th, 1785.

Dear Sir:—I have just received information that the Deputies from the Creek Nation for holding a Treaty with the Commissioners appointed by the State to ascertain the boundary line between the Indians and Georgia, are on their way down and will be at Beards Bluff by the 11th Instant.

As you have been named one of the Commissioners, I wish you as immediately as possible in order to fix on some plan of proceeding.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

To the same.

Savannah, 13th June, 1785.

Sir:—I have the honor to inclose you an extract from the minutes of Council of the 9th instant, and as I expect the Indian Chiefs will be in Savanh. in a few days will be glad to see you as soon as possible, in order to have matters put in a proper train for their reception.

I have sent expresses for Colonel Clark & Colo. Hawkins and have no doubt but they will both be in town in all this week.

I have the honor to be, with much esteem, &c.

To Seth John Cuthbert, Esqr., Public Treasury.

Augusta, July 13th, 1785.

Sir:—The inclosed pamphlet, containing a state of the duties payable by vessels of the United States of America in the ports of Marseilles, Bayonne, L'Orient, and Dunkirk, has just been received from the office of foreign affairs, which I am instructed by Council to request that you will have published in a manner the least burthensome to the State; probably the printer may find it to his interest to take it on his own account, in which case, on his engaging to print it directly, let him have it. If he declines, I am of opinion the merchants would pay the expense, but if neither of these modes will do please inform me by the first opportunity what Mr. Johnston will charge the public for a few copies.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedt. & very huml. servt.,

S. E.

To the Honbl. the Delegates in Congress from the State of Georgia.

Savh., June 21st, 1785.

Genn:—Inclosed is a copy of my last letter to you which covers Joseph Clay's, Esqr., second bill on Cox & Frazer for £ 43. 15 and Owens and Thompson's second bill on Hugh Newbigging & Co. for £150 to serve on failure of the first.

I have the honor also to inclose copy of a letter just received from Timo. Barnard. I am afraid a talk sent to the Nation by the Congress Commissioners has been the means of preventing the Indians meeting us agreeable to their appointment, nor I suppose we shall be able now to do anything with them until the general treaty, which they have appointed to be held some time in September in Galphintown, a few miles above the Old town on Great Ogeechee. These genn. have made a requisition of two thousand dollars from the State, for the purpose of forwarding this business, which we have not the ability to comply with.

The latter part of Mr. Barnard's letter is in some degree a confirmation of the report I sometime since mentioned to you of a misunderstanding between the Americans and Spaniards on the river Mississippi.

By this conveyance Mr. Clay will remit you one hundred and fifty pounds Sterg. which I placed in his hands for the purpose, and I expect shortly to send you a further sum of two or three hundred dollars. I am truly anxious to hear from you; and have the honor to be, with sentiments of the highest esteem, Genn.,

Your most obedt. servt.,

S. E.

To Charles Crawford, Garratt Irvine and Arthur Fort, Esquires, a Committee to examine Land Certificates, &c., &c.

Augusta, July 15th, 1785.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to transmit you an extract from the Journals of the Honl. House of Assembly of the 20th last February, respecting your appointment for the purpose of "inquiring into the conduct of those who were appointed to issue certificates for bounty warrants, and of all others who have issued such certificates; and also into the conduct of the Surveyors and persons who have been appointed to survey the land in the Counties of Washington and Franklin."

It appears to me that many irregularities have taken place in this business, and your interposition may be immediately necessary to prevent encroachments on the Indian hunting grounds, contrary to

the intent of the Legislature. I therefore recommend that you do as soon as possible enter upon the inquiry, and I am instructed by the Council to assure you that they will at all times be ready and willing to afford you every countenance and support in their power.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

To the Honl. Benjamin Hawkins, Andrew Pickens and Joseph Martin, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by Congress to treat with the Cherokees & all other Indians southward of them, Charleston.

Augusta, 20th July, 1785.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of the 10th June I had the honor to receive on the 5th Inst. and as soon as we were able to make a Council after our removal to this place I laid the same before them which they have fully considered, and I am instructed to assure you that however inclined they may be to forward the Treaty you purpose to hold with the Creeks on the third Monday in next September at Galphintown on the Ogeechee in this State, it is entirely out of their power to comply even in part with the requisition you make of two thousand dollars to be paid by the second Monday in October next.

It lays altogether with the Legislature to appropriate the public money, and when they meet, which I don't expect will be before next January, I will lay your letter before them.

The guard you require shall be furnished, and it is probable we will appoint one or more persons to attend during the Treaty, as Congress has been so very kind as to indulge the State with that privilege.

I have the honor to be, with sincere esteem, Genn.,

Your mo. obedt. & very h. servt.,

S. E.

The Commissioners of Confiscated Estates for the State of Georgia.

Augusta, 20th July, 1785.

Gentlemen:—The Council having duly considered the matters are unanimously of opinion that it will be more to the advantage of the public to divide the sales of the lands you last advertised, and have therefore instructed me to desire that you will on the day you have mentioned sell in Savannah all the confiscated lands in Effingham, Chatham, Liberty, Glynn and Camden Counties, and that immediately on the rect. of this you fix on a day and give notice that such

of the lands as lays in Burke, Richmond & Wilkes Counties will be sold in the town of Augusta, taking care to reserve such pieces of land as may be the most likely to command specie, should it be necessary on any emergency to raise cash, agreeable to the instructions you last received from the Board.

It hitherto has been a custom to accept of any person who may be offered as a security for the payment of the interest to the public as it becomes due, whereby they are like to be great looses; you are therefore hereby positively instructed not to accept of any person who may be offered as security hereafter for the payment of interest to the public, unless it appears to you that they are citizens of the State, and that they have visible property on the same fully sufficient to discharge any sum or sums of money they may become indebted to the public for, and you must take particular care to express the words of the Act in the bonds taken for the principal, so that it may be properly understood, that in case the money is not punctually paid in year from the day of sale, in either audited or funded certificates of the State, the whole amount will be receivable in nothing else but gold or silver coin.

I have the honor to be, Genn.,

Your mo. obt. servt.,

S. E.

To Chesly Bostick, Esquire, Spirit Creek.

Augusta, 19th July, 1785.

Sir:—I am sorry to be informed by the rect. of your letter of this date that a boat is now on the river intended for this place, with the small pox on board; I am certain that at this season of the year it would much injure the inhabitants if suffered to spread, and therefore request that you will make application to a justice of the peace, nearest to where boat may be, to cause her to be stopped and a proper person, or two, who have had the disorder, hired to attend upon the people infected till they are sufficiently rid of the complaint to be admitted at large amongst the inhabitants. This appears to me to be the most ready and effectual mode, and I think will be a proper upon the owner of the boat; but should the Laws of the State not make 'em chargeable with the expenses, I will provide a payment.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

To James Jackson, Esquire, Mercht., London.

Augusta, August 5th, 1785.

Sir:—The inclosed will serve to explain to you the necessity I am under of requesting that you will take the trouble to procure and send me by the earliest opportunity, in order that I might lay them before the Legislature of this State immediately on their next meeting, properly authenticated copies of the several charters, deeds and proclamations respecting that business which have taken place at the time and since Georgia was erected into a separate Government.

General Oglethorpe may yet be living, & I am certain he would readily explain on oath what he understood to be the boundary between Georgia & South Carolina.

Sir James Wright & the Honl. Grey Elliott, Esquire, it is probable will assist you with their advice & information on this head, and I beg that you will use every means in your power to furnish me with the fullest information possible, and the expense shall be immediately remitted you.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To the Chevalier De Chateaufort, Consul of France, at Charleston.

Augusta, 5th August, 1785.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your letter of the 24th June, with its inclosures of the 17th May last, from the Office of Foreign Affairs with an Act of Congress of the 11th of the same month, recognizing you as Consul from His most Christian Majesty for the states of No. Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to reside ordinarily at Charleston.

I have now the pleasure of transmitting to you an exequator or notification of your quality as such for the State of Geoa., which I have caused to be published in the Gazettes.

I shall be happy in uniting with you in every measure which may tend to the mutual advantage of commerce between France and this State.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To Mr. Gobert, Agent to the French Navy, Savanh.

Augusta, August 5th, 1785.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your letter of the 14th of July last, with its several inclosures, which have been attended to; and by this conveyance you will receive a letter for Chevalier de Chatau-

fort, inclosing an exequator of his quality as Consul for this State, which I request you will forward to him by the first safe conveyance; a copy of the exequator I have sent to Mr. Johnston in order that he might publish it in his Gazette.

Mr. De la Forest has been very polite in paying such respect to my recommendation of Mr. McQueen, which I am confident he merits, and I hope that gentleman will not delay in delivering to the Vice Admiral, the Count D'Estaing, the papers committed to his charge and which that worthy character is so anxious to receive.

You may rest assured that I shall ever be happy in forwarding your interests, & I beg that you will obtain from the Chevalier de Chataufort the appointment you mention, and also a letter from him to me signifying the same, & I will not delay in confirming it.

With respect to the affair of Mr. Bayard, it lays solely with the Legislature, which you must lay before them at their next meeting.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

To Mr. James Durouzeaux, Interpreter to the State at Cowetas.

Augusta, August 18th, 1785.

Sir:—I received two letters from you dated last month to which I have not time just now to reply fully; this will serve to inform you that the Comrs. appointed by Congress to treat on peace and other matters relative to the United States of America with the several nations of Indians to the southward, have appointed to meet the Creek Indians at Galphintown on Great Ogeechee on the third Monday in September next, and have sent a talk and invited the Head Men & Warriors of all the upper & lower towns to be there at that time, when a talk from the United States will be delivered by them, and, as it will be a very proper opportunity for the Commissioners from our State to have the line fixed between us and them, I request that you will do all you can to bring them to that place & time, and not the Scull Shoals as I last wrote you, as one general meeting will answer every purpose and save the State much expense. I beg that you will attend the meeting, as Interpreter to the State, and it may be something in your way to interpret for the other Commrs. I request that you will inform both the upper & lower Creeks of this, and leave nothing undone to bring them down.

I am Sir, &c.,

To Colonel Lewis, or Officer Commanding the Burke County Regiment of Militia.

Augusta, 31st August, 1785.

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit you a resolution of Council of this date, and I desire that you do pay immediate and strict obedience thereto.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

In Council, 16th September, 1785.

Sir:—I have just had the honor to receive a latter dated the 14th Inst. from General Pickens, one of the Commissioners appointed by Congress to treat with the Cherokees and all other Indians southward of them, in which he writes as follows, viz: "The Treaty with the Creeks is to begin the 24th October next at Galphintown, on Ogechee, and with the other tribes the 15th Nov. at or near Seneca. The Guard which the Commrs. mentioned to your Excellency in June last I make no doubt they will be under obligations to you for at the time now appointed, and would wish twenty of them mounted, with a careful Officer."

You are therefore hereby ordered to govern yourself accordingly, and in place of the third Monday in this month have the detachment ready on the spot on the 24th of next October, and twenty of them mounted, with a careful Officer, when and where they are to act agreeable to my former order.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S.E.

To Colonel Lewis, or Officer Commanding the Burke Militia.

To the Honorable Edward Telfair & Willm. Few, Esqrs.

Auga., 5th September, 1785.

Sirs:—I have just had the honor to receive a letter from our Delegates in Congress dated the 10th Augst., in which they write as follows, viz: "We shall expect Mr. Telfair and Colo. Few at the end of our six months' tour agreeable to promise, as two of us shall be under the necessity of returning. We hope they will not fail to be punctual, as it is a matter of much importance that the State should not again be without a representation."

I expect that the gentlemen will date the commencement of their tour from the beginning of May, and as you must be fully sensible of the force of their observation, "that the State should not again be without a representation," I am hopeful that one or both of you will immediately proceed to Congress.

I have a bill on New York for four hundred dollars with which you can be immediately furnished, and steps will be taken to supply you with a further sum.

I have the honor to be,
S. E.

To the Honble. the Board of Treasury at New York.

Augusta, 14th September, 1785.

Gentn:—Your letters of the 5th May & 12th Augst. I have the honor to receive.

Mr. Job Sumner, who you have nominated as Commissioner of Public Accounts for this State, I make not the least doubt is in every respect worthy the appointment, especially as he was recommended by Mr. Houstoun, and, as this gentleman is a stranger in this State, I presume it would have been improper to have appointed a citizen in preference.

Every co-operation on the part of the State which may be necessary for the execution of his office, Mr. Sumner may be fully assured he will experience.

It is to be lamented that Messrs. O'Bryen and Wade have been so very erroneous in their calculation of the interest due on loan office certificates as to prevent their interest certificates being received in any Continental Requisition, as both the public and individuals must be injured thereby.

I will lay your letter on this subject before the Legislature immediately on their next meeting.

I have the honor to be, &c..
S. E.

To Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secy. of Congress.

Augusta, 19th September, 1785.

Sir:—Your several dispatches of the 15th & 30th April, 28 & 31 May, 2d & 9th June, 28th July, and 3d & 9th August, with their inclosures, and the Journals of Congress, I have now an opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of; the most of them came to hand at one time, occasioned by there being no regular post to Savannah, and none to this place; they will be laid before the Legislature as soon as they meet.

I have given directions to our State Secretary to furnish you with thirteen copies of each of the Acts of the Assembly of this State since the first Septr., 1774, inclusive, that are in print.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To the Honl. Major Genl. McIntosh.

Augusta, September 19th, 1785.

Sir:—Your two letters respecting the reserve lands to the southward have been received and due attention paid to them.

Captain Montford acknowledges that two hundred acres on the south & one hundred on the north points of Cumberland Island, and the east point on the north side of St. Marys river, was surveyed previous to the rect. of an order of Council to the contrary, but care will be taken that the works shall not pass into a grant before the meeting of the Legislature.

So little attention has hitherto been paid to this particular, that every acre of the lands that were reserved for the public are in the back country has been taken up, & has now become private property. Quere: as these grants have been surreptitiously obtained, whether the Assembly would not be justified in declaring them to be null and void?

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To Captain Montfort, Surveyor of the Counties of Glynn and Camden.

Augusta, 19th September, 1785.

Sir:—Your letter of the 25th August has been just received, and I desire that you will prevent the two surveys on Cumberland, and the one at the east point on the north side of St. Marys river, being returned to the Surveyor General's office.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter from General McIntosh, with its inclosures, by which you will be informed of the exact situation and quantity of the reserve on Butter Milk Bluff, and also of the particular numbers of the lots in Brunswick that were reserved for the public, which you are not to suffer to be laid out for an individual.

Your observations respecting the immediate advantage to the inhabitants by laying out a town at Butter Milk Bluff are just, and I feel the full force of them, but it can only be done by the Legislature, before whom I will lay your letter when they next meet.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
S. E.

To His Excellency, The Governor of East Florida.

Augusta, 19th September, 1785.

Sir:—His Honor the Chief Justice of our State has applied to me to request that your Excellency will give orders to have Theophilus Hill, a most audacious murderer, apprehended and secured. The in-

closed copy of an information will serve more particularly to explain that cruel affair, & I flatter myself that a determination of your Excellency and the Executive of this State not to suffer such notorious offenders to have an asylum with either will have a most happy tendency to prevent such horrid deeds in future.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

To His Excellency, Vice Admiral the Count D'Estaing, in France.

Augusta, in Georgia, 26th Sept., 1785.

Sir:—It affords me singular satisfaction that I have the honor of transmitting to your Excellency grants for twenty thousand acres of land, and an Act of the Legislature confirming the same to you, and admitting you to all the priviledges, liberties and immunities of a free citizen of this State, in testimony of their respect for your meritorious services.

These papers are committed to the charge of John McQueen, Esquire, a citizen of Georgia, who expects to have the honor of delivering them to your Excellency in person. I therefore take the liberty of recommending this gentn. to your polite attention, from whom you will be able to obtain some information respecting the situation and quality of your lands in this State.

Mr. McQueen is possessed of a very valuable estate on our Sea Board, which abounds with the best live oak for ship building; should he make any contracts for the supply of that article, his property in this country will enable him fully to come up to his engagements.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

S. E.

The Honl. Major Genl. McIntosh.

Augusta, 28th Sept., 1785.

Sir:—I am informed that you have been appointed by Congress one of the Commrs. for treating with the Cherokees and all other Indians southward of them, and wish to know from you whether that appointment will deprive the State of your acting as their Comr. in having the temporary boundary line marked between us and the Creek Indians, as in that event the Council might have an oppy. of filling the vacancy with some other gentleman in order that the State Comrs. may take the advantage of transacting their business at the time of the general Treaty, at Galphinton, on the 24th of the next month.

In a letter of the 22nd Inst. from Colo. Hawkins he requests that we may appoint a person in his stead for the completion of this business.

I have the honor to be, &c.

To the Honorable William Houstoun, John Habersham and Abraham Baldwin, Esquires, New York.

Augusta, 14th September, 1785.

Gentlemen:—Your two letters of the 8th July and 10th August I have had the honor to receive.

I am glad to find a disposition in the Spanish Court to be on so friendly a footing with us, and flatter myself that Mr. Jay will be able to adjust matters with don Diego de Gardoque in such a manner as to remove any further cause of jealousy between the United States and Spain.

The Commissioners appointed by Congress to treat with the Cherokees and all other Indians southward of them are to have a meeting with the Creeks, on the 24th next month, at Galphinton, on Great Ogeechee, and with the other tribes on the 15th November, at or near Seneca, in South Carolina. They have made a demand from this State of two thousand dollars, and an hundred men as a Guard; the first was entirely out of our power to comply with, the latter will be granted. The Honorable Edward Telfair, William Few, Esquire, and Colonel James Jackson, are appointed by our board to attend at the meeting, with instructions to aid and assist the Commissioners in forwarding this business as far as they are authorized by the Confederation to go; and they are further instructed to protest against any measures which they may adopt contrary to the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution and Laws of the State. I have not the least doubt but matters will be conducted in such a manner as will be pleasing, and that our State Commissioners will be able at the same time to have the temporary boundary line agreed on marked between us and the Savages—and what's greatly to be wished for.

The time fixed by Congress for entering on the business respecting the disputed territory between this State and South Carolina, will afford our Legis. sufficient leisure to take it under consideration, and least we might be unprepared with proper vouchers, I have wrote to London for properly authenticated copies of all the Charters, Deeds, proclamations, &c., which have taken place respecting that business from the first establishment of Georgia to the time of resolution.

I feel the full force of your observations respecting the settlement of the federal accounts, which, if much longer delayed, must place

the State in a situation truly contemptible and distressing. Mr. Sumner who you have appointed for this purpose may be fully assured that the Executive of the State will afford him every assistance in their power which may be necessary in the Execution of his office, and as our Auditor is remarkable attentive to his duty, I am hopeful they will be in such forwardness by the meeting of the Legislature as to enable that body to take measures which may have the most salutary effects.

New York and Rhode Island, being in a similar situation with Georgia, respecting the impost, and as it would have been attended with great expense to the State and much injury to the individual members, the Council were induced to give up the idea of a call of the House before the time of their annual meeting.

You, gentlemen, must be so sensible of the necessity of our State being fully represented in Congress at this time that I hope, and have to intreat, that neither of you will return until some other arrives to take your seat. Colonel Few has promised to set out on the first of November; Mr. Telfair's indisposition will not admit of his attendance. I have wrote to Mr. Gibbons on the subject, but have not yet had his answer.

I have a draft on New York for four hundred dollars, which, with a further sum that I am in expectation of receiving, will be remitted you shortly.

The freshes have considerably damaged the crops on the rivers, and a drouth in the back country has hurt the corn in such a degree that more than half a crop of that article won't be made; this will bear hard on the new settlers, as it must occasion a high price for corn and other provisions; the rice crops are, in general, very good.

The Council are to adjourn on the 12th, to meet in Savannah on the 20th October, when I shall in addition to a bill of four hundred dollars which I have already engaged make you a further remittance.

I have the honor to be with the highest regard and esteem, Gentlemen,

Your most obt. & very humble servant,
S. E.

To the Honorable Major General Wayne.

Augusta, 7th October, 1785.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 14th September came to hand on the 21st of the same month which for want of an opportunity has not been sooner answered; the letter of the 20th August, of which you inclosed a copy, I have never had the honor to receive.

I think the conduct of the gentlemen you mention is extraordinary and very unaccountable in running within the lines of old sur-

veys, and when the Council can be sufficiently informed to detect the fraud, they won't suffer a grant to pass, but even should they so far succeed as to obtain one where there has already been a grant, it can't avail them anything. I would advise you to enter a caveat in Liberty County against their work, and then an appeal may be brought after their determination regularly before Council, agreeable to the late Land Act.

I have the honor to be, with much esteem, Dear Sir,

Your most obedt. & Very humbl. servt.,

S. E.

To Jan Boonen Graves, Esquire, Charleston.

Savannah, 8th November, 1785.

Sir:—In pursuance of an Act of Congress of the 13th July last, which did not come to my hands until the 3rd Inst., I have the honor, to transmit you an Exequator or Notification of your Quality as Consul for their High Mightinesses, the Lords, the State Genl. of the United Netherlands for this State which I have caused to be published in this State.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most Obedient and very humble servant,

S. E.

To the Honorable William Few, Esquire.

Augusta, 12th October, 1785.

Sir:—Your letter of this I have had the honor to receive. I am glad to understand that you will be ready to proceed to Congress by the first of the next month where I have every reason to expect your presence is much wanted.

I am instructed by the Council to inform you that a bill on New York for four hundred dollars is ready to be delivered to you when ever you please to call for it; a sum which they apprehend will bring about the time of the next meeting of the Legislature, when they have no doubt proper measures will be adopted to furnish you with a further supply.

I have the honor to be, with much esteem and regard, Sir,

Your most obedt. and very Humble Servant,

S. E.

To Colo. Thomas Green, in the Chicasaws.

Savannah, 9th November, 1786.

Sir:—I had the honor to receive your dispatches by Capt. Jamieson, who will deliver you this. We have paid this gent., in a drf. on the Tr., thirty pounds Sterg. in full for coming down & returning.

I am sorry to find that your situation has been made unhappy in consequence of the Bourbon business. It is not in the power of the Exe. to afford you any relief. Your letter will be laid before the Legislature when they meet, & I have no doubt they will take some measures for yr. relief; 'till then I think you will be well employed in regulating matters with the Indians so as to impress them with favorable sentiments towards this & the people of the United States.

I am, &c.,

S. E.

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