

# George Washington Papers, Subseries 3G, Varick Transcripts, Letterbook 7

## GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, January 1, 1783.

Parole Guilford. Countersigns Hebron, Jerusalem.

For the day tomorrow Colonel Tupper, Lt. Colonel Cochran.

For duty tomorrow the 8th. Massachusetts regiment.

*Discharges* , and *Furloughs* for the persons recommended by the late Board of Inspection are lodged at the Orderly office; Commanding officers of the corps to which these men belong will make application for them that they may be registerd in the books of the regiment before they are delivered out; the dates, (blanks for which are left) are to be inserted in the discharges of those who are entitled to the Provision made by Congress, in their act of the 23d. of April 1782, at the time they are actually given. It is intended by adopting this mode, that those meritorious men who have been debilitated in service shall be borne on the rolls of their regiments and receive their Provisions and other allowances accordingly untill they have an oppertunity of returning to their own States; when ever this happens and the discharges become complete, report thereof is to be made to Head Quarters, that the dates may be registered there also.

Accurate Returns of the officers who remain in Service on the Arrangement of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Lines which is to take place this day are to be made to Head Qrs. by the Commanding officers of those lines, as soon as possible.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, January 2, 1783.

Parole Kensington. Countersigns Ludlen, Martlake.

For tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Barber, Major Fish.

For duty tomorrow the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

The honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve:

In Congress, December 13, 1782.

Resolved that every officer whose duty requires his being on horseback, who shall have his horse killed or wounded and disabled by the enemy, or whose horse shall fall into the enemy's hands without his own manifest fault or misconduct, shall be entitled to receive of the Quartermaster general or his deputy, the just value of such horse, to be appraised on oath, or on the honor of the appraisers, if commissioned officers, provided, the same does not exceed one hundred and twenty dollars; provided also, that if the wounded or disabled horse be brought off, he shall be delivered to some officer in the quartermaster's department, whose certificate shall be necessary to entitle the owner to compensation; provided, also, that before any compensation shall be made for horses lost in manner before-mentioned, the necessary fact shall be proved to the satisfaction of the quartermaster general or his deputy, to whom application shall be made relative to any such losses as have already happend, and in future, by the certificate upon honor of at least one commissioned officer, or the oath of a Non-commissioned officer, or soldier not interested therein, counter

signed by the commanding officer of the army, brigade, corps or detachment, to which the claimant did at the time belong, unless he be the general commanding where the loss accrued, in which case his own certificate upon honor shall entitle him to compensation in manner aforesaid. This resolution to have retrospect to the first day of January 1779: this resolution not to extend to officers who have already received compensation for horses lost since that day.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, January 3, 1783.

Parole Notingham. Countersigns Ohio, Providence.

For the day tomorrow Major Oliver, Major Trescott.

For duty tomorrow, the Maryland Detachment.

The honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Ordinance:

An Ordinance for amending an Ordinance for regulating the Post Office of the United States of America

Whereas it hath been represented to Congress since passing the ordinance for regulating the Post Office of the United States of America, that sundry alterations therein, and additions thereto, are necessary: Be it ordained by the United States in Congress assembled, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that the privilege of franking letters be, and the same is hereby, extended to the inspector general, the adjutant general, the director of the hospitals, the quartermaster general, the commissary of prisoners, and the paymaster general of the army of the United States; and that the same privilege be, and the same is hereby, extended to the officers at the heads of the like departments in any separate army; all letters to and from whom, on public business, shall pass free of postage; and in order to prevent the multiplicity of franks becoming too burthensome to the public, Be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the allowance not exceeding twenty per cent. on what would be the postage of free letters, if they were charged, be discontinued, and that the public be charged with no farther commissions on free letters, though they contain enclosures, than the officers of the Post Office would be entitled to on the postage of the same number of single letters coming the same distance.

And be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the clause in the ordinance of the 18th of October last, which directs the Postmaster General and his deputies to furnish extraordinary expresses be, and the same is hereby repealed.

#### AFTER ORDERS

Notes are arrived for the Payment of the officers subsistence for the present Month. The regimental paymasters will present at the pay office duplicate accounts current, signed by the Commanding officers, wherein is to be

charged the Subsistence of the regiment, agreeably to the Establishment and the subsistence of the deficient officers and Prisoners to be Credited.

Duplicate accounts of the subsistence of Departments and General officers family, to be signed by the heads of the Departments and General officers.

Where a regimental officer belongs to a Staff Department, or in the family of a General officer, his name, rank and regiment to be specified.

Money is also arrived for payment of the ballance of subsistence of the officers, for April, May and June, 1782.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Saturday, January 4, 1783.

Parole Quinsey. Countersigns Ridgefield, Sunbury.

For duty tomorrow the first Jersey regiment

For the day tomorrow Colo. H. Jackson and Colo. Tupper A court of inquiry, consisting of Colonel Cortlandt, Majors Gibbs and Grahame to meet at Colonel Cortlands quarters at three o'clock this

after noon, to enquire into a complaint exhibited by Catherine Leggett, against Lieutt. Ricker<sup>19</sup> of the first Jersey regiment, for seizing a Cow belonging to her husband under pretence of its being designed for the enemy and afterwards carrying the Cow below

19. Lieut. Cornelius Ryker (Ricker) Sedam (Suydam). He served to April, 1783.

the Lines and selling of her there. The parties concerned will attend and the Court make report as soon as may be.

When ever the regimental Surgeons send any sick men to the General Hospital, they will report to the hospital Surgeon the names of the Companies to which such men belong.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, January 5, 1783.

Parole Torrington. Countersigns Virginia, Weymouth.

For the day tomorrow Lieutt. Colonel Maxwell, Major Fish.

For duty tomorrow the first New york regiment.

The Quarter Master General requests that the officers who are entitled to keep horses will as soon as may be settle their forage accounts up to the 31st. ult. inclusive.

A Return shewing the number of women and children that would have drawn rations in the several corps under the late regulation, shewing at the same time the number of extra Rations daily drawn in the corps agreeably to the present regulation to be given in at the Orderly office on tuesday next; the form will be given by the Adjutant General.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, January 6, 1783.

Parole Xebeque. Countersigns Yarmouth, Zenith.

For the day tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Barber, Major Oliver.

For duty tomorrow the 2d. New York regiment.

A sub, serjeant, corporal and fifteen privates from the 4th. Massachusetts regiment to be in readiness to receive a number of naval prisoners of war to be sent from Westpoint, and conduct them to Philadelphia.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, January 7, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam. Countersigns Bolton, Calias.

For Duty tomorrow the first Hampshire regiment.

To the day tomorrow Lt. Colo. Mellon, Major Trescot.

To give sufficient time for the settlement of the forage accounts preseding the year 1783 and prevent disappointments, the Quarter Master General requests the officers to call daily by corps, begining on the right with the Maryland Detachment tomorrow and proceeding in succession to the left. The accounts for 1782 to be seperately stated.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, January 8, 1783.

Parole Devonshire. Countersigns Elizabeth, Frankfort.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs.

For duty tomorrow the 2d. Hampshire regiment.

By the United States in Congress assembled December 31, 1782.

Resolved, That the resolutions of the 7th of August last, so far as relates to the lines of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and New Jersey, be suspended till the first day of March next; and also, as to the Pennsylvania line, so far as to retain in service only the officers necessary to the compleating of three regiments.

Resolved, That Brigadier General Hand be, and he is hereby continued in the Office of adjutant general.

The Quarter Master General having reported that the soldiers are daily cutting wood in the neighbourhood of Camp, transporting it to New Windsor on hand sleds and selling it to the Inhabitants, The Commander in chief strictly prohibits such practices in future.

The regimental paymasters will apply to the Assist. Clothier General at Newburgh for a proportion of the thread which has just arrived.

The Court martial whereof Colonel Greaton is president will assemble at his quarters tomorrow morning ten o'clock.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, January 9, 1783.

Parole Grantham. Countersigns Huntington, Iceland.

For the day tomorrow Colonel H. Jackson.

For duty tomorrow the first Massachusetts regiment. Captain Richard Cox<sup>32</sup> of the first Jersey regimt.is continued in the office of Major of Brigade to the Jersey brigade. Captain Benjamin Hicks<sup>33</sup> of the 1st. New-York regiment, to the New York Brigade. Captain Nathaniel Cushing<sup>34</sup> of the 1st.. Massachusetts regt. to the 1st. Massachusetts Brigade. Captain Abraham Williams<sup>35</sup> of the 2d. Massachusetts regiment, to the 2d. Massa. Brigade.

32. Captain Cox had been promoted to major of the Second New Jersey Regiment on Jan. 6, 1783, and served to the close of the war.

33. Captain Hicks served to June, 1783.

34. Captain Cushing had ceased to be a brigade major in April, 1782. He served to the close of the war.

35. Captain Williams served to November, 1783.

Captain J.K.Smith<sup>36</sup> of the 6th. Massachusetts Regiment, to the 3d. Massachusetts Brigade. and Captain Jeremiah Fogg<sup>37</sup> of the 2d. New hampshire regiment, to the Hampshire Brigade.

Accounts of Subsistence due to the Army for the Year 1782. are to be made out immediately, and lodged at the pay office.

Lieutenant William Morris<sup>38</sup> of the 2d. regimt. of Artillery is appointed Quarter Master to the same, vice Lieutenant Cunningham<sup>39</sup>, resigned that office, this appointment to take place from the first instant January.

At a General courtmartial held at Philadelphia December the 26th. 1782, Lieutenant Colonel Weibert president, Lewis Mozais soldier in the Pennsylvania Line was tried for Desertion, convicted and sentenced to receive one hundred lashes, on his bare back.

The Commander in Chief approves the sentence of the Court.

36. Capt. John Kilby Smith. He was transferred to the Second Massachusetts Regiment in June, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

37. Captain Fogg is noted by Heitman as having been transferred to the First New Hampshire Regiment in March, 1782. He served to the close of the war.

38. Lieut. William Walton Morris. He served to June, 1783.

39. Lieut. Henry Cunningham. He was transferred to the Corps of Artillery in June, 1783, and served to June, 1784.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, January 10, 1783.

Parole Kornebec. Countersigns Lunenburgh, Middleton.

For the day tomorrow Major Grahame.<sup>44</sup>

For duty tomorrow the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

A few Watch Coats are ready at the Cloathiers store, to be delivered to the troops of this Cantonment, immediate application is to be made for them.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, January 11, 1783.

Parole Norfolk. Countersigns Ordnance, Penobscot.

For the day tomorrow Colo. J. Vose.

For duty tomorrow the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

As the navigation of the Hudson is now, and will probably for some time be impracticable, the *Barges* which are in possession of officers are to be delivered to the Quarter Mr. General and all their crews returned to their respective regiments, except those in the service of the Quarter Master General, who will be wanted to man the Ice Boats; the Commander in Chief will return his own barge, and dismiss his Crew.

44. Maj. John Graham (Grahame).

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Headquarters, Newburgh, Sunday, January 12, 1783.

Parole Quixotte. Countersigns Rippen, Sussex.

For the day tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

For duty tomorrow the 3d. Massachusetts regiment. Captain J. Walker<sup>51</sup> of the 3d. Connecticut regiment is continued in the office of Major of Brigade to the Connecticut Brigade.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, January 13, 1783.

Parole Tiverton. Countersigns Vienna, Wilton.

For the day tomorrow Major Pope.<sup>53</sup>

For duty tomorrow the 6th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commanding officers of the Connecticut, and Massachusetts Lines, are to make returns to the Adjutant General immediately of the officers who retired from service under the arrangement of the 1st. instant, noting particularly those who were entitled to remain; but have been permitted to retire agreeably to the Resolves of the 19th. November.

51. Capt. Joseph Walker. He served to June, 1783.

53. Maj. Isaac Pope, of the Third Massachusetts Regiment. He retired in June, 1783.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, January 14, 1783.

Parole America. Countersigns Boston, Charlestown.

For the day tomorrow Lieutent. Colonel Vandyke.

For duty tomorrow the 2d. Massachusetts regiment.

The seventh Massachusetts regiment will march for the releif of the second Jersey regiment, on the Lines, on thursday the 16th. instant.

Captain John Carlile,<sup>55</sup> of General Hazens regiment, is appointed Assist. Adjutant General, to take place with the New Arrangement. He is to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, January 15, 1783.

Parole Dublin. Countersigns Essex, Fort Pitt.

For the day tomorrow Major Fish.

For duty tomorrow the 8th. Massachusetts regt.

The honorable the Congress have been pleased to promote Colonels Greaton, and Putnam, of the Massachusetts Line, and Colonel Dayton of the Jersey Line to the rank of Brigadier Generals.

55. Capt. John Carlisle (Carlile). He retired in July, 1783.

Brigadier General Greaton is appointed to the command of the 2d. and Brigadier General Putnam to the command of the 3d. Massachusetts Brigades.

The Army will be inspected and mustered for the month of December on the following days:  
Newyork brigade on the 17th. instant. 1st. Massachusetts do on the 18th. 3d. do do the 19th. 2d. and 5th. Massa. regiments the 20th. 8th. do.do.the 21st. Maryland Detacht. and Jersey Brigde. 24th. and Hampshire the 23d.

The Garrison of Westpoint and 2d. Connecticut regt. for December and January on the 26th. 27th. and 28th. instant.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, January 16, 1783.

Parole Gottonburgh. Countersigns Hillsborough, Jersey.

For the day tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Barber.

For duty tomorrow the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

Commanding officers of Lines from which there are soldiers absent attending as servants on officers who have retired in consequence of the late arrangement, or left the service in any other way, will direct in pointed terms all such soldiers to join their corps without delay; and in case they shall neglect to comply with the order, their names, together with the names and ranks of the

officers by whom they are retained, must be immediately reported to Head Quarters, that proper measures may be taken to enforce obedience.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, January 17, 1783.

Parole Kalendar. Countersigns Louisbough, Madiera.

For the day tomorrow Major Oliver.<sup>68</sup>

For duty tomorrow the Maryland Detachment.

In consequence of the promotion of Brigadrs. Generals, Greaton, Putnam, and Dayton, Lieutenant Colonel Mellon is posted to the 3d. and Lieutenant Colo. Cobb to the 5th. Regiments of Massachusetts, as Lieutenant Colonels commandants. Lieutenant Colonel Barber takes command of the 2d. regiment of Jersey as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant. Major General Gates will be pleased to ascertain what transference of officers from one corps to another will be rendered necessary in consequence of this arrangement, and post them accordingly.

It is with great pleasure the General communicates to the Army the following translation of a Letter, he received yesterday from the Minister of France:

68. Maj. Robert Oliver, of the Second Massachusetts Regiment. He served to November, 1783.

On January 17 Benjamin Walker wrote to Jonathan Smith, the State recruiting officer for Massachusetts, explaining the case of Joseph and William Hackney, charged with a double enlistment. Walker's draft is in the *Washington Papers*.

## **To HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN ARMY**

Philadelphia, January 10, 1783.

Gentlemen: His Majesty has been informed of the marks of Joy, shewn by the American Army, on the birth of the Dauphin; and it has given him great satisfaction to see the part which the American officers and soldiers have taken in that happy event.

The King has ordered me to make known to you, his sensibility on this Occasion and has charged me to assure the American Army and the General who commands it, of his affection and particular Esteem.

I have the honor to be etc.<sup>69</sup>

69. The original of this letter is in the *Washington Papers*.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, January 18, 1783.

Parole Netherlands. Countersigns Oporto, Pandora.

For the day tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Mellen.

For duty tomorrow the 1st Jersey regiment.

It is the intention of the Commander in chief that the order of the 20th of December last respecting returning the Marques and other Tents to the Quarter Master General by the 20th instant shall be strictly complied with, in every instance.

The Quarter Master General will not only report all delinquent officers, but will lodge their names with an estimate of the value of the Marques &ca. retained by them at the pay office. that the amount may be deducted by the Pay-Master from the first money belonging to such officers which shall be put into his hands. The General is induced to give this further order on the subject because he has been informed the former has been understood by some to relate particularly to soldiers

Tents; and consequently that a compliance with respect to other Tents might be dispensed with under certain circumstances.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, January 19, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Rumney, Suffolk.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs.

For duty tomorrow the first York regiment.

The Commander in chief gives his sanction to the agreement which has been entered into between Brigadr. General Greaton, Colonel H. Jackson and Major Fish in behalf of the regiments therein named, on the one part, and the Contractors for supplying the Army in the States of New-York and Jersey with rations of Provisions on the other, respecting the commutation of certain component parts of the rations; as specified in the original agreement which will be lodged at the Orderly office.

At a general courtmartial assembled at New windsor cantonment Decr. 16th. 1782 by order of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, Colonel Greaton President.

Captain Phenias Bowman of the 5th. Massa. regiment was tried for conducting himself in a manner unbecoming an officer and Gentleman toward the Commanding officer of his regiment.

The Court are of opinion the charge against Captn. Bowman is not supported in every particular

but find him guilty of conduct, amounting to a breach of Art. 5th. sec. 18th. of the rules and Art. of war and sentence him to ask pardon of Lieutenat Colonel Newhall publickly at the head of the 2d Massachusetts Brigade and to be suspended from the service for the space of three months.

The Commander in Chief confirms the sentence.

The General courtmartial of which Colo. Greaton was president is desolved.

A General courtmartial of which Colo. Michael Jackson is appointed President, will assemble tomorrow morning ten o'clock at the presidents quarters for the Tryal of such persons as shall be brought before them: Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, Major Pope, three Captains from the Newyork, One from the 1st. Massachusetts, three from the 2d., two from the third, and one from the New Hampshire brigade to attend as members. All evidences and persons concerned are ordered to attend the court.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, January 20, 1783.

Parole Tunbridge. Countersigns Victory, Willoby.

For the day tomorrow Colonel H. Jackson.

For duty the second York regiment.

Captain Trotter<sup>80</sup> of the 5th. Massachusetts regiment is appointed Aide de Camp to Brigadier General Putnam, and is to be respected as such.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, January 21, 1783.

Parole Xenophon. Countersigns Yarmouth, Zealous.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Newhall.

For duty the 1st Hampshire regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, January 22, 1783.

Parole Alexandria. Countersigns Baltimore, Cambridge.

For the day tomorrow Major Grahame.

For duty the 1st. Massachusetts regiment.

The death of Major General Lord Sterling having happened at such a distance from this Army, that his funeral could not be attended with the Military honors due to his rank, the Commander in chief however wishes as a testimony of respect to the memory of his Lordship, that the General officers and

80. Capt. John Trotter. He was aide to Brig. Gen. Rufus Putnam to the close of the war.

such others as think proper, would go into mourning, one Month on the occasion, by wearing a Crape, or weed during that time.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, January 23, 1783.

Parole Devonshire. Countersigns Essex, Fallmouth.

For the day tomorrow Col. J. Vose.

For duty tomorrow the 2d. Hampshire regiment.

The evacuation of Charlestown and the total liberation of the southern states from the power of the enemy are important events of which the Commander in Chief has now received official information. It is with heartfelt satisfaction he takes an early opportunity of making it known; and of congratulating the army on the favorable prospects before us. The enemy after more than a seven years War, and all their boasted conquests, being now reduced to narrower limits and a weaker force than they were possessed of seven years ago.

The Commander in Chief thinks there could not be a more proper occasion than this Epoch, to express the sense he entertains of the exalted Merits of the Troops which have been employed in the southern Department, the extraordinary abilities, bravery and prudence displayed by Major Genl. Green in conducting the operations;

the patient virtue and invincible fortitude exhibited by the officers and men in seconding his efforts, amidst innumerable difficulties and hardships, through a long and severe contest, against superior numbers, will entitle them all to the gratitude of their Countrymen, the applause of the present age, and the admiration of posterity.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, January 24, 1783.

Parole Geneva. Countersigns Holland, Ireland.

For the day tomorrow Major Morrill.

For duty the fourth Massachusetts regiment.

Report having been made to the Commander in chief, that when the Country people come to the hutts with marketting, they are frequently Maltreated and plundered by the soldiers, which conduct is not only scandalous in itself but injurious to the Army, as well as the Inhabitants, by tending to discourage the latter from returning again to the Cantonment; To remedy these abuses, the Quarter

Master General will point out one, or more places, at which Provisions, Roots, Vegetables &ca. designed for the Army are to be exposed to sale.

Proper Guards will be appointed for the protection of such as shall attend, with an officer or officers whose duty it will be to superintend the Market and preserve good order.

If any soldier shall attempt to purchase before the articles arrive at the appointed places he will be subject to corporal punishment by the Judgement of a Courtmartial; but if on such an occasion he shall be guilty of any imposition, fraud or other abuses, prompt punishment shall be inflicted on the spot, that the example may be held out as a terror to others.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, January 25, 1783.

Parole Keppell. Countersigns Lambert, Medway.

For the day tomorrow Major Redding.<sup>11</sup>

For duty the third Massachusetts regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, January 26, 1783.

Parole Narraganset. Countersigns Oswego, Princeton.

For the day tomorrow Lieutenant Colonel Vandyke.

For duty the sixth Massachusetts regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, January 27, 1783.

Parole Quarterly. Countersigns Reading, Sterling.

For the day tomorrow Major Fish.

For duty the second Massa. regiment.

11. Maj. Samuel Reading (Redding).

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, January 28, 1783.

Parole Theatre. Countersigns Venango, Wyoming.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Comdr. Barber.

For duty tomorrow the 8th Massachusetts regiment.

At the General court martial of which Colonel Micheal Jackson is president, Joseph Cowell, David Shea, Thomas Jenks, John Blake, Robert Creaton, Nathan Curtis, James Urann, Abraham Cook, Samuel Woods and Noah Goodrich, soldiers in the Light Infantry Company of the 1st Massachusetts regiment, were tryed: charged with killing a Cow on the night of the tenth, stealing Fowls about the 16th. and stealing eleven Geese on the night of the 24th. of December last.

The Court on consideration are of opinion, that, that part of the charge against the prisoners respecting the Cow, and fowles, is not supported; that the prisoners are each of them guilty of the other part of the charge against them in breach of Article the 5th. section the 18th. of the rules and articles of war; and sentence Urann, Cowell and Shea to receive one hundred lashes each; and each of the other prisoners, seventy five Lashes on their naked backs; and that the whole of them be put

under equal Stoppages in their pay till the sum of fifteen dollars be stoped in the whole, to be paid to Mr. Jonas Williams to make good his loss and damage.

At the same court, James Keter of the 3d. Massachusetts regiment was tried for Desertion: found guilty in breach of article 1st. section 6th. of the rules and artcs. of war and sentenced to receive One hundred lashes on his naked back.

The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing sentences.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The first Newyork regiment will march on thursday next for the relief of the 7th. Massachusetts regimt. on the lines.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Wednesday, January 29, 1783.

Parole Amboy. Countersigns Burdenton, Castleton.

For the day tomorrow Major Scott.

For duty the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

Major Generals Baron Steuben and Duportail, Colonels Humpton and Laumoy, Majors Villefranche, Clarkson and McPherson. and Captain L'Enfant, or such of them as can be assembled will compose a board of officers to examine into and report on the Claim of Captain Segond to be admitted into the Legion Commanded by Colonel Armand.

Major General Steuben will preside and will appoint the time and place of meeting; Colonel Armand and Captain Segond will attend to give the Board the necessary information on the subject.

Thursday the 6th. of February being the anniversary of the Alliance with France, a feu de joye will be fired on that day in celebration of this auspicious Event, by the troops of the Cantonment; previous to which they will be reviewed by the Commander in chief on their parades. The regiments to be under arms precisely at one o'clock. The Adjutant Genl. will give instructions respecting the subsequent dispositions; and the Commandant of Artillery will order a sufficient number of Cartridges without ball to be issued for the occasion.

After the feu de joye the General will be happy to see not only all the officers of the Cantonments, but all the Gentlemen of the Army and other Gentlemen and Ladies who can attend with convenience at the Newbuilding,<sup>21</sup> where a cold Collation will be provided.

21. The New Building was at New Windsor, at which the Army was cantoned, and which was about 3 miles from Newburgh. It stood on a slight elevation and was a one-story frame structure, erected by the troops, and "handsomely finished, with a spacious hall, sufficient to contain a brigade of troops on Lord's days, for public worship, with an orchestre at one end. On top was a cupola and a flag-staff." It was also called the "Temple" and the "Public Building," and was used for general assemblage purposes. The estimate for the building shows "5120 feet of timber; 3000 laths, 4 ft. long, 1 in. thick, 2½ inches wide; 21,000 shingles, well shaved, 8 × 4 inches in size; 1000 split ribs, 8½ ft long, 2½ in. wide at the top." Stones for the chimneys, underpinning, etc., were collected from the field. The building was to be finished in 15 days.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, January 30, 1783.

Parole Denbeigh. Countersigns Exeter, Faulkland.

For the day tomorrow Major Oliver.

For duty the Maryland Detachment.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, January 31, 1783.

Parole Germany. Countersigns Hannover, Japan.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Col. J. Millen.

For duty the first Jersey regiment.

The Quarter Master General has fixed on three markett places to which Provisions of all kinds intended for sale to the troops are to be brought. One in the front of the interval between the New Jersey and Newyork brigades, one in front of the interval between the first and third Massachusetts Brigades, and one in the rear of the hospital hurts, by the road that runs between those Hutts and the Hurts of the 2d. Massachusetts brigade.

A return of the number of Cartridges wanted to compleat the men of each regiment in this Cantonment, that will probably be under arms on thursday next to three rounds per man to be given in tomorrow at Orderly time.

A subaltern officer is daily to *superintend* each Market place established in the orders of this day. They will be furnished, in the following manner; the Maryland, Jersey,

York, and Hampshire regiments in rotation, begining on the right that between the York and Jersey Lines, the first and third Massachusetts brigades, regimentally from right to left, that in the interval between those brigades, and the 2d. Brigade in the same manner, that between the hospital hutts and those of said brigade.

The officers on this duty will find their Instructions in the orders of the 24th. instant.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Saturday, February 1, 1783.

Parole, Kingston. Countersigns Lancaster, Manchester.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs.

For duty the 2d. Jersey regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, February 2, 1783.

Parole Northcastle. Countersigns Onondago, Pompton.

For the day tomorrow Major Knap.

For duty the 2d. York regiment.

A sub, sergt, corpl, and 15 privates from the regimt. which gives the details for duty to march tomorrow morning to West-point, to receive the prisoners belonging to the corps in this Cantonment confined there, and conduct them to the New provost. The officer commanding the party will apply to the Fort major at Westpoint for the prisoners, and report to the Adjutant Genl. on his return that a relief may be ordered for him.

Commanding officers of brigades are requested to send to Westpoint on tuesday next for their proportions of Blank cartridges agreeably to the returns given in yesterday an abstract of which will be sent to General Knox.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, February 3, 1783.

Parole Quintal. Countersigns Richmond, Salem.

For the day tomorrow Colonel H. Jackson.

For duty the 1st Hampshire regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, February 4, 1783.

Parole Turkey. Countersigns Varsailles, Warwick.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Newhall.

For duty the 2d. Hampshire regiment.

The troops are to be under arms for review on thursday exactly at 12 o'clock instead of one as was directed in the orders of the 29th. Ultimo.

The General is happy in having the following honorable testimony to the Character and memory of Major General Lord Sterling recorded in the Annals of the Army.

By the United States in Congress assembled January 28, 1783.

The Commander in Chief having in a letter of the 20, informed Congress of the death of Major General Lord Stirling.

On motion

Resolved, That the President signify to the Commandr. in Chief, in a manner the most respectful to the memory of the late Major General the Earl of Stirling, the sense Congress entertain of the early and meritorius, exertions of that general in the common cause; and of the bravery, perseverance and military talents he possessed; which having fixed their esteem for his character, while living, induce

a proportionate regret for the loss of an officer who has rendered such constant and important services to his country.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, February 5, 1783.

Parole Albemarle. Countersigns Bedford, Cambden.

For the day tomorrow Colonel J. Vose.

For duty the first Massa. regiment.

The principal objects of the Commander in chief for collect. Lug the Army together in this Cantonment of repose for the winter, were to keep alive the spirit of emulation amongst the different corps, to give an opportunity for confirming the habits of Discipline which had been acquired the last Campaign; and improving the internal police of each to the highest degree of perfection. Altho the severity of the season may not for some time admit of the troops being

drawn out for exercise and Manœvring yet the greatest attention might, and should in the mean time be paid to the establishment of perfect regularity, œconomy and good order, throughout the line of the whole army. As soon as the snow shall be gone, and the weather will suffer it, the General hopes he need not have occasion to prompt the Generals and officers commanding Brigades and regiments, to commence the daily exercises, in the same manner they were practiced the last year: as a necessary preparation for which he recommends that proper ground for Manœvring should be fixed upon by them as soon as may be, that the stumps (if there are any) should be cut level with the surface of the Earth, and that every other obstacle should be seasonably removed.

The troops are to be served with a gill of Rum per man after the feu de joie, which the regimental Quarter Masters will have ready to distribute on their arrival at their respective Cantonments.

After having furnished the ordinary Guards, the remainder of the regiments ordered for duty tomorrow will form, and join in the exercise of the day.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, February 6, 1783.

Parole America and France. Countersigns United, forever.

For the day tomorrow Major Pettingill.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in chief, who wishes on the return of this auspicious day<sup>43</sup> to diffuse the feeling of gratitude and pleasure as extensively as possible is pleased to grant a full and free pardon to all military prisoners now in confinement; any Noncomissioned officers or privates who may come under this predicament are ordered to be released without delay and join their respective regiments. The General flatters himself this act of grace will have a proper influence on the future conduct of those immediately concerned and that well timed instances of lenity will operate on generous minds more effectually towards establishing a proper system of Decipline (which he is determined shall be invariably maintained) than the severest examples could have done.

43. Anniversary of signing of the Treaty of Alliance with France.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, February 7, 1783.

Parole Dartmouth. Countersigns Epsom, Philadelphia.

For the day tomorrow Major Morrell.

For duty the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in chief orders it to be signified to the troops of this Cantonment that he was yesterday perfectly satisfied with their appearance in general. He thinks proper however in justice to his own observations and the reputation of those corps which made the most respectable figure, to observe that the distinction hereafter will be publickly noticed unless an alteration shall take place before another Review.

The regimental paymasters are desired to apply at the Cloathers store in Newburgh for a proportion of blanketts.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, February 8, 1783.

Parole Gilead. Countersigns Hartford, Illinois.

For the day tomorrow Major Reading.

For duty the third Massachusetts Regiment.

At the general courtmartial of which Colonel Michael Jackson is president, Ensign Ricker Sedam of the 1st. Jersey regiment, charged with seizing a cow belonging to the husband of Catherine Leggett under pretence of its being designed

for the enemy, and afterwards carrying the same Cow below the Lines and selling her there, Was tried. The court on consideration are of opinion that Ensign Ricker Sedam did seize a Cow belonging to the husband of Catherine Leggett and that he sold the same Cow a few rods below the Lines; they are also of Opinion that he had a right to seize the Cow, but he ought to have had her condemned, before he sold her, which was not the case, yet considering all the circumstances attending the transaction they think him excusable.

The Commander in chief approves the opinion of the court and releases Ensign Sedam from Arrest.

At the General courtmartial of which Colonel Zebulon Butler is president, Thomas Stevens a soldier in the 3d. Massachusetts regiment, charged with using insulting Language to Lieutenant Smith of the 6th. Massa. regiment when crossing the river at Westpoint, and afterwards striking Lieutenant Smith<sup>55</sup> several times, was tried. The court on due consideration find Stephens guilty of a breach of part of article 5th. section 2d. of the rules and articles of war, and sentence him to have his honorary Badge taken off at the head of the regiment to which he belongs, and receive one hundred lashes on his naked back

The Commander in chief approves the sentence of the Court, but remits the infliction of the punishment in consideration of the orders of the 6th instant.

55. Lieut. Josiah Smith, of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment. He served to June, 1783.

All officers going on Furlough, Command, or any other business which calls them from Camp, are directed to leave orders on the paymaster for their subsistence, during their absence.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, February 9, 1783.

Parole Kendal. Countersigns Lincoln, Montgomery.

For the day tomorrow Major Fish.

For duty the 6th. Massachusetts regiment.

A Board consisting of all the General officers in this Cantonment and at the Garrison of Westpoint to assemble at such place as shall be appointed by Major Genl. Gates on thursday next to take into consideration certain points contained in a memorial of Brigadier Genl. Hasen in behalf of himself and a large majority of the officers of his regiment relative to the proceedings of Courts martial,

the duties of a Judge advocate and the conduct of Mr. Edwards the present Judge Advocate; the particular objects of enquiry will be pointed out by the Commander in chief. The parties concerned are directed to attend and exhibit such Documents and information as shall be thought proper, and the Board are requested to report their opinion thereon as soon as may be.

The inspection and muster of the Troops in this Cantonment will be made for the month of Jany. upon the following days:

the first Massachusetts brigade the 12th. instant; Jersey do. 13th; Hampshire do. 14th; 3d Massachusetts do. 15th; 2d. and 8th. Massa. regiments 16th; 5th. Massachusetts regt. 17th; York Brigade 20th.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, February 10, 1783.

Parole Northampton. Countersigns Oldham, Pompton.

For the day Lt. Colonel Comdt. Barber.

For duty the 2d Massachusetts regiment.

Every time the Commander in chief passes through the line he finds himself very agreeably affected with a view of the present comfortable and beautifull situation of the troops; and while he considers it as a just testimony of applause to assert that the hutts in point of convenience, regularity and eligance have equaled, if not surpassed his most sanguine expectations, he wishes the soldiery to be assured that it will be his most earnest studdy and endeavour that health and happiness should bless the Inhabitants of them, for which purpose he thinks proper to give some general directions, which are to be often read and inculcated, and will be considered as standing

regulations so long as the troops shall continue in their winter cantonment.

Not only the Parade in front of the Cantonment is to be kept constantly clean and free from Nuisances, but also the rear and intermediate space between the hutts to be put and kept in the same condition: to effect this the small brush and rubbish must be immediately removed to a suitable distance, and either burned, or piled in heaps and reserved for firing, as may be deemed most expedient.

The hutts to be thoroughly swept and cleansed every day under the order and inspection of the officers of Police small poles to be fixed on stakes for airing the blanketts &ca. in the manner now practiced by the 2d. Massachusetts regiment.

The greatest regularity and good order to be observed by the men, as to the mode of cooking their victuals and the time of eating; as well as in the manner of messing and living together.

Strict attention is also to be paid by them to the neatness of their persons, the cleanliness, and preservation of their Cloathing.

*Necessaries* to be built at proper places, to be sheltered from view and the vaults daily covered with earth as soon as the warm season advances.

Fresh straw to be furnished by the Quarter master General, once in two months, if it can be possibly procured, and it is hoped a further supply of Blanketts will soon be received as there has lately been an arrival of that article from Europe; scarcely any thing will then be wanting to render the circumstances as elegeble as those of a Military life can be, except a little *Money* , and that, it is expected will arrive in a short time.

The General cannot conclude this order without reminding the troops of a circumstance which will be remembered to their immortal reputation; that during the whole time the army was encamped the last Campaign on Verplanks point, there never was any filth or trash to be seen on the parade nor any thing offensive to the sight or smell, in the invirons of the encampment but on the contrary there appeared to be an admirable police maintained without the repetition of a single Order on the

subject. Nothing more is now wished or requested than that the same line of Conduct may be rigidly observed in quarters, which was found by experience to be so honorable and salutary in the field.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, February 11, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Romney, Sandwich.

For the day tomorrow Major Rice.

For duty the 8th. Massachusetts regiment.

The 4th. Massachusetts Regiment will march on thursday next to the relief of the first New York regiment on the Lines.

The Quarter Master General agrees to give six pence, or half a ration per cord for the wood cut for the use of the hospitals, of which the parties employed for that purpose may avail themselves.

The Commander in chief is pleased to direct that all General and other officers who belong to, or expect Commands in this Army and who do not consider themselves included in the order of the 11th. day of December last, should be in Camp by the 15th. of April next at farthest, but in case the Weather should prove favorable for commencing the Discipline of the troops upon a great scale at an earlier period; it is most earnestly recommended that the Major Generals and Brigadiers who are or will be appointed to the commands of Divisions or Brigades (alho they may have discretionary leave of absence) would actually be on the ground in season to take the command in the first instance, and to consider themselves as having the immediate charge of Disciplining and

Manœuvring the troops of their respective commands. No officer of any rank whatsoever can be ashamed of Commanding troops which make such an excellent appearance under arms as ours will, with a little more experience and instruction; and no one will be excused from attending personally to these important duties of his station. The Commander in chief expects therefore the pleasure

of seeing the Commanding officers of Divisions and Brigades on field days (which will be made frequent for the purpose) take occasion themselves to exercise the Corps under their Command in his presence.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The Inspection and Muster of the troops as specified in the orders of the 9th. instant, is postponed till further Orders.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, February 12, 1783.

Parole Turkey. Countersigns Virginia, Wilmington.

For the day tomorrow Major Scott.

For duty the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

The General applauds the provident care shewn by the regiments which have laid up Magazines of wood while the snow gave such facility to the transportation; should so favourable an opportunity again happen, he wishes a sufficient stock of fuel might be provided to serve untill the first of April, or even the first of May if practicable. It is scarcely necessary to mention how much the labour of the men as well as the distruction of the Cloathing would be diminished if the measure recomended could be carried into effect.

The Accounts of Subsistence for the month of March to be lodged at the pay office by the 24th. instant for examination that the notes may immediately on their arrival be issued to the whole Army. A simular mode to be hereafter observed and considered as a standing Regulation.

The field officer of the day and officers commanding patrolls instead of assembling at the place appointed in the orders of the 25th. of December last, will in future meet at the New building.

## **AFTER ORDERS**

The remains of the late Lieutt. Col. Comdt. Barber<sup>75</sup> will be interred tomorrow. The procession will set out at 10 o'clock A.M. from Mr. Dennisons house the Quarters of the deceased.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, February 13, 1783.

Parole Andalucia. Countersigns Bristol, Charlotte.

For the day tomorrow Major Oliver.

For duty the Maryland Detachment.

At the General courtmartial whereof Colonel Zebulon Butler is president: Captain Lieutenant Taulman<sup>76</sup> of the Corps of Sappers and Miners, was tried, charged first with disobedience of Orders, particularly in not making out a provision Return of the company under his command agreeably to the form sent him December the 31st. 1782 for the purpose by Captn. Bushnell<sup>77</sup> his Commanding officer; in bringing his Baggage into Captain Bushnells Quarters the 1st of January last, contrary to Captn. Bushnells command to him, and refusing to take it away agreeably to Captain Bushnells express orders. 2dly. With sending an indecent and impertinent answer to Captn. Bushnells order, subversion of good order and Discipline and unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman or an officer. 3dly. with mutinous behavior particularly in Commandg. soldiers to disobey Captain Bushnells express orders to them, on the 1st. of January last.

The Court after maturely considering

75. Lieut. Col. Francis Barber. He had been promoted to colonel of the Second New Jersey Regiment in January, 1783. He was killed by a falling tree on February 11.

76. Capt.-Lieut. Peter Taulman. He served to the close of the war.

77. Capt. David Bushnell. He served to June, 1783.

the evidences for and against Captn. Lieut. Taulman and his Defence are of opinion that he did not make out a provision return agreeably to a form sent him for that purpose Decr. the 31st. 1782, by Captain Bushnell his Commanding officer, and also that he did order his Baggage into Captn. Bushnells quarters the first of January last contrary to Captain Bushnells command to him, and refused to take it away agreeably to Captn. Bushnell's express orders in breach of the latter part of art. 5 section 2d. of the rules and articles of war, the Court are also of opinion that Captain Lieutenant Taulmans answer to Captn. Bushnells order to him of the 31st. December 1782 is indecent and impertinent and unbecoming the Character of an Officer in breach of articles the 5th. section 18th. of the Rules and articles of war. On the third charge the Court are of opinion that Captain Lieutenant Taulman did order soldiers to disobey the express orders of Captain Bushnell on the 1st. of January, in such a manner however as not to amount to mutinous behavior, but which does amount to very disorderly behavior in breach of Article 5th. section 18th. of the rules and articles of war.

The court sentence Captain Lt. Taulman to be reprimanded in Genl. orders, and be suspended from service for three months.<sup>78</sup>

At the same court, Captain Lieutenant Kirkpatrick<sup>79</sup> of the corps of Sappers and Miners, was tried

78. On February 18 Washington wrote to Taulman, in answer to his query, that "you are perfectly at liberty to leave the Army for the whole time of your suspension." This draft is in the *Washington Papers*.

79. Capt.-Lieut. David Kirkpatrick. He had been wounded at Yorktown in October, 1781, and served to June, 1783.

charged with mutinous behavior and disobedience of orders on the first of January last in the following particulars, first for commanding soldiers to disobey the express orders of Captn. Bushnell, Commandant of the corps, of Sappers and Miners second for ordering his Captn. Lt. Kirkpatrick's Baggage into Captn. Bushnell's quarters, contrary to Captn. Bushnell's command to him, and refusing to take it away agreeable to Captn. Bushnell's express orders.

The court after maturely considering the evidences for and against Captain Lieutt. Kirkpatrick and his defence are of opinion that Captain Lt. Kirkpatrick did on the first of January order soldiers to disobey the express orders of Captain Bushnell his commanding officer, and also that he did order his baggage into Captain Bushnell's Quarters contrary to Captain Bushnell's command to him, and refused to take it away agreeably to Captn. Bushnell's express orders to him. The court acquit Captn. Lieutenant Kirkpatrick of mutinous behavior but find him guilty of disobedience of orders in breach of a part of article 5th. section 2d. of the rules and articles of war and sentence him to be reprimanded in Genl. orders.

The Commander in chief approves the foregoing sentences.

Had the transaction's which are the subject of reprehension taken place at the commencement of our military establishment, want of experience, ignorance of the rules of service or some other palliating circumstance might have been plead in excuse; and would in some degree have effaced the blot which now stains a page in the Records of the Army; but at this period of the war, when the necessity of subordination, and the principles of service are generally well understood, and practiced, Captn. Lieutt. Taulman and Captn. Lt. Kirkpatrick could not but have known, that the improper Conduct, willful disobedience of Orders they have been guilty of were an outrageous infraction of military Discipline: and the behavior of Captain Lieutenant Taulman (that officer must be sensible) would have justified a more rigorous and exemplary sentence; with this consciousness to attend them, the Commander in Chief leaves the young Gentlemen to the sting of their own reflections as a punishment for what is past, and only advises them not to be guilty of any thing of a similar nature in future.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, February 14, 1783.

Parole Danbury. Countersigns Epsom, Farmingham.

For the day tomorrow Major Trescott.

For duty the first Jersey regiment.

The following Papers are to be transmitted to the Office of the Deputy pay master Genl. without delay: first, Duplicate accounts of the pay of the Army on its present Arrangemt.,

for the month of January 1783; second, Certificates of the appointments of regimental paymasters by the officers of their respective regiments, seigned by the Commanding officer; third, Abstracts of money to be drawn weekly for the Noncomd. officers and privates, on account of their pay for the month of January last, according to the following rates:

Infantry: To each Serjeant, 67/90 Pr. Week; Drum and Fife Majors, 60/90; Drums, fifes, Corporals and privates, 49/90.

Cavalry: Serjeants, 1 2/90; Corporals and Carriers, 67/90; Privates, 56/90.

Sappers and Miners: Serjeants, 67/90; Corpls., 60/90; Drums and fifes, 58/90; privates, 56/90.

Artillery: Serjeants Majors and Qr. Mr. Sereant, 76/90; Drum and Fife Major, 70/90; Serjeants, 67/90; Corporals and Bombadiers, 60/90; Gunners, Drumers, and fifers, 58/90; Matrosses, 56/90.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, February 15, 1783.

Parole Gottenburgh. Countersigns Hannover, Inverness.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs.

For duty the 2d. Jersey regiment.

The New building being so far finished as to admit the troops to attend public worship therein after tomorrow, it is directed that divine Service should be performed there every Sunday by the several Chaplains of the New Windsor Cantonment, in rotation and in order that the different brigades may have an opportunity of attending at different hours in the same day (when ever the weather and other circumstances will permit which the Brigadiers and Commandants of brigades must determine) the General recommends that the Chaplains should in the first place consult the Commanding officers of their Brigades to know what hour will be most convenient and agreeable for attendance that they will then settle the duty among themselves and report the result to the Brigadiers and Commandants of Brigades who are desired to give notice in their orders and to afford every aid and assistance in their power for the promotion of that public Homage and adoration which are due to the supreme being, who has through his infinite goodness brought our public Calamities and dangers (in all humane probability) very near to a happy conclusion.

The General has been surprised to find in Winter Qrs.

that the Chaplains have frequently been almost all absent, at the same time, under an idea their presence could not be of any utility at that season; he thinks it is proper, he should be allowed to judge of that matter himself, and therefore in future no furloughs will be granted to Chaplains except in consequence of permission from Head quarters, and any who may be now absent without such permission are to be ordered by the Commanding officers of their Brigades to join immediately, after which not more than one third of the whole number will be indulged with leave of absence at a time. They are requested to agree among themselves upon the time and length of their furloughs before any application shall be made to Head quarters on the subject.

The Commander in Chief also desires and expects the Chaplains in addition to their public functions will in turn constantly attend the Hospitals and visit the sick, and while they are thus

publickly and privately engaged in performing the sacred duties of their office they may depend upon his utmost encouragement and support on all occasions, and that they will be considered in a very respectable point of light by the whole Army.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, February 16, 1783.

Parole Kidderminster. Countersigns Lamberton Milford.

For the day tomorrow Major Knapp.

For duty the 2d. Newyork regiment.

By the last Inspection report it appears there are a small number of Bayonetts wanting in several corps of the army; the deficiency must be supplied before the Genl. sees the Troops under arms.

In whatever Regiments or Corps the full compliment of Drums and Fifes have been furnished by the public since the Resolve of Congress of the 22d. January 1782 that supply must be made good and kept compleat by regular stoppages from the weekly allowances of the pay of such Drumers and Fifers as may be deficient. Colonels and Commandants of those corps are responsible for the execution of this order, and in all other regiments or Corps the most effacious measures should be taken to obtain a sufficient number of these articles without a moments delay, which are then to be kept compleat in the same manner.

At the Inspection of the troops which shall be made in the month of March, the Inspector of Musick will be present at every regiment and corps with the Inspector of the Army, to examine into the state of the Music; and the number of Instruments in each; he will make report thereof to the Commander in Chief at the conclusion of the Inspection.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, February 17, 1783.

Parole Nantasket. Countersigns Oswego, Portsmouth.

For the day tomorrow Colonel J. Vose.

For duty the first Hampshire regiment.

The Artillery Artificers are to draw the same weekly allowance of Money on account of Pay for January as the Artillery, and abstracts for them are to be made out accordingly.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, February 18, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Ringwood, Salisbury.

For the day tomorrow Major Pettingill.

For duty the 2d. Hampshire regiment.

The Arrangement of the Lines of New-Hampshire, Rhode Island, and New Jersey is to take place on the 1st. day of March, upon the principals pointed out in the resolutions of Congress of the 7th. of August and 19th. of Novr.; and which have been made public in the orders of the 30th. of October and 26th. November 1782.

The troops of Newhampshire are to be formed into one Regiment and one Battalion. The Battalion to consist of four Companies of fifty rank and file each, with one Adjutant, Quarter Master, Pay master, Surgeon or Mate,

and to be commanded by two Field Officers. The Regiment to be composed of the residue of the troops of that Line; with the same number of Commissioned officers as were directed for each regiment in the Massachusetts and Connecticut Lines in the Orders of the 26th. of November last.

The formation of the Corps of New Jersey on this Arrangement to be precisely the same as ordered for the Troops of New Hampshire.

The Regiment of Rhode Island to be reduced to one Battalion and to be composed of as many Companys as there are men sufficient to complete, with such Commisssd. and Noncommissioned staff as may be necessary; to be commanded by two field officers.

The Commanding officers of the several Lines above mentioned will superintend the re-formation; and as soon as the Arrangements become complete, Duplicate Returns of the officers retained in service axe to be lodged at the orderly office; also duplicate Lists of the officers who shall have retired in consequence of the reduction, agreeably to the forms which will be annexed by the Adjutant Genl.

The Commander in Chief in riding through the Lines yesterday with the honorable the secretary at war

was exceedingly pleased to hear that Gentleman express the highest Admiration at the beauty and order of the Cantonments and the cleanliness of the different Parades. The Genl. himself was not a little satisfied with the prompt obedience to his late orders which was so universally conspicuous.

The Muster of the troops of the Cantonments for the month of January will take place on the following days vizt.: The Jersey Brigade on the 19th; York do. 20th; Hampshire do. 21st; 2d. Massachusts. do. 22d; 1st. do. do. 23d; 3d. do. do. 24th instant.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, February 19, 1783.

Parole Tunbridge. Countersigns Vallenstown, Willoughby.

For the day tomorrow Major Morrill.<sup>14</sup>

For duty the 1st. Massachusetts regiment.

Brigadier General Dayton will give orders for the Detachment of Jersey troops stationed at Wyoming to join their Line immediately. The ordinance stores and all other articles of Public property which may be at that post will be delivered to such person as shall be authorised by the secretary at war to receive them. Duplicate receipts must be taken, one of which together with a General report of the command will be deposited at Head Quarters by the Commanding officer on his arrival in camp.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, February 20, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Bolton, Coventry.

For the day tomorrow Major Ashley.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Board of General officers appointed in the orders of the 9th. instant whereof Major Genl. Gates is president having taken into consideration that part of the reference which relates to the charges exhibited by Brigadier Genl. Hazen &ca. against Mr. Edwards, Judge Advocate to the Armies of the United States,

14. Maj. Amos Morrill, of the New Hampshire battalion. He served to the close of the war.

and reported in the words following vizt. The Board having determined.

That the first charge vizt. want of abilities and a regular Judicious system in the office and duties of a Judge advocate is not a Military offence cognizable by a Courtmartial, proceeded to the fullest and most minute investigation of the 2d. and 3d. charges, viz want of candor and impartiality in conducting prosecutions as Judge Advocate in Courtmartial, and a neglect of duty in the office of Judge advocate, and are unanimously of opinion that neither of them are supported.

The Commander in Chief fully approves the foregoing report.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, February 21, 1783.

Parole Dublin. Countersigns Essex, Falmouth.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Cochran.

For duty the 3d. Massachusetts regiment.

At a General Courtmartial held at New Windsor Cantonment December the 30th. by order of his Excellency the Commander in chief, whereof Colonel (now Brigadr. General) Putnam is president, Major James R. Reid of Hazens regiment was tried, charged with disobedience of Orders, unmilitary Conduct and behaving unbecoming the Character of an officer and Gentleman. The following is the specification of the above General Charges, Viz: In support of the charge of unofficer and ungentlemanlike behavior, it is meant to produce a Manuscript from under Major Reids hand exhibited at a public General Courtmartial, called his Defence containing unwarrantable Invectives, Insinuations, accusations and charges of the most infamous nature impeaching the honor and integrity and reputation of a large majority of the officers of the regiment, in a manner which if true would render them unworthy of holding Commissions in the Army.

For neglecting or refusing to prosecute the officers on the Charges which he has impeached them with, altho repeatedly requested by them, who assured him at the same time that they should decline

doing duty with him untill an Investigation of the matter should take place, the only means left to justify their injured Characters. For offering himself to doe duty with the Officers whom he had charged as aforesaid without first taking the necessary measures to have them brought to Justice.

Disobedience of Orders and unmilitary Conduct in the following particulars vizt. first for disobedience of the orders of the honorable Major Genl. Lincoln at the head of Elk on the 22d. of November 1781, in his not joining the regiment according to the words, spirit and meaning of the order.

2dly. For disobedience of the orders of his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the 27th. December 1781.

3dly. For disobedience of his Excellencys the Commander in Chiefs Orders of the 10th. January 1782 by his not joining the regiment by the time therein limited.

4thly. Unmilitary Conduct in the disobedience of the three preceding Orders and by not applying to the Commanding officer of the regiment previous to his application to the Commander in Chief for a Furlough, as also by not advising the Commanding officer of the regiment of a true state of the leave granted by the General, and thereby subjecting the Commanding officer of the regiment to make erroneous and unmilitary Musters and Returns. Defrauding the United States or the regiment or a part of the regiment in which he holds a commission, in the particulars hereafter mentioned.

First for making up in his pay rolls and passing in his recruiting accounts on Oath George Devault and Andrew Lucky and receiving public money for them, when it now appears they were never duly inlisted or at any public expence whatever.

2ndly. For unmilitary conduct in giving George Devault and Philip Wolfts, two reputed soldiers of the regiment, Certificates on the 10th. of May 1782, when under confinement and the care of an inferior officer, which amounted to a discharge from the service and release from confinement, altho taken up by General Hazens orders at the expence of the public in consequence of Major

Reids own Musters, Returns, Recruiting Accounts on Oath and Inlistments in support of them, deposited with General Hazen as Commanding officer of the regiment.

3dly. On suspicion of his having made false Musters and Returns.

4thly. For withholding a sum of money from a part of the regiment which he has long since acknowledged to have in his possession.

5thly. For unofficer and ungentlemanlike Conduct and Behavior in his official Letters to General Hazen in particular that of the 23d. September 1782.

6thly. For unmilitary Conduct in signing himself Major of the 1st. Battalion Light Infantry when at that time there was no such corps existing in the American Army.

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1st. Disobedience of orders in his not joining the regiment in the course of the month of November, agreeable to the tenor of General Hazens leave of absence given him at Lancaster on or about the second of the same Month.

2ndly. For embezzling or misapplying money received by him to enlist Men into the service of the United States of America, which will appear by his own Pay rolls, Muster rolls, Recruiting accounts, and Certificates, and in not paying a number of the soldiers of the regiment a certain sum of money given him for that purpose in 1779.

3dly. For signing a false Certificate or Certificates relating to the absence of some of the men contained in his late Company.

The Court on mature consideration are of opinion respecting the several charges against Major Reid, That on the first and third particular under defrauding the United States &ca. and the first part of the 2d. additional particular, tho it appears that he made up in his payrolls and recruiting account, Andrew Lucky and George Duvault and received public money for them, when it appears

they ought not to have been so made up, yet on full consideration of all circumstances attending the matter it does not appear there was any fraudulent intention in Major Reid in so doing and therefore acquit him of any guilt in either of them. The Court are further of opinion that Major Reid is not guilty and they do acquit him of each and every the other charges against him except the 6th. particular under defrauding the United States &ca. on this they are of opinion that Major Reid did sign himself Major of the first Battalion Light Infantry when there was no such Corps existing in the American Army, and tho they think in some circumstances stances this might be reprehensible, yet in this case they think it so trifling and that it so strongly marks the nature of the whole prosecution against him, that they think it proper to pass no censure on him.

The Commander in chief confirms the opinions of the Court.

Major Reid is released from his Arrest.

The Court martial whereof Colonel (now Brigadier General) Putnam is president is desolved.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, February 22, 1783.

Parole Georgia. Countersigns Huntington, Indoston.

For the day tomorrow Major Reading.

For duty the 6th Massachusetts regiment.

In order to extend the weekly allowances of pay to all Non-commissioned officers and privates who may be present with the Army during any part of the time such payment shall be made, altho' they have not been included in the Musters or Pay rolls for the month of January they are (after having been mustered seperately or collectively) to be included in the Weekly Abstracts for pay, and the aggregate of such men are to be annexed to the Pay rolls of the several regiments for the month of January at the conclusion of the payments for that month, with a Certificate from the Inspector that

they have been duly mustered for said month. Whenever the rolls are thus made to correspond with the weekly payments, attested Copies are to be lodged at the War office without delay.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, February, 23 1783.

Parole Kilmarnack. Countersigns Lancaster, Mountholly.

For the day tomorrow Major Carr.<sup>26</sup>

For duty the 2d. Massachusetts regiment.

26. Maj. James Carr, of the New Hampshire battalion. He served to November, 1782.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, February 24, 1783.

Parole Norway. Countersigns Ohio, Pottsgrove.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Vandyke.

For duty the 8th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Non arrival of the Cloathing expected from Europe renders the gratest Oeconomy in that article doubly necessary. The Commander in Chief therefore recommends that the business of turning and repairing the Coats of last year should now be considered as a primary object, in doing which a certain Model as to the fashion and length (for the coats ought to be made something shorter than at present) will be established by the Commanding officer of the Corps, from which there must be no deviation. Should the men in any instance presume to make alterations in the fashion of their Cloathing according to their own whim and caprice, report is to be made thereof by the Inspector that the want of System and Police in such Corps may be publicly noticed. It is expected scarlet

Cloth for Cuffs, Capes and perhaps half facings will be furnished, as the Secretary at war has been pleased to give assurances that he will cause a quantity of that cloth, together with a sufficiency of thread to be immediately forwarded from Philadelphia if possible.

The Commander in Chief flatters himself he shall see the good taste and attention of the officers as beautifully displayed in the present instance as all the military virtues have been on every late occasion.

A communication across the low grounds between the right and left wings of the Army is instantly to be compleated, The Brigadiers and Commanding officers of Brigades will be pleased to meet tomorrow morning eleven o'clock at the New-building to fix upon a plan and take effectual measures for carrying this order into execution. The Genl. conceives a passage might be opened in a more eligible direction than that by which it has already been attempted.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, February 25, 1783.

Parole Quantico. Countersigns Ramapaugh, Sunbury.

For the day tomorrow Major Fish.

For duty the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Contractors for the Army having desired, that agreeably to Contract, a person might be appointed to inspect the Cattle destined for the Army. Henry Wykoff, esquire<sup>28</sup> of Fishkill is appointed for that purpose untill the pleasure of the Superintendent of Finance shall be known.

The 2d. York regiment will march on thursday next for the relief of the 4th. Massa. regt. on the Lines.

28. Hendrick Wyckoff.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, February 26, 1783.

Parole Taunton. Countersigns Vienna, Walkill.

For the day tomorrow Major Scott.

For duty the Maryland Detachment.

Captain Bushnell being the senior officer, will have the command of the corps of Sappers and Miners untill further orders and Captain Dellezewn<sup>44</sup> of the Corps of Engineers will report to Head Quarters immediately by what authority he came to the Garrison of Westpoint and assumed the Command of the Sappers and Miners.

The Brigadiers and Commanding officers of Brigades having assembled agreeably to the orders of the 24th. instant and reported through the Adjutant General That a communication between the right and left wings of the Army will be best effected by opening a passage a cross the low grounds in a streight direction from the Interval between the 1st. and 3d. Massachusetts Brigades to the interval between the Jersey and York brigades, laying the Swamp with saucissons to be covered with Earth taken from drains made on each side the Causway to carry the water into the Creek.

The Commander in chief approves the plann and requests those Gentlemen may exert themselves in carrying it into execution as expeditiously as possibly and advises putting

44. Capt. Joseph(?) de Lazen (Dellezewn). He had been with the southern army.

down two layers of saucissons, the upper covering the intervals between the lower, and both to be well staked down at the ends.

Colonel Gouvion will be pleased to direct an Engineer to measure and stake out the Ground and report the number of feet to be laid with saucissons that the quantity wanted may be ascertained and a proportion allotted to each Brigade. The Brigades are nevertheless immediately to set about making Saussicons well bound with seven Bands, twelve feet in the clear between the end bindings and at least one foot in Diameter. The Quarter Master Genl. will on application deliver a proportion of fascine Hatchetts, and ropes or Chains (to compress the Saucissons for tying) to the Quarter Master of Brigades who will be answerable that they are returned when the work is completed. When any Brigade has made and collected its quota of saucissons; Colonel Gouvion, on notice given him, will order an Engineer to attend and inspect them, reporting to the Adjutant General the number that are good and conformable to the dimensions prescribed at the same time rejecting such as are insufficient, to be replaced by others that will pass inspection.

The New road between the Adjutant Generals quarters and Commissary Bells,<sup>45</sup> is immediately to be made practicable for Waggons, by removing the Stumps, loose stones and rubbish; and the communication opened from Commissary Bells in as direct a line as possible to the interval between the first and third Massachusetts Brigade; the Quarter Mr. General will appoint a person to superintend this business who is to be at the place where the tools are deposited at ten o'clock every morning precisely. He is to apply to the Adjutant General for a party for the purpose and report to him when the work is done.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, February 27, 1783.

Parole Andover. Countersigns Barnagat; Colchester.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Col. Comdr. Brooks.

For duty the 1st. Jersey regiment.

When ever a regiment is warned for duty on the Lines the regimental Quarter Master or some officer acting for him will precede the regiment one day at least for the purpose of providing convenient quarters on the rout as well as on the Lines without incommoding the Inhabitants more than is absolutely necessary. The regiments returning from the Lines will

45. William Bell. He was issuing commissary for the contractors.

observe the same rule. The Quarter Master or Officer employed in this business will apply to the Civil authority in the vicinity and the mode pointed out by an act of this state for billitting Troops is to be observed on all ordinary occasions so far as the circumstances of the service will permit; this to be a standing order.

The Board of officers assembled in consequence of the orders of the 29th. ultimo (Major General Baron Steuben President) to enquire into the claim of Captn. Segond to be admitted into the corps of Colonel Armand, report as follows viz.

The Board having considered the Claim of Captn. Segond and the papers handed them in support of it, on the one part: and the objections of Colonel Armand with the papers offered by him on the other part are unanimously of opinion that Captain Segond has not a right to a command in the Legion of Colonel Armand.

The Board are sensible that the Capitivity of Captn. Segond alone, has prevented his being at this moment in the Legion of Colonel Armand, and therefore as his unfortunate situation has thrown him out of command; and as by testimony it appears he

has served with reputation in the Corps of the late Count Pulasky, The Board beg leave to recommend him to the consideration of Congress and of his Excellency the Commander in Chief. The Commander in Chief approves the Report.

The Muster and Inspection of the troops in this Cantonment for the Month of February will take place on the following days, vizt.: New Hampshire Brigade the 1st. March; Jersey do. 4th; 1st. and

7th. Massa. regiments, 6th; 4th. and 2d. do. 8th; 5th and 8th do. 10th; 3d. Brigade, 11th; and New York do 20th.

The Garrison of Westpoint will also be Mustered and Inspected on the 13th. 14th. and 15th. of the same month.

The saucissons for the communications between the Lines are to be furnished in the following proportion. Viz:

The Jersey Brigade 620; 1 York regiment 300; 1st. Massa. Brigade 1080; 2d Do. Do. 1080; 3d Do. Do. 710; Hampshire Do. 530; Total 4.320.

Two Pickets of five feet long are to be furnished to each saucisson.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, February 28, 1783.

Parole Carlisle. Countersigns Devonshire, Essex.

For the day tomorrow Major Oliver.

For duty the 2d. Jersey regiment.

In carrying the Arrangement of the Newhampshire, Rhode Island and New Jersey Lines into effect; all Vacancies are to be considered as filled to the first day of March, in conformity to the Sentiments of Congress expressed on simular occasion, immediate application is to be made to those states, that the promotions may take place and be certified accordingly.

The Generals and Commandants of Brigades and Regimts. are desired to meet the Quarter Master General at eleven o'clock tomorrow at the public building, to consult and establish some more particular Regulations respecting the Sutlers and Markets of the Army.

At the General Court Martial of which Colonel Micheal Jackson is president, Lieutenant Henry Williams<sup>50</sup> of the 2d. regiment of Artillery, was tried, charged with unofficer and ungentlemanlike behavior on the evening of the 6th. of October 1782 “First for asserting a falsehood tending to promote dissention between the 2d. and 3d. regiments of Artillery, by saying that *We* , the 2d. regiment of Artillery to a man (addressing himself to Captn. Lieutenant Kemper<sup>51</sup> ) do dispise *you* and your regiment, or any thing you can say in behalf of it.” 2dly. For stripping to buffit with Captn. Lt. Kemper, and afterwards drawing a sword on him when unarmed. 3dly. For writing a challenge for Captn. Lieutenant Kemper and leaving it in the Bar-room of a public Tavern unsealed.

The Court after maturely considering the evidence for and against Lt. Williams, and his Defence, are of opinion on the first charge, that Lt. Williams did on the evening of the 6th. of October last say that “ *We* , the 2d. regiment of Artillery to a man; addressing himself to Captain Lt. Kemper, do dispise you and your regiment, or any thing you can say in behalf of it” for which they think him very unjustifiable, in breach of article 5th. Section 18th. of the Rules and Articles of war. On the 2d. Charge the Court are of opinion that Lt. Williams did on the evening of the 6th. of October last, strip to buffit with Captain Lt. Kemper, and did afterwards draw a sword on him when unarmed, for which Conduct they think him very unjustifiable, in breach of

50. Lieut. Henry Abraham Williams, of the Second Continental Artillery. He served to June, 1783.

51. Capt.-Lieut. Jacob Kemper, of the Third Continental Artillery.. He served to June, 1783.

article 5th. section 18th: of the Rules and Articles of war. The Court are also of opinion that the 3d. Charge is not supported. The Court sentence Lt. Williams to be reprimanded in General orders and suspended from service for three months.

The Commander in Chief confirms the sentence.

Lieutenant Williams should have better understood the delacacy of an officers Character than to have suffered himself to have been betrayed into such improper conduct as he has been guilty of.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, March 1, 1783.

Parole Farnham. Countersigns Galway, Haverstraw.

For the day tomorrow Major Trescot.

For duty the first York regiment.

At the General Court Martial of which Colonel Michael Jackson is president, Ensign James Sawyer<sup>52</sup> of the seventh Massachusetts regiment was tried, charged as follows, First “for behaving in a riotous and ungentlemanlike manner, to the subversion of good order and Military Discipline on the evening and night of the 29th. of December last at Lt. Sampsons<sup>53</sup> Quarters, in making a noise at an unseasonable hour of the night and lodging out of his quarters. 2dly. Violently and feloniously breaking open Lt. Sampsons Chest, or opening it with a false key, taking out his property and disposing of it on the evening or night of the 29th. of December last or assisting in doing the same. 3dly. For assaulting Lt. Sampson in a malicious manner in company with Lt. Freeman<sup>54</sup> on the evening of the 4th. of January last, at Lt. Reabs<sup>55</sup> Quarters. 4thly. For endeavouring in an underhanded manner to draw Lt. Sampson from his quarters in order to assault and abuse him, on the evening of the 4th. of January last. 5th. for kicking and abusing Lt. Sampson in Captain Allens<sup>56</sup> quarters, when requested to attend there by Captain Allen, about the 7th. or 8th. of January last.

The Court after properly considering the evidences

52. He was transferred to the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment in June, 1783, and served to June, 1784.

53. Lieut. Crocker Sampson, of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment. He served to June, 1783.

54. Lieut. Thomas Davis Freeman. of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment. He served to June, 1783.

55. Lieut. George Reab, of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment. He was transferred to the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment in June, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

56. Capt. Nathaniel Coit Allen, of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment. He was transferred to the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment in June, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

for and against Ensign Sawyer and his Defence are of opinion upon the first charge that Ensign Sawyer did on the evening of the 29th. of December last make a noise at a late hour and that he did also lodge out of his Hurt the same night, but they do not think his behaviour was either riotous or ungentlemanlike. On the second that it is not supported and also that it is vexatious. On the third and fourth, that they are not supported and on the fifth that Ensign Sawyer is not altogether justifiable in his Conduct towards Lieutenant Sampson at Capt. Allens Quarters. But considering the provocation he had received from Lieutenant Sampson, think proper not to pass any censure on him.

The Commander in Chief confirms the opinion of the Court.

Ensign Sawyer is released from his Arrest.

Captain Aaron Ogden is appointed Major of Brigade to the Jersey brigade vice Cox<sup>57</sup> promoted January 6th, 1783.

57. Capt. Richard Cox.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, March 2, 1783.

Parole Kendal. Countersigns Lancaster, Marblehead.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs.

For duty the Hampshire regiment.

The Commander in Chief approves the subsequent regulations proposed by the General and other officers who assembled with the Quarter Master General yesterday in consequence of the orders of the 28th. of February, and directs them to be carried into execution.

1st. That there shall be but one Sutler to a Brigade.

2d That a Licence to suttle shall be given only on the joint recommendation of the Commanding officers of the Corps in a Brigade, approved of by the General or officer commanding it.

3d. That the Commanding officer of each brigade shall weekly, or oft her when he thinks it necessary appoint a Committee of officers to examine the qualities and prices of the stores of the Sutlers to the brigade, and report the same to him; that any abuses may be discovered and corrected and that the Commandants of Brigades shall compare these reports and take the necessary measures for preventing thereafter any unequal and unreasonable Charges which on such comparrison shall appear.

4th. That the officers of Police shall daily visit the Sutlers quarters, to discover and report any disorderly practices; which reports shall be by them made to the Commanding officers of their Corps and by

the latter to the Commandants of their Brigades.

5th. That no Sutler be permitted to sell any mixed Liquors.

6th. That all Sutlers who shall not be Licensed in the manner above required, be compelled to leave the Army within twenty days after the publication of these regulations on pain of Forfeiting the remaining stores: but during those twenty days to be permitted to sell their stock on hand.

7th. That the regimental paymasters be forbidden to pay the order of any Noncommissioned officer or soldier, unless the same shall be certified by the Commanding officer of his regiment or corps to have been given with his approbation.

8th. That there shall be two Market places; One near the interval between the York and Jersey Brigades, and one near the Public building.

9th. That Wednesday and Saturday in every week be market days, and as such duly Advertised for the information of the Inhabitants.

10th. That all payments of the soldiers wages be made, on Fridays.

The regimental Paymasters will apply to the Deputy Paymaster General for the weekly allowances of Pay for the Noncommissioned officers and soldiers on the following days viz those of the Massachusett Line on Wednesdays. Those of the Newhampshire, New Jersey, New York Lines and Maryland Detachment on thursday's. The Garrison of Westpoint and other corps not above enumerated on Fridays. The payments to commence this week and to be kept up so long as the supply of Cash shall be furnished.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, March 3, 1783.

Parole Normandy. Countersigns Oneidas, Pompton. For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel E Vose. For duty the Hampshire Battalion.

A distribution of the Cloathing now in store is to be made to the Army. the Assistant Cloathier at Newburgh has the Commander in Chiefs instructions on the subject. The regimental paymasters will therefore apply to him without delay.

Accurate Returns to be made to the Assistant Clothier of the men who joined after the distribution of Cloathing was made for the last year, and for whom no regimentals have been since drawn.

When the New Cloathing shall have been delivered to the Light Infantry and other companies pointed out by the Commander in Chief, all their Coats of last year are to be returned to the orders of the Commandant of the Corps who will have them applied towards repairing the Coats of the Battalion companies in such manner as he shall judge most conducive to the comfort of the men as well as the uniformity of their appearance. Exact accounts must be kept of the number and quality of the Coats received; and from whom, also of the uses to which they are applied. Notwithstanding the proposed alteration in the Uniform of the Infantry and Cavalry it appears necessary from inevitable circumstances that all the Light Infantry Companies should be cloathed in blue Coats faced with White untill further orders.

The Noncommissioned officers and Privates of the late 10th. Massachusetts regiment who were annexed to the regiments of that Line. at the Arrangement which took place on the first of January should for reviews at least, be drawn up together on the parade, and it would contribute much to the order and uniformity of the corps, if they could be formed into a company or have their cloathing so transferred as to prevent that disagreeable able and speckled appearance which two or three regiments at present exhibit.

Altho the General does not urge the business of turning and repairing the Coats to be precipitated before the scarlet cloth can be obtained yet he wishes every preparation may be made for expediting it as much as possible upon the arrival of the necessary materials; and he hopes the whole may be accomplished by the 15th. of April or the first day of May at farthest.

AFTER ORDERS

The German Recruits now under the Orders of Captain Selin<sup>70</sup> are to be attached to the 2d. and 3d. Regiments of Artillery in such manner as Major General Knox shall direct; he will have officers sent to Newburgh to receive them tomorrow as soon as they shall have been inspected.

70. Capt. Anthony Selin, of the Second Canadian Regiment. He served to the close of the war.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, March 4, 1783.

Parole Quarterly. Countersigns Roxbury, Salisbury.

For the day tomorrow Major Knap.

For duty the 3d. Massachusetts regiment.

Those men who have given orders for the full pay of the month of January, with the approbation of their Commanding Officers, are not to be included in the Weekly Abstracts; they are only to be comprehended in the pay rolls of that month and settled with from them.

Immediately previous to every payment of the Noncommissioned officers and privates; The Arms, Accoutrements, Cloathing and other articles of public property in their possession are to be minutely inspected, that in case of negligence or deficiency proper stoppages may be made This to be considered as a standing regulation.

All persons possessing due Bills given under the late Contract of Wadsworth and Carter are requested to present them to Mr. Jonathan Trumbull at Mr. Cases<sup>81</sup> in New-Windsor before the 10th. instant Such as are not presented before that day will be paid on the first day of April by Melancthorn Smith Esqr. & Company at Newburgh.

81. Stephen(?) Case.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, March 5, 1783.

Parole Tunbridge. Countersigns, Versailles, Wapping.

For the day tomorrow Colonel H. Jackson.

For Duty the 6th. Massachusetts regiment.

At the General Courtmartial whereof Colo. Micheal Jackson is president the following soldiers were tried viz. Henry Burk of the 6th. Massachusetts regiment. For desertion, found guilty in breach of Article 1, section 6th. of the rules and articles of war, and sentenced to receive One hundred lashes on his naked back, Richard Joel of the 2d. Massachusetts regt., for Desertion; found guilty of a breach of Article 1. sect. 6. of the Rules and Articles of war and sentenced to have his honorary Badges taken off by the Drum Major at the head of the regiment and receive fifty lashes on his naked back. Christopher Schoonover of the 2d. Jersey regiment. For reinlisting in the 5th. Massachusetts regt. found not guilty and therefore acquitted. John Edwards of the 2d. Hampshire regiment, also Noah Allen of the same regiment. "For Desertion, found Guilty of a breach of Article 1st. section 6th. of the Articles of war, but in consideration of the General orders of the 6th. of February 1783 they viz Edwards and Allen, are acquitted.

The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing sentences, and directs them to be carried into execution at such time as the Commanding officers of the regiments to which they belong may think proper.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, March 6, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam. Countersigns Belfast, Calais.

For the day tomorrow Major Graham.

For duty the 1st. Massachusetts regimt.

#### AFTER ORDERS

Two Lime burners from each brigade to be sent to the public building tomorrow morning ten o'clock. They are to be employed in erecting a Kiln and burning Lime for finishing the building.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, March 7, 1783.

Parole Devonshire. Countersigns Essex, Frederick.

For the day tomorrow Major Morrill.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

At the General Courtmartial of which Colol. Micheal Jackson is president, Lieutenant Thomas D. Freeman of the 7th. Massachusetts regiment was tried "For riotous

and ungentlemanlike behavior and for violently and feloniously breaking open Lt. Sampsons Chest, or opening it with a false Key, taking out his property and disposing of the same on the evening or night of the 29th. December last. For attempting to assassinate Lt. Sampson on the evening of the 4th. of January last; and assaulting him in an ungentlemanlike and most malicious manner; also for breaking his Arrest.

The Court acquit Lt. Freeman of the several Charges exhibited against him.

The Commander in chief approves the sentence.

Lieutenant Freeman is released from his Arrest.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, March 8, 1783.

Parole Goshen. Countersigns Hartford, Islington.

For the day tomorrow Major Ashley.

For duty the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

All officers and soldiers are requested to use their endeavours to prevent fires from spreading over the Country contiguous to the Cantonments, in case of any accidental communication of fire, Commanding officers of the nearest regiments or Brigades will be pleased to order out their corps and have the flames extinguished immediately: so as to prevent the distruction of the neighbouring Fences and woods.

The Quarter Master General will settle with Major General Knox the manner in which two packet Boats shall ply daily between the Village of Newburgh and the Garrison of Westpoint, in order to accomodate all Gentlemen of the Army who may have occasion to pass by Water, from the Cantonments to the Garrison, or from the Garrison to the army. This will superscede the necessity of drawing men from the Line, and attaching them to the boats or barges of any particular officers.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, March 9, 1783.

Parole Kingston. Countersigns London, Mindon.

For the day tomorrow Major Porter.

For duty the 2d Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in chief having yesterday observed Lt. Bradford<sup>5</sup> of the 7th. Massachusetts regiment marching a Guard in a very irregular and unmilitary manner thinks proper to give him this public admonition to be ware of such conduct in future; and at the same time to signify to the whole army that he is resolved no irregularity which comes to his knowledge shall pass unnoticed.

The Serjeant and sentinel accused of robbing the Clothiers store are to be brought to tryal instantly and the proceedings reported as soon as possible to Head Quarters.

The General Courtmartial of which Colonel M. Jackson is president will assemble for the purpose tomorrow morning ten o'clock.

5. Lieut. Andrew Bradford. He served to April, 1783.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, March 10, 1783.

Parole Norway. Countersigns Ostend, Poland.

For the day tomorrow Major Lansdale.

For duty the 8th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in Chief recommends Uniformity in the mode of wearing the hair, either cut short or fled in a simular manner in the several regiments or corps should be attended to, so far as the circumstances will admit. Nothing can add more to the elegance of appearance in any body of men than a pointed compliance with this recommendation; On the contrary nothing would have a more awkward and disagreeable effect than negligence in this Article. at present there is a great difference to be observed among the various corps of the Army.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, March 11, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Richmond, Sunbury.

For the day tomorrow Major Reading.

For duty the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in Chief having heard that a General meeting of the officers of the Army was proposed to be held this day at the Newbuilding in an anominous paper which was circulated yesterday by some unknown person conceives (altho he is fully persuaded that the good sense of the officers would induce them to pay very little attention to such an irregular invitation) his duty as well as the reputation and true interest of the Army requires his disapprobation of such disorderly proceedings, at the same time he requests the General and Field officers with one officer from each company and a proper representative of the staff of the Army will assemble at 12 o'clock on Saturday next at the Newbuilding to hear the report of the Committee of the Army to Congress.

After mature deliberation they will devise what further measures ought to be adopted as most rational and best calculated to attain the just and important object in view. The senior officer in Rank present will be pleased to preside and report the result of the Deliberations to the Commander in Chief.

Congress have been pleased to promote Captain Job Sumner of the 3d Massachusetts regiment to be a Major in the Army and to take rank from the 1st. of October 1782.

The 3d. Massachusetts Regiment will march on thursday next to the relief of the 2nd. York regiment on the Lines.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, March 12, 1783.

Parole Tortola. Countersigns Village, Walpole.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Colonel Vandycke.

For duty the Maryland Detachment.

When Guards, fatigue men or other parties are to draw provisions, and are so situated as that they cannot draw in their regiments, the officer who is to draw for them must sign a separate Return for the men of each particular regiment, in order that those returns may be lodged with the Commanding officers of the regiments, to compare with the Abstracts they are to certify, and where the Commanding officers find any improper returns made for men of their regiments, the officer who signed such Return must be reported at Head Quarters, or otherwise called to account, as circumstances may require, agreeably to the system for issuing Provisions.

The Contractors are not to issue to Soldiers out of their Regiments, but on such returns as are above mentioned except when the Commander in Chief shall direct otherwise.

There will be a Quarter Master of the day whose duty in General shall be as directed in the Orders of the 7th. of September last.

There will also be a Captain of the day who is generally to superintend the Police of their respective Brigades, they are particularly to visit the Barracks of the Noncommissioned officers and soldiers, to see that the floors are swept, the Beds kept decent and bedding aired when the weather will admit of it, the utensills clean and in their proper places, the Messes regular the provision well cooked and served up in due season. They are also to visit the Brigade and Quarter Guards, see that the Guards are attentive to their duty and that the guard houses are clean.

They are to report to the Field officer of the Day and assemble every morning at the Newbuilding for that purpose.

The Field officer of the day will visit the Provost of the Army, see that it is kept clean and in good order, and deliver a Return of the prisoners with the Report of the day.

No officer or noncommissioned [officer] is on any account to relieve a Guard until the old Guard shall have swept the Guard house and its parade and removed every Nuisance within Twenty yards of it.

As too much attention cannot be paid to a matter which immediately concerns the health and comfort of the soldiery and tends to promote regularity and good order in the Army, the Commander in Chief requests that the General officers will frequently take occasion to visit the Cantonments and attend at the Roll callings of the different Corps, to see that good order prevails and that due attention is paid to the dress and deliness [ sic ] of the Men, and report their observations to him without reserve. The General does not mean to confine these Inspections to the Corps under their immediate Commands, nor exempt such as are not attached to particular Commands from this necessary duty.

The Regiment on duty will furnish a party for repairing the Provost and officers Guard house. The Quarter Master of the day will superintend them. He will see that they are furnished with the necessary Tools and apply to the Quarter Master General for the utensills wanting for the Prisoners.

Major Carr is appointed a member of the General Court martial of which Col. M. Jackson is president, vice Majr. Pope, ordered on other duty.

The Quarter Master of the Jersey Brigade will commence the duty assigned the Brigade Quarter Masters in the orders above, tomorrow.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, March 13, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Bedford, Clinton.

For the day tomorrow Major Rice.

For duty the Jersey Regiment. Brigade Quarter Master, York Brigade.

At the General court martial of which Colo. Micheal Jackson is President, Serjeant John Blasdell of Captain Freys<sup>35</sup> Compy in the Hampshire regiment, charged with breaking open the Cloathing Stores at Newburgh in the night of the 7th. instant and stealing from thence a number of shoes and boots. and Moses Lee, a soldier in Captain Cushings<sup>36</sup> Company 1 Massa. regiment, “charged with assisting in and conniving at the above mentioned theft, being on duty as a Sentinel at the same time. were tried.

The Court find Serjeant Blasdell guilty of breaking open the Cloathing store and stealing shoes from thence, the prisoner Lee, not guilty; the Court sentence serjeant Blasdell to be reduced to a private sentinel and to receive twenty five lashes on his naked back each morning for four mornings successively, amounting in the whole to one hundred lashes, his Crime

35. Capt. Isaac Frye (Frey), of the First New Hampshire Regiment. He served to June, 1784.

36. Capt. Nathaniel Cushing.

being in breach of Art 5th. Section 18th. of the Articles of war. The Commander in chief approves the foregoing sentences, and orders that serjeant Blasdell receive his punishment in the different Lines of the Army of the Cantonment vizt. twenty five lashes in the Hampshire, twenty five Lashes in the York, twenty five Lashes in the Jersey and twenty five lashes in the Massachusetts Lines.

The following Resolutions of Congress have been lately received by the Commander in Chief and are now made public for the information of the Army.

By the United States in Congress assembled, January 25, 1783.

The grand, committee consisting of a member from each State, report, "That they have considered the contents of a memorial presented by the army and find that they comprehend five different articles.

1st. Present pay.

2d. A settlement of accounts of the Arreareages of pay and security for what is due.

3d. A commutation of the half-pay allowed by different resolutions of Congress for an equivalent in gross.

4th. A settlement of the accounts of deficiencies of rations and compensation.

5th. A settlement of the accounts of deficiencies of clothing and compensation:"

Whereupon, Resolved, As. to the first, that the Superintendant of finance be directed conformable to the measures already taken for that purpose, as soon as the state of the public finances will permit, to make such payment and in such manner as he shall think proper, till the further order of Congress.

Resolved, With respect to the 2d article, so far as relates to the settlement of accounts, that the several states be called upon to complete without delay, the settlements with their respective lines of the army, up to the first day of August, 1780, and that the Superintendant of finance be directed to take such measures as shall appear to him most proper for effecting the settlement from that period.

As to what relates to the providing security for what shall be found due on such settlement.

Resolved, That the troops of the United States in common with all creditors of the same have an undoubted right to expect such security; and that Congress will make every effort in their power to

obtain from the respective states substantial funds, adequate to the object of funding the whole debt of the United States, and will

enter upon an immediate and full consideration of the nature of such funds, and the most likely mode of obtaining them.

Ordered that the remainder of the report be referred to a committee of five.<sup>37</sup>

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, March 14, 1783.

Parole Darby. Countersigns Epsom, Fez.

For the day tomorrow Major Scott. Brigade Qr. Master from the Hampshire brigade.

For duty the Jersey Battalion.

The regiments which are not furnished with regimental Colours will immediately make application for them to Mr. Frothingham, Commissary of military stores.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, March 15, 1783.

Parole Georgia. Countersigns Hartford, Ipswitch.

For the day tomorrow Lt. Col. Brooks, Brigade Quartr. Mastr. 1st. Massachusetts Brigade.

For duty the 1st York regiment.

37. This committee was composed of Samuel Osgood, Thomas FitzSimons, John Lewis Gervais, Alexander Hamilton, and James Wilson. January 27 was fixed to take into consideration "the means

of obtaining from the several states substantial funds, for funding the whole debt of the United States.”

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, March 16, 1783.

Parole Kenderhook. Countersigns Litchfield, Medway.

For the day tomorrow Major Trescot. Brigade Quarter Master 3d. Massachusetts Brigade.

For duty The Hampshire regiment.

The General Court Martial of which Colo. Micheal Jackson is president will assemble at the New Building tomorrow morning ten o'clock, for the trial of such prisoners as may be brought before them.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, March 17, 1783.

Parole Northumberland. Countersigns Oporto, Picardy.

For the day tomorrow Major Gibbs. Brige. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brigd.

For duty the Hampshire Battalion.

The honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve.

By the United States in Congress assembled, February 21, 1783.

Whereas sundry officers in the Army of the United States, have been taken from the line to act in the departments of the General Staff and are entitled to additional pay in consequence thereof:

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to the several states to whom such officers respectively belong, to adjust and discharge on account of the United States, the deficiencies on the additional pay, to which they are entitled by the resolutions of Congress, in the same manner, and to the same time, they settle their accounts as officers in the line.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, March 18, 1783.

Parole Quibbletown. Countersigns Raway, Swansey.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Colo. E. Vose.

Brigade Qr. Mastr. Jersey Brigd.

For duty the first Massachusetts Regiment.

The Commander in Chief is highly satisfied with the report of the proceedings of the officers assembled on the 15th. instt. in obedience to the Orders of the 11th. He begs his inability to communicate an adequate idea of the pleasing feelings which have been excited in his breast by the affectionate sentiments expressed towards him on that occasion, may be considered as an apology for his silence.

The Original papers being too prolix to be inserted in the Records of the Army, will be lodged at the Orderly office, to be perused, or copied by any Gentleman of the Army who may think proper.

It has been reported to the Commander in chief that a large quantity of Filth remains between the Hutts of the 5th. 8th. 3d. and 4th. Massachusetts Regiments. He directs that it be immediately removed.

As the Weather is now favorable the General requests that the communication between the wings of the Army may be perfected, he supposes the materials are already collected and that there will be no interruption to the business. General Dayton will be pleased to appoint a person or persons in the right wing to superintend the work and see that it is properly done. Genl. Putnam will do the same in the left wing.

If the Brigades and corps have not themselves divided the ground; it will be proportioned as follows: Jersey Brigade 219 Feet; York do. allowing the 2d regt. the materials collected by the 3d. Massa. regiment 216; Hampshire Brigade 178; 1st. Massa. do. 354; 6th. do. Regiment 122; 2d. do. Brigade 351; Total 1440.

The Jersey Brigade takes its proportion at the western, and the 2nd. Massa. Brigade at the Eastern extremity: the other Brigades and Corps in their order of encampment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, March 19, 1783.

Parole Tartary. Countersigns Ulpho, Wills.

For the day tomorrow

Major Knap

Brigd. Qr. Master York Brigade.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regt.

The present mode of collecting and digesting the reports of Police into one point of view will be productive of the happiest consequences. The General desires the officers will continue to be as particular in their remarks as they have been a few days past.

The Quarter Master Genl. will provide Straw as soon as possible.

A further distribution of Blankets is to be made.

The Contractors are requested to have an ample supply of Vinegar, that the issue of that article may be regular as soon as the warm Weather commences.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The Quarter Master of the Brigade which gives the Fatigue for repairing the Provost and officers guard house, will furnish the party with tools agreeably to the requisition of the Quartermaster of the day, which are to be returned at night.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, March 20, 1783.

Parole Amboy. Countersigns Bound brook, Carlile.

For the day tomorrow

Major Graham

Brigd. Qr. Master Hampshire Brigd

For duty the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in chief desires the Brigadiers and Commandants of Brigades will report to him on monday next the Manoevring Ground they have fixed upon for their several commands, as it is expected the season will soon admit the commencement of the daily Exercises.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, March 21, 1783.

Parole Danbury. Countersigns Epsom, Flamborough.

For the day tomorrow

Major Morrill

Brigd. Qr. Mr. 1st. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 6th. Massachusetts regiment.

Whenever a Brigade or corps are under arms on a field day, field returns are to be presented to the Commander in chief, or Reviewing officer; exhibiting the actual strength of the corps, the number of men under Arms, and accounting summarily for those who may be absent.

The greatest possible number is always expected in the Ranks on such occasions.

On the 16th. of April, Returns of all the Officers in service on that day are to be given in to the Orderly office, specifying the names, the relative regimental rank, and dates of Commission's also whether with the army or absent, and if absent, by whose authority, and untill what time such leave of absence was granted.

Officers of the Line serving on the Staff are to be mentioned as such, with the respective offices they hold, at the foot of the Returns.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, March 22, 1783.

Parole Ghent. Countersigns Holland, Ireland.

For the day tomorrow

Major Ashley.

Brigd. Qr. Master 3d. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 2d. Massachusetts regiment.

In justice to the zeal and ability of the Chaplains, as well as to his own feelings, the Commander in chief thinks it a duty to declare the regularity and decorum with which divine service is now performed every sunday, will reflect great credit on the army in general, tend to improve the morals, and at the same time, to increase the happiness of the soldiery, and

must afford the most pure and rational entertainment for every serious and well disposed mind.

No fatigue except on extra occasions, nor General review or inspections to be permitted on the Sabbath day.

A Packet Boat will set out from the Continental Dock at Newburgh tomorrow morning at ten o'clock precisely, for Westpoint, and will leave Westpoint precisely at 4 o'clock in the after noon. This packet will continue to ply between those places every day, and will leave them at the hours above mentioned.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, March 23, 1783.

Parole K. Countersigns L. M.

For the day tomorrow

Major Porter.

B. Q. M. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 8th. Massachusetts Regt.

The Light Infantry Companies, to be compleated to the Establishment viz to 5 Serjts. 2 Dr. and f. and 68 Rank and File each.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, March 24, 1783.

Parole Nyack. Countersigns Oysters, Pray.

For the day tomorrow

Major Lansdale.

B. Q. M. Jersey Brigade.

It is recommended to the troops to make regimental Gardens for the purpose of raising Greens and vegetables for their own use, And in order to collect a sufficient quantity of Seeds, Commanding officers of regiments will give passes to as many trusty soldiers as they may Judge necessary to go into the Country, and be absent, not exceeding ten day's.

The General hopes he shall see a suitable attention bestowed on an article which will contribute so much to the comfort and health of the troops. He even flatters himself it will become a matter of amusement and of emulation.

The Quarter Master General is also desired to advertize in the Newspapers, giving proper invitation and encouragement to those who who may be disposed to send or bring in Garden seeds of all kinds to his Office, which will be equitably divided and faithfully applied to the use of the soldiery.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, March 25, 1783.

Parole Quadruple. Countersigns Rotterdam, Scotland.

For the day tomorrow

Major Reading.

B. Q. Mr. York brigade.

The Maryland Detachment gives the Guards

The Jersey regiment gives the fatigues

tomorrow.

By the United States in Congress Assembled, March 18th. 1783.

On the report of a committee to whom was referred a letter of the 12, from the Commander in Chief.

Ordered, That the Superintendant of finance lay before Congress an account of the payments made to the army, in consequence of the resolution of the 25 day of January last, and what sums the state of the public finances will enable him to pay to the army at present; and also that he communicate to Congress what steps have been taken towards settling the accounts of the army since the said resolution.

The Newhampshire regiment will march on thursday next, to relieve the third Massa. regimt. on the Lines.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, March 26, 1783.

Parole Paris. Countersigns London, Philadelphia.

For the day tomorrow

Major Fish.

B. Qr. Master Hampshire B.

The Jersey regiment gives the Guards

The Jersey Battalion the Fatigues

tomorrow

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, March 27, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam. Countersigns Baltic, Calais.

For the day tomorrow

Major Rice.

B. Q. M. 1st. Mass. Brigade.

For duty the 1st. York regiment.

At the general courtmartial of which Colonel M. Jackson is president, Mr. Samuel Evans, Forage Master, charged,

1st. With making false charges of the Issues of forage to divers officers of the Army.

2ndly. With making false returns of his Issues.

3dly. With forging receipts to be produced as Vouchers for his Issues of forage was tried.

The Court on consideration are of opinion that the 1st. and 2d. charges against Mr. Evans are supported; on the 3d. charge they are of opinion that Mr. Evans put a fictitious name to a receipt for a quantity of forage to be produced as a Voucher; but it appears at the same time that the hay was received; the Court, as they think Mr. Evans's Conduct proceeded more from neglect and Inattention, than an intention, to defraud, only sentence him to be mulched three months pay.

The General approves the opinion of the court; but is induced, from the representations which have been made of the good character of Mr. Evans, to remit the sentence.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, March 28, 1783.

Parole peace. Countersigns Independence, Plenty.

Officers for the day tomorrow

Major Scott.

B.Q.M. 3d. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 2d. York regiment

Altho' the public dispatches from our Commissioners in Europe have not arrived, and the Commander in Chief has it not in his power to announce officially a general Peace to the Army, yet he cannot resist the pleasure of communicating the happiness he experiences from a certainty of that Event, and for the satisfaction of every brave officer and soldier under his command he orders the following Extract of a Letter from his Excellency the Minister of France to be made public.

Philadelphia, March 24, 1783.

Sir: It is with the most lively and sincere joy that I have the honor to inform your Excellency of the conclusion of a peace. It crowns in the most happy manner, your labours, and the efforts of the United States; you will sincerely participate the complete satisfaction that this event gives me, and I take the greatest possible share in the pleasure it will afford you. I have not yet received this news officially, but it is not the less certain, and I pray you to permit me to offer the officers of your Army, and all the American troops my congratulations and the tribute of respect due to their virtue and Courage.

Also the subsequent extract of a Letter of the same date from the Secretary of Foreign affairs, is ordered to be communicated.

Dear Sir: You will by this Express receive the agreeable intelligence of peace, upon which I most sincerely congratulate you and the Army.

In this state of affairs the Commander in chief is pleased to direct that all military Arrangements shall continue the same as at present until further Orders, that no relaxation in the Discipline or police of the Army shall be suffered, and that the greatest attention shall be paid to the good order and appearance of the troops.

For the greater convenience of the officers of this Army, the Packet boat for Westpoint will leave Newburgh at half after nine and proceed to New Windsor, which place She will leave at ten o'clock every day.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, March 29, 1783.

Parole America. Countersigns Triumphant, Happy.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Col. Brooks.

B. Q. M. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The Hampshire Battalion gives the Guards.

The Commander in Chief has the pleasure to lay before the Army an Extract of a Letter he has received (since the publication of the orders of yesterday) from his Excellency the president of Congress.

Philadelphia, March 23, 1783, 9 o'clock p.m.

Sir: Your Excellency will give me the utmost credit, when I assure you, that it is with the most unfeigned joy that I congratulate your Excellency and the whole Army on the confirmation of the signing of the definitive<sup>80</sup> treaty of Peace, by all the belligerent powers on the 21st of January. This happy event has just been announced by an express from on board a sloop of war in the river, dispatched by the Count D Estang and the Marquis de la Fayette from Cadiz, on the 14th of February in hopes that she might arrive

80. The term "definitive" treaty is commonly applied to the treaty of Sept. 3, 1783. between the United States and Great Britain. The treaty (so-called) signed Jan. 20 (not 21), 1783, was the declarations of a cessation of hostilities on the part of Great Britain and the United States, signed by Alleyrne Fitz-Herbert, Minister Plenipotentiary for Great Britain, and John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, Ministers Plenipotentiary for the United States.

before those sent from France and Britain.

These are not Official Dispatches, but as there can be no doubt of the Event, I thought it of the highest consequence to give your Excellency and my fellow Citizans of the Army the earliest Notice of this glorious end of all their Toils and labours.

I duly received your Excellencys Letters by the Express, containing the proceedings of the Army which gave Congress and every friend to the Army the highest satisfaction.

The commutation of the half-pay was passed yesterday by Nine states in Congress which adds greatly to our general joy.

For the further gratification of the Gentlemen of the Army a printed paper is left at the Orderly office containing the declaration of His Excellency the Minister of France, in consequence of the orders to the Chevalier Du Quesne.<sup>81</sup>

The paymaster General being authorized to settle the recruiting accounts of the Army, the regimental paymasters accounts, the depreciation on the subsistence of the officers from June 1st, 1778. and the pay and subsistence of the Army for the years 1780. 1781. and 1782. and having opened an office for that

81. Pierre Claude, Marquis Du Quesne, who commanded the *Triomphe*, which brought the news of the signing of the declarations of the cessation of hostilities.

purpose at Mr. Bedlows.<sup>82</sup> The regimental Pay masters and other officers concerned will call on him to receive directions concerning the manner of making out the pay rolls and Abstracts.

Lieutenant Edward Phelon of the 4th. Massachusetts regiment is appointed Aid de Camp to Brigadier General Patterson and is to be respected accordingly. This appointment to take effect from the first day of January last.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, March 30, 1783.

Parole Deposite. Countersigns Engage, Funds.

For tomorrow

Major Oliver.

B. Q. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

For duty the 1st. Massachusetts regiment.

The honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolves:

By the United States in Congress assembled, March 22, 1783. On the report of a committee, to whom was referred a motion of Mr. Dyer, together with the memorial of the officers of the army, and the report of the committee thereon; Congress came to the following resolutions:

82. William Bedlow.

On March 29 Washington wrote briefly to Du Portail acknowledging his congratulations on the news of peace. "The terms are extremely satisfactory to me and I am as pleased as possible that the great work is so happily consummated." This draft is in the *Washington Papers*.

Whereas the officers of the several lines under the immediate command of his Excellency General Washington, did, by their late memorial transmitted by their committee, represent to Congress, that the half-pay granted by sundry resolutions, was regarded in an unfavourable light by the citizens of some of these states, who would prefer a compensation for a limited term of years, or by a sum in gross, to an establishment for life; and did, on that account, solicit a commutation of their half pay for an equivalent, in one of the two modes above mentioned, in order to remove all subject of dissatisfaction from the minds of their fellow-citizens: and whereas Congress are desirous, as well of gratifying the reasonable expectations of the officers of the army, as of removing all objections which may exist in any part of the United States, to the principle of the half pay establishment, for which the faith of the United states hath been pledged; persuaded that those objections can only arise from the nature of the compensation, not from any indisposition to compensate those,

whose services, sacrifices and sufferings, have so just a title to the approbation and rewards of their country: Therefore,

Resolved, That such officers as are now in

service and shall continue therein to the end of the war, shall be entitled to receive the amount of five years' full pay in money, or securities on interest at six per cent. per annum, as Congress shall find most convenient, instead of the half pay promised for life, by the resolution of the 21 day of October 1780; the said securities to be such as shall be given to other creditors of the United States, provided that it be at the option of the lines of the respective states, and not of officers individually in those lines, to accept or refuse the same; and provided also that their election shall be signified to Congress through the Commander in Chief, from the lines under his immediate command, within two months, and through the commanding officer of the southern army, from those under his command, within six months from the date of this resolution.

That the same commutation shall extend to the corps not belonging to the lines of particular states, and who are entitled to half pay for life as aforesaid; the acceptance or refusal to be determined by corps, and to be signified in the same manner, and within the same time as above mentioned: That all officers belonging to the hospital department, who are entitled to half pay by the resolution of the 17th day of January, 1781, may collectively agree to accept or refuse the aforesaid commutation, signifying the same through the Commander in Chief within six months from this time:

That such officers as have retired at different periods, entitled to half pay for life, may collectively, in each State of which they are inhabitants, accept or refuse the same; their acceptance or refusal to be signified by agents authorized for that purpose, within six months from this period; that with respect to such retiring officers, the communication, if accepted by them, shall be in lieu of whatever may be now due to them since the time of their retiring from service, as well as of what might hereafter become due; and that so soon as their acceptance shall be signified, the Superintendent of finance be, and he is hereby directed to take measures for the settlement of

their accounts accordingly, and to issue to them certificates bearing interest at six per cent. That all officers entitled to half pay for life not included in the preceeding resolution, may also agree collectively agree to accept or refuse the aforesaid commutation signifying the same within six months from this time.

The Commander in Chief desires the officers immediately concerned will defer reporting their election on the subject of the foregoing act untill the 15th. of April by which time the officers now absent on furlow will have returned, and it will be expected that the reports of the several Lines and corps not belonging to the Line of any State which compose this Army shall be lodged at Head Quarters as soon after as conveniently may be.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, March 31, 1783.

Parole Gratitude. Countersigns Harmony, Industry.

For the day tomorrow

Major Trescot.

B. Q. M. York Brigade.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

Seven men including two of the best Masons and one Carpinter are to be sent from each Brigade to the New building tomorrow morning 8 o'clock to continue as long as wanted.

The Commanding officer on the Lines will order one company to releive the Detachment from Hazens regt. at the Blockhouse of Dobbs ferry. The officer commanding the Company posted at the block house will take his orders from Lieutenant Colonel Smith.

Colonel H. Jackson is appointed President, Majors Fish and Rice with two Captains from the Jersey, one from the York, two from the first, three from the second and two from the third Massachusetts Brigades, members of a General court martial to assemble at the Newbuilding tomorrow morning ten o'clock, for the trial of such persons as shall be brought before them.

The Commander in Chief, accepts and confirms the following Report:

The Board appointed by the orders of Brigadier General Putnam the 23d. instant to revise and determine the relative rank of Captains Sylvanus Smith and Burnham of the Massachusetts Line and such others as are connected with them in the decision have attended that duty and as there unanimous opinion, Report:

That Captain Burnam ought to take rank of Captain Smith. That as it appears to the board that Captain Smith received his appointment as Captain sometime in the month of February 1777 and as by a Resolve of Congress of the first of April the same year, no officer can take rank by virtue of an antedated Commission it is their further unanimous opinion, that Captain Smith ought to rank in the Line of Massachusetts Captains, next immediately preceding Captain Dix,<sup>93</sup> and after Captain Marshall,<sup>94</sup> as the arrangement of Captains now stands.

The Inspection and Muster of the Troops of this Cantonment and the Garrison of Westpoint for the month of march will take place on the following days vizt. The Jersey Brigade on the 7th. of April; York do. 8th; 3d. Massachusetts 9th; 1 do. 10th; 2 do. 11th; 1 Connectt. regt. and Cranes Arty 14th; 3d. do., Lambs Arty. Invalids &ca. 15th; 2d. Connectt. regt. 16th.

93. Capt. Nathan Dix, of the Eighth Massachusetts Regiment. He was transferred to the Third Massachusetts Regiment in June, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

94. Capt. Christopher Marshall. of the First Massachusetts Regiment. He served to November, 1783.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, April 1, 1783.

Parole Kimbolton. Countersigns Limerick, Monmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Major Gibbs.

B. Q. M. Hampshire Brigade.

For duty the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, April 2, 1783.

Parole Nymph. Countersigns Ode, Pendar.

For the day

Lt. Colonel E. Vose.

B. Q. Mr. 1st. Massachusetts Brigade.

For duty the 3d. Massachusetts regiment.

The following principles being adopted in the settlement now commencing with the Army, it is desired that they be attended to by the officers concerned viz. First: The Accounts to be made out regimentally and include every officer and soldier, except those mentioned in the third and fourth articles, following for the time he actually belonged to the regiment. The transfer of officers or

soldiers from one regiment to another, is to be noticed in the rolls; and the pay accordingly to cease in the one regiment and commence in the other.

2d. Three regimental rolls to be made out, one to include the time from June 1st. 1778, to August 1, 1780, and another from August 1st. 1780 to January 1st. 1782, and the other for the year 1782, which are to be seigned by the paymaster and officer who commanded the regt., as far as it can be done.

3d. The officers who have been prisoners to be settled with for the time they were prisoners, individually and not in the Regiments.

4th. Regimental officers while they acted in the staff of the Army are also to be settled with individually on Certificates from the heads of the Departments in which they served.

5. The officers and men of the Commander in chiefs Guard to be settled with in their respective Lines and regiments.

The regimental Pay Masters will call on the Quarter Master Genl. for the necessary paper.

All the Drummers and Fifers in this Cantonment off duty will assemble tomorrow morning ten o'clock at Mr. Hiwells hut for inspection and further instruction.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, April 3, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Ringwood, Sunbury.

For the day tomorrow

Major Knap.

B. Q. Mr. 3d. Brigade.

For duty the 6th. Massachusetts regiment.

Brigadier Genl. Huntington, Colonels Cortlandt, and Nicola, are to constitute a Court of Inquiry to assemble on the 15th. of may next at Westpoint or such place as shall be appointed by the president, and examine

into the conduct of Brigadier Genl. Hazen and several officers of his corps relatively to the assertions which have been made concerning them by Major James R. Reid at different times and particularly in his Defence before a General courtmartial in the month of December 1780.

Major Reid and all persons concerned will attend accordingly.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, April 4, 1783.

Parole Tranquility. Countersigns Urbanity, Virginia.

For the day tomorrow

Major Graham.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brigd.

For duty the 2d. Massa. regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, April 5, 1783.

Parole Wilton. Countersigns Xerif, Yocum.

For tomorrow

Major Pettengell.

B. Qr. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

For duty the 8th. Massachusetts regiment.

No Amunition to be issued from the Magazine untill further orders.

The Muster and inspection of the Army for the month of March is countermanded untill further orders.

Lieutenant Colonel Cochran, Major Scott and Gibbs, Doctr. Cochran, Director of the Hospitals, with one Hospital surgeon, will constitute a Board to assemble at the Newbuilding on monday next for the inspection of the Invalids belonging to the corps in this Cantonment; the Commanding officers of corps are requested to have the men of their respective Corps who have been returned unfit for duty by the Inspector produced to the Board at the time and place above mentioned. a surgeon or mate to attend with the men of the corps they belong to. The Board will proceed on the principles laid down in the orders of the 3d. of August 1782. and report accordingly.

A Similar Board will meet at West point for the Inspection of the Invalids of that Garrison and Hazens regiment coming under the beforementioned discription as soon as Doctor Cochran can attend, of which he is requested to give Major Genl. Knox notice who will be pleased to order three Field officers for that purpose.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, April 6, 1783.

Parole Zealand. Countersigns Africa, Bohemia.

For the day tomorrow

Major Ashley.

B. Qr. Mr. York brigade.

For duty the 5th. Massachusetts regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, April 7, 1783.

Parole Canada. Countersigns Dissolution, Event.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Col. Cummings.<sup>15</sup>

B. Q. M. Hampshire Brigade.

The Maryland Detachment gives the Fatigue

The Jersey regiment the Guards tomorrow

At the General Courtmartial of which Colonel Micheal Jackson is president, Micheal Smith, Jonas Newell, John Blake and Nathan Curtis, soldiers of the 1st. Massa. regt., charged with breaking open the house of Mr. James Munnell, on the evening of the 17th. of March, insulting and abusing the Inhabitants and attempting to kill Captain James Frye and Captn. Benjamin Ellis<sup>16</sup> when in the execution of their office, and robbing them of a Hatt; *were tried* .

The Court on consideration, are of opinion that none of the charges are supported against either of the prisoners and do acquit each, and every of them.

15. Lieut. Col. John Noble Cumming (Cummings).

16. Of the First New Hampshire Regiment. He served to June, 1783.

Elijah Buckman a soldier in the 2d. Massachusetts regt. (by appeal) was tried at the same Court, charged with throwing stones at Lt. Ame's<sup>17</sup> hut and breaking the window on the evening of the 17th. March last.

The Court on consideration are of opinion that the charge is not supported against the prisoner and do acquit him.

The Commander in Chief approves the opinion of the Court with respect to Smith, Newell and Curtis, also of Buckman and orders them to be released.

The Court martial of which Colonel Micheal Jackson is president is desolved.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, April 8, 1783.

Parole Farrago. Countersigns Gusto, Harmony.

For the day tomorrow

Major Porter.

B. Q. M. 1st. Massa. Brigade.

The Jersey regiment gives the Fatigues

The Jersey battalion the Guards tomorw.

The sixth Massachusetts regt. to hold itself in *readiness* to relieve the Hampshire regiment on the Lines.

17. Lieut. Jotham Ames, of the Second Massachusetts Regiment. He served to the close of the war.

Captain Simeon Lord<sup>22</sup> (late of the 2d. Massachusetts regt.) is appointed Assistant Adjutant General and to be respected accordingly; his appointment to have effect from the first day of February last.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Wednesday, April 9, 1783.

Parole Judicial. Countersigns Iver, Ives.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Colonel Maxwell.

B. Q. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 1st. York regiment.

At the General court martial of which Colonel H. Jackson is president, Andrew Russel, Phenias Aston, Robert Conick, John Smith, Abner Wheeler and Thomas Aston, soldiers in the Massachusetts Line, *were tried* convicted of having inlisted by fictitious names, and desertion, and sentenced, Robert Conick to receive fifty and the others one hundred lashes each on their naked back.

Thomas Colburn of the Massachusetts Line, Arthur Thrasher and Silas Henry of the late 9th. and Stephen Orcut of the 6th. Massachusetts regiment, were tried by the same Genl. court-martial convicted of Desertion and sentenced to receive each one hundred lashes on his naked back; Arthur Thrasher to receive his punishment by 25 lashes at a time, four successive mornings.

22. He served as Assistant Adjutant General to the close of the war.

Abraham Wilson of the 2d. New york regiment, was *tried* by the same General courtmartial convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to receive one hundred lashes on his naked back.

The Commander in chief approves the foregoing sentences and directs the punishments to be inflicted accordingly.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, April 10, 1783.

Parole Kingsclear. Countersigns Lancaster, Maryland.

For the day tomorrow

Major Lansdale.

B. Qr. M. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 2d. York Regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, April 11, 1783.

Parole Novascotia. Countersigns Oxford, Parnassus.

For the day tomorrow

Major Pope.

B. Q. M. Jersey Brigade.

For duty 1st. Massachusetts regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, April 12, 1783.

Parole Queenborough. Countersigns Radnor, Shaftsbury.

For the day tomorrow

Colonel Vanscaick.

B. Q. M. York Brigade.

For duty the Hampshire Battalion.

Application is to be made to the Assistant Clother Genl. for another distribution of Shirts, also Returns to be given in to him of the men who have not received Hatts for the last year.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, April 13, 1783.

Parole Truce. Countersigns Umpire, Vesta.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Colonel Brooks.

B. Q. Mr. Hampshire Brigade.

For duty the 7th. Massachusetts regiment.

The Commander in chief is extremely anxious to have the settlement of the accounts of the Army expedited as much as possible. He hopes and expects the regimental pay masters will use their

gratest deligence in compleating the accounts which have been called for by the pay master Genl., and that the Assistant Clothier with the Army

will make no delay in furnishing Mr. Pierce with such Documents as may be necessary from the Cloathing Department.

The late Rains having damaged the Causway between the wings of the Army: The Commander ha Chief directs that it may be immediately repaired.

The Quarter Master Genl. will order a person to Superintend the work. each Brigade will furnish tools for their own party employed on it.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, April 14, 1783.

Parole Warsaw. Countersigns Xenophon, Yarmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Major Oliver.

B. Q. M. 1st. Massa. Brigade.

For duty the 4th. Massachusetts regiment.

The *Levee's* are to commence tomorrow at the public Building and to be attended daily at 12 o'clock on the principles pointed out in the orders of the 5th. of July 1781. and 5th. of September 1782.

in addition to which the Commander in chief directs it to be signified to the Army. that it will be agreeable to him, for all officers not on duty, or

particularly engaged, to attend as frequently as they can make it convenient.

The 6th. Massachusetts regiment will march tomorrow for the relief of the Hampshire regiment on the Lines; the Commanding officer will call at Head Quarters this evening for orders.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The regiments which have not turned and repaired their Coats, are to draw Lotts for the scarlet cloth which arrived yesterday, such Corps as can not now be supplied must retain their old Uniforms. Every thing that can be done previous to the first of may, to make the troops appear respectable, ought to be attempted an Extra allowance of one ration per coat will be made for every regimental Coat that has or shall be turned.

The Pay masters of regiments which have not began to repair their Coats with their former facings and wish for a proportion of Scarlet Cloth will attend at the clothing store in Newburgh tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M. that a distribution may take place immediately after the lots are drawn.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, April 15, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam Countersigns Boston, Charlestown.

For the day tomorrow

Major Trescot.

B. Q. Mr. 3d. Massts. Brigade.

For duty tomorrow 3d. Massachusetts regiment.

Ensign Herring,<sup>53</sup> of the 1st. Newyork regiment, was tried by the General Courtmartial of which Colonel H. Jackson is president, "for Embezling, or misapplying, part of the rum or the value thereof due Captn. Blockers Company for the month of January last," and acquitted.

The General approves Ensign Herrings acquittal. He is released from his Arrest.

Jeremiah Allen, a Drummer of the 8th. Massachusetts regiment, was tried by the same General Courtmartial for stealing a number of Shirts and blanketts out of the public store at Newburgh on the night of the 24th. of march last, convicted and sentenced to receive one hundred lashes on his naked breech, to be inflicted at four different periods: Twenty-five at each period, Fifty in front of the 2d., twenty five in front of the 1st. and the remaining twenty five in front of the 3d. Massachusetts Brigades.

The General approves the sentence and directs it to be carried into execution.

53. Ensign Benjamin Herring. He served to June, 1783.

Mr. George Bennet, an Englishman, on a voyage from Jamaica, was captured off New York harbor and carried to Rhode Island. From thence he traveled to Newburgh, N.Y., and on April 15 he wrote to his mother describing his meeting with General Washington. "He then with great affability asked me to sit down and to drink a glass of wine. After some conversation, as it was now 2 o'clock I rose to take my leave—Mr B, said he, you will do me the favor to stay & dine—we shall dine in less than an hour—this was honour which I could never have expected & would by no means decline—at table he placed me on the left hand of Mrs Washington—he was on her right & he drank his first glass of wine with me—the company besides consisted of about 15 officers—The dinner was good, but everything was quite plain—we all sat on camp stools & there was nothing to be seen about his House, but what every officer in the army might likewise have in his—Mrs W. was as plain, easy, and affable as he was, & one would have thought from the familiarity which prevailed there, that he saw a respectable private gentleman dining at the Head of his own Family.

"Genel. W. is now just 50 year old—he is a tall genteel figure of a man, rather exceeding 6 foot in height—His countenance is grave, composed, mild and penetrating— his nose is long & of the Roman shawls eyes a little hollow under the eyebrows but active and lively—his whole countenance is expressive of Sagacity, of Prudence, and of Moderation, & his figure altogether has

something of the solemn and majestick, which impresses respect in every beholder...in his dress he was perfectly plain—an old blue coat faced with buff waistcoat and britches of the latter, seemingly of the same age & without any lace upon them composed his dress, his shirt had no ruffles at the wrists. but of very fine linen—he always wears Boots, & never uses a Carriage, but when Mrs W. is with him, & that is only in winter. His hair is a little gray & combed smoothly back from the forehead & in a small queue—no curlls & but very little Powder to it.”

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, April 16, 1783.

Parole Dorchester. Countersigns Essex, Falmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Major General Heath

Brigade Qr. Master from 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The 2d. Massachusetts regt. gives the guards and the 8th. the Fatigues tomorrow.

Untill further orders a General officer and the field officers present fit for duty in the regt. or corps which gives the Guards will be of the day. The patrolls ordered for the preservation of good order in and about this Cantonment, the Guards and other duties of the day performed with arms, are to be furnished by one regiment or corps, and the fatigues and duties performed without arms by mother. The Grand Parade will be in front of the New building where the whole of the regiment or corps which gives the Guards is to be paraded, precisely at 12 o'clock, and will perform such Manoeuvres as the General of the day shall direct. The Guards and parties for immediate duty are then to be formed and marched off. That done the remainder of the corps will return to its cantonment and there hold itself in readiness for duty untill 12 o'clock the following day.

In the absence of Major General Gates, Major Genl. Heath will take the immediate command of the Army in this Cantonment.

Officers of each State Line and every other discription of officers under the immediate orders of the Commander in chief who are called upon to signify their acceptance or refusal of the commutation offered by Congress in their act of the 23d. of March 1783, will make their election thereon, and report the same through the senior officer or head of the Department on the 25th. of April.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, April 17, 1783.

Parole Grottenburgh. Countersigns Hague, Ireland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier General Patterson.

B. Q. M. Jersey Brigade.

A Board of Officers consisting of Brigadier General Greaton, Colonels Stewart and Sproat and Majors Fish and Trescot will assemble at the Newbuilding on Saturday next ten o'clock A.M. to take into consideration the claims of the Candidates for the badge of merit, and will report thereon to the Commander in chief as soon as possible. The papers at the Orderly office and all other certificates and papers relative to these claims are to be put into the hands of Brigadier Greaton before Saturday.

The Westpoint packet boat for the Army is now established. She will leave Westpoint at ten o'clock in the morning and Newburgh at five in the after noon.

The 5th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards, and the Maryland Detachment the fatigues tomorrow.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, April 18, 1783.

Parole Kenalal. Countersigns Litchfield, Montreal.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier Genl. Stark.

Brigd. Qr. Mr. York Brigade.

The Jersey regiment gives the Guards and the Jersey battalion the fatigues tomorrow.

The Commander in Chief orders the Cessation of Hostilities between the United States of America and the King of Great Britain to be publickly proclaimed tomorrow at 12 o'clock<sup>67</sup> at the New building, and that the Proclamation<sup>68</sup> which will be communicated herewith, be read tomorrow evening at the head of every regiment and corps of the army. After which the Chaplains with the several Brigades will render thanks to almighty God for all his mercies, particularly for his overruling the wrath of man to his own glory, and causing the rage of war to cease amongst the nations.

67. The anniversary of the battle of Lexington.

68. See *Journals of the Continental Congress*, Apr 11, 1783.

Although the proclamation before alluded to, extends only to the prohibition of hostilities and not to the annunciation of a general peace, yet it must afford the most rational and sincere satisfaction to every benevolent mind, as it puts a period to a long and doubtful contest, stops the effusion of human blood, opens the prospect to a more splendid scene, and like another morning star, promises the approach of a brighter day than hath hitherto illuminated the Western Hemisphere; on such a happy day, a day which is the harbinger of Peace, a day which compleats the eighth year of the

war, it would be ingratitude not to rejoice! it would be insensibility not to participate in the general felicity.

The Commander in Chief far from endeavouring to stifle the feelings of Joy in his own bosom, offers his most cordial Congratulations on the occasion to all the Officers of every denomination, to all the Troops of the United States in General, and in particular to those gallant and persevering men who had resolved to defend the rights of their invaded country so long as the war should continue. For these are the men who ought to be considered as the pride and boast of the American Army; And, who crowned with well earned laurels, may soon withdraw from the field of Glory, to the more tranquil walks of civil life.

While the General recollects the almost infinite variety of Scenes thro which we have passed, with a mixture of pleasure, astonishment, and gratitude; While he contemplates the prospects before us with rapture; he can not help wishing that all the brave men (of whatever condition they may be) who have shared in the toils and dangers of effecting this glorious revolution, of rescuing Millions from the hand of oppression, and of laying the foundation of a great Empire, might be impressed with a proper idea of the dignified part they have been called to act (under the Smiles of providence) on the stage of human affairs: for, happy, thrice happy shall they be pronounced hereafter, who have contributed any thing, who have performed the meanest office in erecting this steubendous *fabrick of Freedom and Empire* on the broad basis of Indipendency; who have assisted in protecting the rights of humane nature and establishing an Asylum for the poor and oppressed of all nations and religions. The glorius task for which we first fleu to Arms being thus accomplished, the liberties of our Country being fully acknowledged, and firmly secured by the smiles of heaven, on the purity of our cause, and the honest exertions of a feeble people (determined to be free) against a powerful Nation (disposed to oppress them) and the Character of those who have persevered, through every extremity of hardship; suffering and danger being immortalized by the illustrious appellation of the *patriot Army* : Nothing now

remains but for the actors of this mighty Scene to preserve a perfect, unvarying, consistency of character through the very last act; to close the Drama with applause; and to retire from the

Military Theatre with the same approbation of Angells and men which have crowned all their former vertuous Actions. For this purpose no disorder or licentiousness must be tolerated, every considerate and well disposed soldier must remember it will be absolutely necessary to wait with patience untill peace shall be declared or Congress shall be enabled to take proper measures for the security of the public stores &ca.; as soon as these Arrangements shall be made the General is confident there will be no delay in discharging with every mark of distinction and honor all the men enlisted for the war who will then have faithfully performed their engagements with the public. The General has already interested himself in their behalf; and he thinks he need not repeat the assurances of his disposition to be useful to them on the present, and every other proper occasion. In the mean time he is determined that no Military neglects or excesses shall go unpunished while he retains the command of the Army.

The Adjutant General will have such working parties detailed to assist in making the preparations for a general rejoicing as the Chief Engineer with the Army shall call for, and the Quarter Master Genl.

will also furnish such materials as he may want.<sup>69</sup>

The Quarter Master General will without delay procure such a number of Discharges to be printed as will be sufficient for all the men enlisted for the War; he will please to apply to Head Quarters for the form.

An extra ration of liquor to be issued to every man tomorrow, to drink Perpetual Peace, Independence and Happiness to the United States of America.

The Inspection of the Army for the month of March will take place in the following manner and on the following days: The Maryland Detachment and Jersey brigade on Monday the 21st; York brigade and Hampshire, 22d; 1st Massachusetts Brigade, 23d; 2d, do, 24th; 3d, do, 25th; The regiments of Artillery at Westpoint, Sappers and Miners, Col. Swifts regimt. and Invalids, 28th; Connecticut brigade, 29th.

Inspection Rolls may be had at Colonel Stewarts Quarters.

69. "April 19th. At noon the proclamation of Congress for a cessation of hostilities was proclaimed at the door of the New Building, followed by three huzzas; after which a prayer was made by the Reverend Mr. Ganno, and an anthem (*Independence*, from Billings,) was performed by vocal and instrumental music."—Heath's *Memories*.

Lieutenant Samuel Mellish<sup>70</sup> of the 3d. Massachusetts regiment is appointed Aid de Camp to Brigadier General Greaton and is to be respected accordingly. This appointment to take place from the 7th. day of January last.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, April 19, 1783.

Parole Peace. Countersigns Unity, Plenty.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier General Dayton.

B. Q. M. from Hampshire B.

The first York regiment gives the Guards tomorrow and the 2d. do. the fatigues.

An officer holding a Commission in the Line of the Army of a superior Grade to that he possesses in a particular regiment or corps, is (if a field officer by his superior commission) to be put on the General Roster, and take his tour on Detachments. Courts martial and as officer of the day &ca. He is also to perform all duties in the Line of the state to which he belongs incident to the rank he holds in a regiment or Corps of that state; And in case the duties should in any instance interfere, the Adjutant Generals Roster is to be obeyed in preference to any other. This regulation

70. He served to June, 1783.

to remain in force untill contrary orders shall be given.

To erect a frame for the illumination the several corps in this Cantonment are to square and deliver at the Newbuilding on monday next the following pieces of Timber vizt. the:

Feet Inches Pieces long Square Maryland Detachment 2 30 7. Jersey regiment 5 30 7.  
do. Battalion 2 30 7. 1st. York Regiment 4 30 7. 2d. do. 3 30 7. Hampshire do. 8 18 7. do.  
Battalion 3 18 7. 1st. Massachusetts regiment 9 18 7 4 do. do. 8 18 7. 7 do. do. 4 18 7 do.  
do. do. 4 19 7 2d. do. do. 8 19 7 5th. do. do. 4 19 7 do. do. do. 8 8 7 8th. do. do. 16 8 7 3d.  
do. do. 2 14 7 do. do. do. 3 12 7 do. do. do. 6 11 7.

Each Commanding officer of a Brigade is requested to appoint an Officer to assist Colonel Gouvion in making preperation for the illumination. Colonel Gouvion will meet the officers so appointed at 12 o'clock tomorrow at the New building.

Lieutenant Smith<sup>71</sup> of the 6th. Massachusetts regimt. was tried at the General courtmartial of which Colo. H. Jackson is president, charged with conduct unbecoming the character of an officer by inviting several noncommissioned officers of the 2d. Connecticut regiment to his Quarters at Mr. Cranes in the highlands, Drinking and gaming with them and by his request detaining them from their regiments at evening and morning Roll call. The Court are of opinion that the charges against Lt. Smith are not only not supported but are entirely groundless and they do in the fullest manner acquit him.

The Commander in chief approves the opinion of the Court. Lt. Smith is released from his Arrest.

James Smith, a recruit of the New hampshire Line was tried by the same General Courtmartial and convicted of Desertion in breach of Article 1. section 6. of the Rules and Articles of war, and sentenced to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back.

Peter Miller, of the late 4th. New York regiment was also tried by the same court and convicted of Desertion in breach of Art. 1. sect. 6th. of the Rules and Art. of war and sentenced to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back and be drummed out of the Army.

71. Lieut. Ebenezer Smith. He had been transferred to the Second Massachusetts Regiment in January, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

Caleb Theyer, of the 5th. Massachusetts regt. was tried by the same court and convicted of Desertion in breach of Art. 1. sect. 6th. of the Rules and Articles of war and sentenced to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back.

Stephen Aldridge, a Recruit of the Massachusetts Line was tried by the same court and convicted of Desertion, in breach of Art. 1st. sect. 6th. of the Rules and Articles of war and sentenced to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back.

The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing sentences and orders Peter Millers to take place tomorrow morning.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, April 20, 1783.

Parole Arts. Countersigns Agriculter, Commerce.

For the day tomorrow

Brig. Genl. Putnam.

Brig. Qr. Mr. 1st. Massa. Brigade.

The 1st. Massachusetts regiment gives the Guards and the 7th. the fatigues tomorrow.

In future when a regiment or corps wants wood for fuel or any other necessary purpose, application is to be made to the Commanding officer, who is hereby directed to order a sufficient Detachment under the direction of a Commissioned officer to procure it from the wood already felled in the vicinity of the Cantonment: of which there appears to be a sufficient quantity. No wood of any kind is hereafter to be felled for any purpose without a written direction from the Quarter master Genl. (except the timber ordered Yesterday to be procured.)

All the Axes now in the possession of regiments or corps are forthwith to be collected and lodged with their respective Quarter Masters, to whom officers having the direction of wood cutting parties are to apply for axes occasionally, giving receipts for the number received and taking care to deliver them on the return of the party.

As there are sufficient and convenient communications opened between the different Cantonments of the Army, and between these last, Newburgh and New Windsor, all persons belonging to the Army are forbidden to cross or lay open the fencing of inclosed Meadows or fields, and the removing or carrying away of rails or any kind of fencing stuff for fuel or other purposes, under the penalty of severe punishment.

The orders of the 30th. of September 1782 issued at Verplanks point prohibiting the making of fires in the vicinity of camp except on necessary occasions are to be observed in this Cantonment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, April 21, 1783.

Parole Boston. Countersigns Philadelphia, Baltimore.

The third Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards of the 2d regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

Lt. Henry Nelson<sup>78</sup> of the 3d. Massachusetts regt. is appointed pay master to the same, vice Lt. Mellesh resigned that office. This appointment to take place from the 7th. of January last.

Two good Carpenters from each regimt. and corps, and one serjeant (a Carpenter if possible) from each Brigade in this Cantonment to be sent to the Newbuilding tomorrow morning 6 o'clock. They will receive orders from Col. Gouvion and continue untill relieved.

78. He served to June, 1784.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, April 22 1783.

Parole Ticonderoga. Countersigns Niagara, Detroit.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier Genl Patterson.

B. Q. M. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The Hampshire regiment gives the Guards and the Hampshire Battalion the fatigues tomorrow.

Untill further orders there is to be a Camp Guard mounted by each Brigade in this Cantonment, for the preservation of good order.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, April 23, 1783.

Parole Ticonderoga. Countersigns Niagara, Detroit.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Dayton.

Brg. Qr. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

The Maryland Detachment gives the Guards and the 4th. Massachusetts regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

In future the Troop shall beat at 8 o'clock in the morning and the Tattoo at 9 in the evening.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, April 24, 1783.

Parole Philadelphia. Countersigns Newyork, Boston.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier General Putnam.

B. Q. M. from York brigade.

The 8th. Massachusetts regiment gives the Guards and the 5th. regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

Lieutenant John Blair of the Jersey regt. is appointed Paymaster to the same vice Lt. Martin<sup>99</sup> promoted. This appointment to take place the 6th. January last.

As it may happen that guards or Detachments not detailed when a regiment is warned for duty may be called for on the Grand parade, or even the whole regt. sent on immediate duty, it is to march to the Grand parade prepared for such an event. The Platoons are to be told off and the regt. completely formed for exercise on its own parade previous to its marching; having arrived on the Grand parade, formed the Line and dressed the ranks, the Commanding officer of the regt. is to inform the General of the day that the regt. is ready for exercise.

99. Lieut. Absalom Martin, of the First New Jersey Regiment.

If the General orders the Guards to be turned off without any exercise, the Colo. or commandg. officer is to order the Adjutant to form the Guards and then take post together with all the other Field officers of the regt. as officers of the day. The Adjutant shall then order the officers and men warned for immediate duty to advance to the front, face to the right, march and draw up on the right of the regt.; The reserve shall then by order from the senior Captn., close up to the left, dress ranks, order their arms and remain perfectly steady untill the Adjt. has examined and formed the Guards agreeably to the Regulations.

When the Guards are formed the Adjutant shall order the Reserve, to sholder, the whole to present arms and inform the General of the day that the Guards are ready.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, April 25, 1783.

Parole Providence. Countersigns Portsmouth, Hartford.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B.Q.M. Hampshire Brid.

The Jersey Battalion gives the Guards and the Jersey regt. the Fatigues tomorrow.

Each Brigade in this Cantonment is to deliver at the Newbuilding tomorrow 12 o'clock, one piece of well hewn Timber thirty feet long, and 7 inches square.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, April 26, 1783.

Parole Williamsburgh. Countersigns York, Hampton.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier Genl. Patterson.

Brigd. Qt. Mr. I. Massa. Brigade.

The 2nd. Newyork regt. gives the Guards and the 1st. Newyork regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, April 27, 1783.

Parole Cumberland. Countersigns Bedford, Westmoreland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Qr. Mr. from the 3d. Massa. Brigade.

The Hampshire regt. gives the Guards and the 1st. Massachusetts regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Maryland Detachment and Hampshire battalion will march on tuesday next to the relief of the 6th. Massachusetts regt. on the Lines.

The Board appointed to take into consideration the claims of the Candidates for the Badge of merit.<sup>9</sup> Report. That Serjeant Churchill of the 2d regt. of Light Dragoons and Serjeant Brown<sup>10</sup> of the late 5th Connecticut regt. are in their opinion severally entitled to the badge of Military merit and do therefore recommend them to His Excellency the Commander in chief, as suitable characters for that honorary distinction.

The Commander in cheif is pleased to order the before named Serjt. Elijah Churchill of the 2d. regt. of Light Dragoons and Serjt. Brown of the late 5th. Connecticut regiment to be each of them invested with the badge of merit. They will call at Head Quarters on the third of May, when the necessary Certificates and Badges will be ready for them.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, April 28, 1783.

Parole —. Countersign —.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greateon.

B. Qt. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The 7th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 4th. the fatigues tomorrow.

9. Now known as the “Purple Heart.”

10. Sergt. William Brown.

Major Sumner<sup>13</sup> is appointed a member of the board whereof General Greateon is president, vice Major Fish on Court martial.

At the Genl. courtmartial of which Col. H. Jackson is president, Lieutenant Abraham Kinney<sup>14</sup> of Sheldons Light Dragoons was tried. 1st. for going below our Lines on the 4th of February last without proper authority or liberty for so doing.

2dly. For aiding, assisting, conniving at and being concerned in an illicit intercourse of Traffic with the Enemy on the said 4th. of February in contempt and disobedience of the orders of His Excellency the Commander in chief of December 12th. 1779.

3dly. For opposing and resisting Lieutt. Stewart<sup>15</sup> in the exercise of his duty, exerting himself to detect and prevent such illicit intercourse: ageably to the above mentioned orders on the same 4th. of February.

4thly. For leaving the Cantonment of Genl. Hazens regt. at Pompton in contempt and disobedience of the orders of Brigadier Genl. Hazen of the 5th. of February last.

The Court on consideration are of opinion that the 1st. and 3d. charges against Lt. Kenney are supported, yet they do not find his opposition to Lt. Stewart

13. Maj. Job Sumner.

14. Lieut. Abraham Kenny (Kinney), of the Second Continental Dragoons. He retired in October. 1783.

15. Lieut. William Stuart (Stewart), of the Second Canadian Regiment.

was attended with an intention of encouraging the illicit Traffick. They are also of opinion that the 2d. and 4th. Charges are not supported.

The Court adjudges the conduct of Lt. Kenney as found supported on the 1st. and 3d. charges to be in breach of article 5th. section 18th. of the Rules and Articles of war and sentence him to ask pardon of Lieutt. Stewart and to be reprimanded in Genl. orders. They acquit him of the 2d. and 4th. charges.

The Commander in cheif approves the opinion of the court.

Tho, it does not appear from the trial that Mr. Kenney was concerned in any illicit Traffic, yet his going below the Lines and being there in company with persons of suspicious characters was highly improper. His conduct in opposing Lt. Stewart in the execution of his duty, and the language it appears he made use of on that occasion were derogatory to the character an officer should support.

When Lieutenant Kenney has complied with the sentence he is to be released, from his arrest.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, April 29, 1783.

Parole Jersey. Countersigns Princeton, Trintown.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Qr. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

The 2d. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 3d. regt. the Fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, April 30, 1783.

Parole Portugal. Countersigns Lisbon, Oporto.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B. Qt. Mr. York brigade.

The 5th. Massa. regt. gives the Guards, and the 8th. the Fatigues tomorrow.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, May 1, 1783.

Parole Hallifax. Countersigns Sommerset, Wakefield.

For duty tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Patterson.

B. Qr. Mr. Hampshire Brigde.

The Jersey regt. gives the Guards, and the Jersey battalion the Fatigues tomorrow.

The Honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve:

By the United States in Congress assembled the 23d. April 1783.

Resolved, That in the opinion of Congress, the time of the men engaged to serve during the war, does not expire until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace.

That such of the non-commissioned officers and privates soldiers of the above description, as continue in service to that period, shall be allowed their fire arms and accoutriments, as an extra reward for their long and faithful services.

At a General courtmartial held in Philadelphia the 23d. of april by order of the Secretary at War, Major McPherson<sup>25</sup> president, William Forsythe, soldier in the Delaware regt. was tried, for mutiny and disobedience of Captain Jacquets<sup>26</sup> personal orders. The court find him Guilty in breach of the 3d. and 5th. articles of section 2d. of the rules and articles of war, and sentence him to receive one hundred Lashes.

25. Maj. William Macpherson (McPherson).

26. Capt. Peter Jaquett (Jacquet), of the Delaware regiment. He served to the close of the war.

John Willar, Soldier in the Pennsylvania Line, was tried for Mutiny and speaking disrespectfully of His Excellency Genl. Washington and Congress, also drinking a health to King George. The Court find him guilty in breach of the 2d. art. of the 2d. Sect. of the Articles of War and sentence him to receive one hundred lashes and be drummed out of the Army with a halter around his neck.

John Witeskay and Charles Bier, soldiers in the Pennsylvania Line, were tried and convicted of Desertion, and sentenced each of them to receive one hundred Lashes. But from their former good character, and being young soldiers, the Court beg leave to recommend them for Mercy.

The Commander in chief approves the foregoing sentences, but is pleased to pardon Witeskay and Bier, and to remit so much of Willars sentence as relates to the halter.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The Light companies of the Jersey, the 2d. York, 5th. and 8th. Massachusetts regts. will take post on the Lines. They are to be on the Grand parade at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and put themselves under the orders of Major Fish.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, May 2, 1783.

Parole Rochambeau. Countersigns Chattelux, D.Estang.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Qr. Mr. I. Massa. Brigade.

The 1st. York regt. gives the Guards and the 2d. regt. of that Line the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, May 3, 1783.

Parole Philadelphia. Countersigns Chester, Trentown.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greaton.

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigade.

The 1st. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the Hampshire regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, May 4, 1783.

Parole Boston. Countersigns Hartford, Newport.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brig'de.

The 4th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 7th. the Fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, May 5, 1783.

Parole Baltimore. Countersigns Lancaster, Providence.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Patterson.

B. Q. M. Jersey. Brigade.

The 3d Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 6th. the Fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, May 6, 1783.

Parole Williamsburgh. Countersigns Amboy, Dover.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Q. Mr. York brigade.

The 8th. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 2d. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, May 7, 1783.

Parole Newport. Countersigns Salem, Kingston.

For the day tomorrow

B. General Greaton.

B. Qr. Mr. Hampshire Brigde.

The Jersey Battalion gives the Guards and the 5th. Massa. regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

Untill further orders the corps which gives the fatigues for the day will furnish a Corporal and three orderly men for the Adj. Genl. office, to parade at the Newbuilding at half after eleven o'clock.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, May 8, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Newark, Monmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier Genl. Putnam.

B. Qr. Mr. I Massa. B.

The 2d York Regt. gives the Guards and the Jersey regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, May 9, 1783.

Parole Princetown. Countersigns Goshen, Sussex.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Patterson.

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigd.

The Hampshire regt. gives the Guards and the 1st. York regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

#### MAJOR GENL. HEATHS ORDERS

A Sub. 2 serjeants 2 corporals and 30 men from each Brigade in this Cantonment, except the Hampshire are to parade tomorrow morning 8 o'clock at the Causway as a fatigue, to repair the damages done by the late Rains to the communications between the wings of the Army.

The Brigade Qr. Mr. of the day will superintend the work and report to the officer of the day.

Colonel J. Vose is appointed President, Majors Scott and Darby with one Captain from the Jersey two from the York, two from each of the Massachusetts and one from the Hampshire brigades Members of a Genl. courtmartial, to assemble at the Newbuilding tomorrow morning ten o'clock for the trial of such persons as shall be brought before them.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Saturday, May 10, 1783.

Parole Portsmouth. Countersigns Exeter, Hampton.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

Be. Qr. Master 2.d. Massa. Brigd.

The 7th. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 1st. the fatigues tomorrow.

The officers composing the Court of which Colonel H. Jackson is president and those of the board whereof Brigadier Genl. Greaton is President are to do duty in the Line untill further orders.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, May 11, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Bedford, Cumberland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greaton.

B. Qr. Master Jersey Brigade.

The 6th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 4th. the fatigues tomorrow.

The 2d. Massachusetts regt. will march on tuesday next to relieve the Maryland Detachment and the Hampshire Battalion on the Lines.

At the General Courtmartial of which Colo. H. Jackson is president, Serj. John Oakly of the 2d. New york regt. was tried "For leading, promoting and being principal in a Mutiny on the evening of the 22d. of April last, convicted in breach of Art. 3d. Sect. 2d. of the Rules and Articles of war and sentenced to receive One hundred Lashes on his naked back and be Drumed out of the Army. with a Label on his back, with the word *Mutiny* on it.

George Gamboll and Samuel Giles, soldiers in the 7th. Massachusetts regt. For behaving in a riotous and mutinous manner on the 20th. of April last and disobeying, and actually opposing the orders of an officer, were tried and convicted in breach of art. 5. sect 18th. and the latter part of Art. 5th. section 2d. of the Rules and Articles of war, and sentenced each of them to receive one hundred Lashes on his naked back.

John Vaughn of the 8th. Massachusetts regiment For neglect of duty when on Sentry at the Public store in Newburgh on the 24th. of March last, was tried, and acquitted.

The Commander in chief approves the foregoing sentences and directs them to be carried into execution.

Vaughn is to be released from confinement.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, May 12, 1783.

Parole Dunkirk. Countersigns Epsom, Ireland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Q. Mr. from York brigade.

The 5th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 3d. regiment the fatigues tomorrow.

At a Genl. courtmartial held at Westpoint by order of Major General Knox, Lt. Colonel Gray president. Captn. John Reily of the corps of Invalids was tried, charged with conducting himself in a manner unbecoming an officer and Gentleman, by receiving his pay from the regimental pay master for the month of January last, partly in money, the remainder in orders drawn on said Paymaster, and accepted by him; and afterwards applying to, and receiving the same Months pay from the Deputy pay Master Genl., on an assurance that he had not received it from the regimental paymaster.

The Court on mature consideration are

of opinion that Captain Reily did receive a part of his pay for the month of January last, vizt. eight Dollars from the regimental paymaster, and that he afterwards did apply to and receive from the Deputy Paymaster Genl. the same Months pay, for which conduct they think him highly reprehensible, in breach of art. 5th. sect. 18th. of the Rules and art. of War and do sentence him to be reprimanded in Genl. orders. He is acquitted of the other part of the charge.

The Commander in Cheif approves the opinion of the Court, and while he finds from the proceedings there is rather an appearance of indiscretion than of intentional criminality in the conduct of Captain Reily he can not but express his concern, that an officer who has bled so freely in the service of his Country should (at the close of so honorable a contest) be guilty of behaving, not only in itself culpable, but very inconsistent with the delicacy of the Military character.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, May 13, 1783.

Parole Georgia. Countersigns Hallifax, Ilinois.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B. Q. Mrs. from Hampsh. B.

The Jersey regt. gives the Guards and the 8th. Massachusetts regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, May 14, 1783.

Parole Kilmaneck. Countersigns Leicester, Malden.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Patterson.

B. Q. M. from 1st. Massa. B.

The 1st York regt. gives the Guards and the Jersey battalion the fatigues tomorrow.

The Genl. Courtmartial of which Colonel J. Vose is president will assemble at the Newbuilding on Friday morning next at 10 o'clock.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, May 15, 1783.

Parole Niagara. Countersigns Orkneys, Prekaness.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Q. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigde.

The 1st. Massa. Regt. gives the Guards and the 2d. York regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Waggon Master Genl. having occasion for eight team Drivers, they are to be furnished in the following proportion, The Jersey, York, Hampshire and 3d. Massa. Brigades, one each, and the 1st. and 2d. Massa. Brigades two each. These men are to join the Waggon masters Department immediately but must attend their regiments on clays of Muster.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, May 16, 1783.

Parole Poughkeepsie. Countersigns Fishkill, Newburgh.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greaton.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brig.

The 4th. Massachusetts regiment gives the Guards and the Hampshire regiment the fatigues tomorrow.

The several corps in this Cantonment are to square and deliver at the Newbuilding with all convenient speed the following pieces of timber. vizt.

ps feet long square Maryland Detachment 6 31 7 inch Jersey Regiment 16 31 7. Do. Battalion 6 31 7. 1st. Newyork Regt. 13 31 7. 2 do. 9 31 7. do. 6 25 7. Hampshire regt. 20 25 7. Do. Battalion 6 25 7. 1st. Massa. Regiment 19 25 7. 7th. 20 25 7. 4th. 18 25 7. 3d. 19 25 7. 6th. 20 25 7. 8th. 18 25 7. 5th. 19 25 7.

The Quarter Master Genl. will direct where the timber may be cut, agreeable to the orders of the 20th. of April last.

The Inspection of the Army for the month of May will take place on the following days. vizt.

Maryland Detacht. and Jersey brigade the 20th. Inst. York and Hampshire Brigades 21. 1 Massachusetts do. 22 2d. do. do. 23.

3d. Massachusetts Brigade 24th.

The Troops at Westpoint and its dependences, on the 26th. and 27th. in such order as will best suit the Duties of the Garrison.

The necessary Rolls may be had at Colonel Stewarts Quarters.

#### MAJOR GENL. HEATHS ORDERS

The regimental pay masters will call on the Assistant Clothier Genl. at Newburgh for a proportion of what articles he has on hand to issue.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Saturday, May 17, 1783.

Parole Turkey. Countersigns Vienna, Waldeck.

For the day tomorrow

B Genl. Dayton.

B. Q. M. from Jersey Brigd.

The 3d. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 7th. the fatigues tomorrow.

At the General Courtmartial of which Col. J. Vose is president, Corporal St. Laurence of the ed. New York regt. was tried for wilful disobedience of orders on the evening of the 30th. of April last, and for insulting

Ensign Dodge<sup>67</sup> by saying damn your orders sir. Corporals Kelly and Amerman of the same regt. were also tried for wilful disobedience of orders on the same evening.

The Court find each of them Guilty of the charge respectively against them and sentence Corporal St. Laurence to be reduced to a private Sentinel and receive one hundred lashes on his naked back. Corporals Kelly and Amerman to be reduced to private Centinels. Corporals Meadows and Barns and Warren Birch of the 8th. Massachusetts regimt were tried and convicted of Mutinous conduct on the evening of the 30th. of April last, in breach of art. 3d. sect. 2d. of the Rules and Articles of war, and sentenced, Birch to receive one hundred lashes on his naked back: Corporals Meadows and Barns each to be reduced to private Centinels and to receive one hundred lashes on his naked back. Dennis Myers, a soldier of the 6th. Massa. regt. was tried for desertion. The Court find him Guilty of absenting himself without Leave and sentence him to receive fifty lashes on his naked back, they acquit him of Desertion.

The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing Sentences.

67. Ensign Samuel Dodge, jr., of the Second New York Regiment. He served to June, 1783.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, May 18, 1783.

Parole Alicant. Countersigns Baltic, Cicilly.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Q. M. York Brigade.

The 8th. Massachusetts regiment gives the Guards and the 6th. the fatigues tomorrow.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, May 19, 1783.

Parole Dublin. Countersigns Epsom, Falmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

Brig. Qr. Mr. Hampshire B.

The 7th. Massachusetts regiment gives the Guards and the 5th. the Fatigues tomorrow.

At the Genl. Courtmartial of which Col. J. Vose is president, Mr. Bartholomew Fisher, Forage Master, was tried, charged with misconduct in office in defrauding the officers of the army in general and Brigr. Genl. Putnam in particular of part of their allowance of Grain for forage in the month of april last.

The Court on consideration are of opinion that the charge against Mr. Fisher is not supported and they do acquit him.

The Commander in chief approves the opinion of the court. Mr. Fisher is released from Arrest.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, May 20, 1783.

Parole Geneva. Countersigns Holland, Indostan.

The Maryland Detachment gives the Guards and the Jersey regiment the fatigues tomorrow.

For the day tomorrow

B. Genl. Patterson.

B Qr. Mr. 1st. Massa. Brigade.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, May 21, 1783.

Parole Kendal. Countersigns Litchfield, Malden.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brige.

The Jersey Battalion gives the Guards and the 1st. York regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Contractors and Suffers of the Army are not to sell any Rum, or spirituous Liquors to the Troops, unless the person applying therefor produces a written permission, specifying the quantity, and signed by a Commissioned officer.

The General thinks it necessary to caution the soldiers against the foolish practice, which he is informed has prevailed in some instances, of disposing of their Notes and securities of pay, at a very great discount, when it is evident the Speculators on those securities must hereafter obtain the full payment of their nominal value. He also wishes that any instances which shall be discovered of fraud or unfairness in the dealings of Sutlers or Traders might be reported in writing to the Orderly office in order that measures should be taken to remedy all abuses of that kind.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, May 22, 1783.

Parole Normandy. Countersigns Oporto, Pottsdam.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greateon.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massachtt. Brige.

The 2d. Newyork regiment gives the Guards and the Hampshire Battalion the Fatigues tomorrow.

At the General courtmartial of which Colonel J. Vose is president, George Taylor, a soldier of the 7th. Massa. regt. was tried and convicted of Desertion, and sentenced to receive one hundred lashes on his naked back.

The Commander in Chief approves the sentence.

The Genl. courtmartial of which Colo. H. Jackson is president, will assemble this day at the Newbuilding at 12 o'clock, for the trial of Captain Webb<sup>85</sup> of Light Dragoons; all evidences and others concerned will attend.

Lieutt. Pratt of the 3d. pennsa regt. and Lieut. Beatty of the same are appointed, the former to be Quarter Master and the latter paymaster of the regts. to which they belong.

85. Capt. John Webb. Heitman states that he resigned in April, 1783.

The officers composing the Genl. courtmartial of which Col. J. Vose is president are to do duty in the Line untill further orders.

Many of the officers composing the General courtmartial of which Col. H. Jackson is President, having been absent to day; That Court is directed to assemble at the Newbuilding tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, May 23, 1783.

Parole Quebec. Countersigns Roxbury, Salem.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Dayton.

Brigd. Qr. Master Jersey Brige.

The Hampshire regt. gives the Guards and the 1st. Massa. regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

## **AFTER ORDERS**

The Genl. Courtmartial of which Colonel H. Jackson and Colo. J. Vose are presidents, are desolved; and another court ordered to assemble at the Newbuilding tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock of which Colo. Tupper is appointed president, Lt. Col. Vandyck, Major Knap with two Captns. from the Jersey, two from the York two from the 1st. Massa., one from the 2d. one from the 3d. and two from the Hampshire Brigades Members,

for the trial of such persons as shall be brought before them.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, May 24, 1783.

Parole Tunbridge. Countersigns Versailles, Warsaw.

For the day tomorrow

Brigd. Genl. Putnam.

B. Qr. Mr. from York Brigade.

The 6th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 4th. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, May 25, 1783.

Parole Adrianople. Countersigns Baltic, Cambridge.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B. Qr. Mr. Hampshire Brigde.

The 5th. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 3d. the fatigues tomorrow.

The 8th. Massachusetts regt. will march on tuesday next to releive the 2d Regt. on the Lines.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, May 26, 1783.

Parole Dublin. Countersigns Essex, Fairfield.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Patterson.

B. Qr. Mr. from the 1st. Massa. B.

The Jersey regiment gives the Guards and the Maryland Detachment the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Tuesday, May 27, 1783.

Parole Gottenburgh. Countersigns Hartford, Ilchester.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigade.

The 1st. York regt. gives the Guards and the Jersey Battalion the fatigues tomorrow.

The regimental Surgeons are to make Returns of their Sick weekly to Doctr. Craick.

The Honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve

By the United States in Congress assembled, May 16, 1783.

Resolved, That the commutation in lieu of half pay, as well to chaplains as to the officers of the hospital department and medical staff, shall be calculated by what they are respectively entitled to, agreeably to the resolutions of the 17 January and 8 May, 1781.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, May 28, 1873.

Parole Kennebecke. Countersigns Lancaster, Marblehead.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Groaton.

B. Qr. Master 2d. Massa. Brigd.

The Hampshire Battalion gives the Guards and the 2d. York regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, May 29, 1783.

Parole Naples. Countersigns Ostend, Poland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Dayton.

B. Qr. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

The 1st. Massa. refit. gives the Guards and the Hampshire regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Commander in Chief accepts the following Report of a Court of inquiry appointed in the Genl. orders of the 3d. of April last and directs it to be made public to the Army.

The Court beg leave to report that from a comparative view of the Defence of Major Reid referred to in said orders, and of the proceedings of the trial of Genl. Hazen in 1780 before a General Courtmartial of which Brigr. Genl. Stark was president and from such other testimony as has been produced, they can not find reason to justify the assertions alluded to in the said orders.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, May 30, 1783.

Parole Quibletown. Countersigns Reading, Sussex.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Q. M. from the York brigade.

The 4th. Massa. refit. gives the Guards and the 7th. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Saturday, May 31, 1783.

Parole Tunbridge. Countersigns Ulster, Williamsburgh.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

Brigade Qr. Mr. Hampshire B.

The 3d. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 6th. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, June 1, 1783.

Parole Andover. Countersigns Bedford, Cambridge.

For the day tomorrow

Brigadier Genl. Patterson.

B. Qr. Mr. 1st. Massa. B.

The Maryland Detachment gives the Guards and the 5th. Massa. regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, June 2., 1783.

Parole Dartmouth. Countersigns Eastchester, Falmouth.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Stark.

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigade.

The Jersey Battalion gives the Guards and the Jersey regt. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Honorable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve<sup>2</sup>

By the United States in Congress assembled On motion

Resolved, That the Commander in Chief be instructed to grant furloughs to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the service of the United States, enlisted to serve during the war, who shall be discharged as soon as the definitive treaty of peace is concluded, together with a proportionable number of commissioned officers of the different grades: and that the Secretary at War and Commander in Chief, take the proper measures for conducting those troops to their respective homes, in such a manner as may be most convenient to themselves, and to the states through which they may pass, and that the men thus furloughed be allowed to take their arms with them.

In consequence of the preceding Resolution, Colonels and Commandants of regts. and corps will immediately make Returns of the number of men who will be entitled to furloughs, to the Commanding officers of the several state Lines, who will make report at Head Quarters; at the same time returns are to be made

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of the Noncommissioned officers and privates who will not be included in the above description. These Returns must be made to comport with the Muster Rolls, with which they will be compared at the Inspection office.

A sufficient number of officers of the several Grades to command the troops who will remain in the field must continue with them; they are requested to make this a matter of agreement among themselves. The Commanding officers of Lines will superintend and endeavour to accommodate this business to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The pay masters of regiments and such other officer in each, as may be appointed to act as a regimental Agent for the occasion will also remain with the Army to aid in the settlement of accts.

The Pay Master and Agent having attended the completion of the business, will distribute the result of the settlements agreeably to the instructions they may receive from the officers of the corps.

The Quarter Master Genl. will have a sufficient number of printed Furloughs provided as soon as may be.<sup>3</sup>

3. See frontispiece to this volume. On the verso of this discharge is printed the following: "Head-Quarters, June 1783. The within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the Bearer as a Discharge, until the Ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace; previous to which Time, and until Proclamation thereof shall be made, He is to be considered as being on Furlough. GEORGE WASHINGTON."

The Commander in Chief wishes to give every facility in his power towards carrying the proposed measure into effect, with as great convenience and satisfaction to the Troops as possible. For this purpose the Contractors are directed to lay up adequate supplies of Provision at the several Posts and places on the rout where it will be necessary.

Generals and Commanding officers of Lines will be pleased to make the interior Arrangements for marching the Troops of their respective States to their homes, they will receive further instructions on the subject.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to grant a full and free pardon to all Noncommissioned officers and privates now in confinement and they are to be liberated accordingly.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, June 3, 1783.

Parole Ghent. Countersigns Holland, Ireland.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Greaton.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The 2d. York regt. gives the Guards and the first the Fatigues tomorrow.

The Maryland Battalion is to march on Thursday next. Provision is to be drawn to last the corps to Pompton. and Major Lansdale will receive Instructions at Head Quarters for his further Government.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, June 4, 1783.

Parole Kenderhook. Countersigns Lyons, Maldon.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Dayton.

B. Qr. Mr. Jersey Brigade.

The Hampshire regt. gives the Guards tomorrow and the Hampshire Battalion the Fatigues.

The agreement<sup>9</sup> entered into on the 16th. Jany. last between the Troops of the Cantonment of New Windsor and the Contractors, is at the desire of those Troops and with the consent of the Contractors declared Null and void; and both parties are hereafter to stand on the footing of the Original Contract with Mr. Morris.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, June 5, 1783.

Parole Norfolk. Countersigns Oswego, Plymouth.

For the day tomorrow

Brigr. Genl. Putnam.

B. Q. Mr. York brigade.

The 7th. Massa. regiment gives the Guards and the 1st. the Fatigues tomorrow.

The Pay Masters or Agents of regts. as soon as they have finished the accounts of their own corps, are requested to attach themselves to the pay master General if they can make it convenient; and to assist in completing the Genl. settlement as soon as possible. The Commander in chief repeats his wish that the greatest dispatch may be used in effecting this business.

The Surgeons of the different corps who are furloughed, before they march will return their Medicine Chests and what Instruments they have belonging to the United States into the Apothecarys Store at New Windsor.

9. A contemporary copy of this agreement is in the *Washington Papers*.

All Noncommissioned officers and soldiers who have money due them for Services in the Qr. Master Generals Department will lodge the Certificates thereof with orders for payment thereon in the hands of their pay masters, who will Settle for the same. The paymasters are requested to receive them.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Friday, June 6, 1783.

Parole Justice. Countersigns Union, Happiness.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B. Q. Mr. from the Hampshire.

The 6th. Massachusetts regt. gives the Guards and the 4th. the fatigues tomorrow.

The Commanding officers of State Lines will be pleased to see that all Detachments of men going on furlough in consequence of the orders of the 2d. instant are properly officered; it will then be at the option of the remainder (except those who may be attached to the corps composed of the three years men) to remain with the Army, or not as may be most convenient.

All Noncommissioned officers and privates inlisted for the war who may not wish to avail themselves of the Furloughs directed to be

granted by the Resolution of Congress of the 26th. of May will report themselves to the Commanding officers of their corps by 12 o'clock tomorrow, that an equal number of men engaged for three years may have the indulgence in their room.

The men enlisted for the war who remain with the Army under this *Order* are to continue to do the duty of soldiers until the ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace.

One sub, three serjeants, three corporals, two Drum and fifes and thirty privates to relieve the Commander in Chiefs Guards to parade at the Newbuilding at 12 o'clock tomorrow. they will be taken from the three years men in the Massachusetts Line in the following proportions

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## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, June 7, 1783.

## **MORNING ORDERS**

The Commander in Chiefs Guard will be furnished daily from the regt. which gives the other Guards, and not as directed in the orders of yesterday.

Parole Taunton. Countersigns Virginia, Williamsburgh.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Howe.

B. Qr. Mast. 1st Massa. B.

The 2d Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the 3d. the fatigues tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, June 8, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam. Countersigns Brunswick, Colloden.

For the day tomorrow

B. Genl. Patterson,

B. Qr. Mr. 3d. Massa. Brigde.

The 5th. Massa. regt. gives the Guards and the Hampshire the fatigues tomorrow.

Serjeant Bissel of the 2d Connecticut regt. having performed some important services, within the immediate knowledge of the Commander in chief, in which the fidelity, perseverance, and good sense of the said serjeant Bissel were conspicuously manifested; it is therefore ordered that he be honored with the badge of merit; he will call at Head Quarters on tuesday next for the insignia and certificate to which he is hereby entitled.

A Board of officers will assemble at the public Buildg. on tuesday at 10 o'clock A.M. to decide upon such pretentions for the badge of merit, as shall be exhibited to them.

Major Genl. Knox and Brigr. General Putnam, with the director of Military hospitals, and Chief Physicians of the Army will constitute a Board on tuesday next at Westpoint for a particular Inspection of the officers of the corps of Invalids, to enquire into the circumstances of every individual, with respect to the time and reason of his Transference, the cause and degree of the inability under which he now labours.

The Board will be pleased to report a state of facts with their opinion thereon, that each may be considered as his case shall be thought deserving.

#### AFTER ORDERS

The spare amunition in the hands of the Brigade or regimental Quarter Masters is to be delivered into the Magazines immediately. The Quarter Master General upon application will furnish Waggons to bring it to the landing of Newburgh. Where Mr. Copelin will receive and forward it to Westpoint.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Monday, June 9, 1783.

Parole Dublin. Countersigns Essex, Fishkill.

For the day tomorrow

Major Genl. Heath.

B. Qr. Mr. 2d. Massa. Brigade.

The Hampshire Troops will give the Guards tomorrow.

In consequence of the orders of yesterday, the board whereof B. General Greaton is president will assemble at the Newbuilding tomorrow at 10 o'clock, to decide on the claims of the Candidates for the badge of merit.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, June 10, 1783.

Parole Boston. Countersigns Philada., Charlestown.

The 1st. Massachusetts regt. will give the Guards tomorw.

Tomorrow morning a Vessel will be ready at Newburgh to take on board the Baggage of the officers of the Massachusetts Line, eastward of the County of Worcester. They axe desired to send returns of their names, ranks and quantities of baggage to the Quarter Master General by six o'clock this evening.

### **AFTER ORDERS**

The strength of the Army in this Cantonment being considerably diminished by the number of men lately furloughed, the order of the 16th. of April directing a General, Field officers, and Quarter Master to be of the day; and also a regiment to parade every day for duty, is dispenced with. For the present there will be one field officer and an Adjutant of the day, and the guards only, will form on the Grand parade at 9 o'clock in the morning.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, June 11, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Newburgh, New Windsor.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Colonel Commr. Brooks.

Adjutant Haskell.<sup>9</sup>

For duty tomorrow the 7th Massach. Regimt.

As soon as all the men engaged for the War shall be furloughed and the Troops that remain properly formed into Regiments and Corps, Major General Heath will be pleased to report a state of the formation of the troops in this Cantonment, in which will be comprehended the names and relative rank of the Officers, regimentally digested. Major General Knox will please to do the same with respect to the troops under his command.

The Levees will be discontinued after this day and the orders are to be received and issued in the same manner as was formerly practised.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Thursday, June 12, 1783.

Parole Wales. Countersigns Norway, Denmark.

For the day tomorrow

Colonel H. Jackson.

Adjutant Davis.<sup>10</sup>

The 4th. Massachusetts regt. is for Duty tomorrow.

9. Capt. Elnathan Haskell.

10. Lieut. John(?) Davis, of the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Friday, June 13, 1783.

Parole Newark. Countersigns, Burlington, Willmington.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Col. Comt. Mellen.

Adjutant of the 3d. Regt.

For duty tomorrow the 3d. Massacht. regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, June 14, 1783.

Parole Anapolis. Countersigns Baltimore, Harford.

For the day tomorrow

Colonel Tupper.

Adjutt. from the 6th regimt.

For duty tomorrow the 6th. Massachusetts regt

Such Officers as are not attached to any particular Corps, who may choose to remain in Camp in consequence of the orders of the 6th instant, will be pleased to report their names, Rank and the regimt. to which they lately belonged, to the Adjutant General by the 17th. instant.

The Arrangement of the different Corps being fixed, all officers not comprehended therein, whose baggage remains to be transported, are to report their names, Ranks, quantities of baggage and the

States Counties and towns to which they are destined, to the Quarter Master Genl. by tomorrow evening.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, June 15, 1783.

Parole Brunswick. Countersigns Princetown, Amboy.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Col. Comdt. Sprout.

Adjutant from the 2d. regt.

For duty tomorrow the 2d. Massachusetts regiment.

As soon as the furloughing of the officers and Men who retire from the field in consequence of the Resolution of Congress published in the orders of the 2d. instant is completed and the incorporation of those who continue in service has taken place, (in order to prevent irregularity and confusion) the furloughed officers, Noncommissioned officers and soldiers are to be discontinued on the returns and Muster rolls, and their Settlements. made from the rolls by which they were last Mustered.

Regimental Returns are to be made to the Orderly office, as soon as the incorporation has taken place.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Monday, June 16, 1783.

Parole Albany. Countersigns Poughkeepsie, Haverstraw.

For the day tomorrow

Lt. Colo. Comdt. Reid.

Adj. of the Hampshire.

The Hampshire Detachment is for duty tomorrow.

At a General courtmartial held in Philadelphia the 22d. May by order of the Secretary at War Lt. Colo. Robertson president. Lieutenant John Armstrong of the 3d. Pennsylvania regt., charged with evading his duty and behaving unbecoming the character of an officer and gentlemn. in his illiberal expressions concerning the officers who exhibited the above charges was tried.

On consideration it clearly appears to the Court, that the charges exhibited against Lt. Armstrong are not supported, therefore do acquit him with honor.

The Commander in Chief approves the opinion of the Court.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, June 17, 1783.

Parole Jersey. Countersigns Elizabethtown, Middlebrook.

For the day tomorrow

Colonel M. Jackson.

Adjutant Bowles.<sup>25</sup>

For duty tomorrow the 1st. Massa. regiment.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Wednesday, June 18, 1783.

Parole Pennsylvania. Countersigns Williamsburgh, Hanover.

For the day tomorrow

Lieutt. Colo. Sprout.

Adj. of the 3d. Massa. regt.

For duty tomorrow the 3d. Massa. regiment.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, June 19, 1783.

Parole Susquehanna. Countersigns Potomack, Patuxent.

For the day tomorrow

Major Trescott.

Adj. from the 2d. regt.

For duty the 2d. Massachusetts regt.

25. Lieut. Ralph Hart Bowles, of the First Massachusetts Regiment. He served to June, 1784.

The Packet boats plying between Westpoint and Newburgh will sail at eight o'clock in the morning and six in the evening.

Ten men are to be drafted from the Line, to be employed in the Quarter Master Generals Department such as understand the management of a boat will best suit.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Friday, June 20, 1783.

Parole Amsterdam. Countersigns Brunswick, Colchester.

For the day tomorrow

Colonel H. Jackson.

Adj. from the 4th. regiment.

For duty tomorrow the 4th. Massa. regiment.

The Troops of this Cantonment will march on monday morning 5 o'clock by the left. The senior Brigadier in the Massa. Line will conduct the Collumn over Butter hill to Westpoint. The Baggage with a proper Escort to go by water, application for the means of conveyance must previously be made to the Quarter Master General. These corps with the Troops already at Westpoint will compose the Garrison of that post and its Dependencies.

Major General Knox will be pleased to expedite in the best manner he is able the building of an Arsenal and Magazines, agreeably to the Instructions he hath received from the Secretary at war.

As soon as the Troops are collected at Westpoint, an accurate Inspection is to take place, in consequence of which all Non-commissioned officers and privates who are incapable of Service ice (except in the corps of Invalids) are to be discharged; And the names of all the men, whose time of service will expire within one month are also to be reported to Head Quarters.

The Light Infantry of the Massachusetts Brigades, the Light Company of the Connecticut regiment and one Company of the New Hampshire Battalion will form a *corps* to be posted in the County of Westchester untill further orders, and will be commanded by Lieutt. Colo. Hull and Major Sumner.

This Corps will march the 22d. instant to relieve the Detachment of the late 8th. Massachusetts regiment now at Mile square. The Commanding officer will

receive the Instructions already given to the officer Commanding in that District for the government of his conduct.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Saturday, June 21, 1783.

Parole Dorchester. Countersigns Exeter, Fairfax.

Lieutt. Colo. Commandt. Reid<sup>41</sup> for duty tomorrow.

When the Army marches from this Cantonment, a Detachment is to remain to do the ordinary duties at Newburgh &ca. They will be releived every nine days, for this duty the four Hampshire Companies will commence tomorrow.

### **GENERAL ORDERS**

Sunday, June 22, 1783.

Parole Ghent. Countersigns Havrestraw, Illinois.

When the Troops move off the Ground, a surgeon or Mate will remain with the sick of each regiment for a day or two untill the Hutts can be made ready to receive them; a sufficient number of orderly men to take care of the sick must also remain with them.

41. Lieut. Col. George Reid.

On June 21 Humphreys wrote to Major General Knox that Capt. Winthrop Sargeant had been omitted in the arrangement of the Massachusetts artillery without his knowledge or consent.

The Commander in Chief referred the matter to Knox to be rectified. Humphreys's draft is in the *Washington Papers*.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Saturday, June 28, 1783.

Parole —. Countersigns —.

A Board consisting of three field officers to be appointed by Major General Knox, Doctr. Cochran or Craick and one hospital surgeon will assemble at Westpoint on Wednesday next for the purpose of examining all the Invalids

and debilitated men of the Army; they will proceed on the principles laid down in the orders of the 3d. of August last, and report their opinion so far as they can proceed, as soon as may be, and meet again when the absent troops return to complete the business.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Tuesday, July 8, 1783.

Parole —. Countersigns —.

Mr. Peirce, Commissioner for settling the accounts of the Army,<sup>87</sup> having been invested by Congress with more ample powers, for the speedy completion of that interesting business, The pay masters of regiments will as soon as possible make returns to him of the cloathing due to the respective regiments and corps in the army signed by themselves and certified by the Commanding or some Field officer of each regiment, wherever it is practicable.

87. On July 4 Congress had directed the settlement of all pay accounts of the Army. The form adopted for such settlement was a printed certificate of indebtedness which came to be known as Pierce Certificates. They were 3# x 6¾ inches in size, with the print running across the 3#

dimension. The wording was: "No. State of 1783. On the final settlement of an account between the United/States and there appeared/to be due to him the sum of / Dollars. I do therefore certify, that the said sum is payable with interest at six per cent/ from the twenty second day of March 1783 to/ the said or bearer./ Doll Jno. Pierce, Commissioner." Some 90,000 of these certificates were issued.

Returns are to be made out immediately and lodged in the Commissioners office at New Windsor of the Commissioned officers who are or may be entitled to Commutation on the discharge of the Army.

Also regimental Returns are to be deposited in that office of all the noncommissioned officers and privates who are or may be intitled to the Eighty Dollars gratuity, promised by Congress in their Resolution of the 15th. of May 1778.

Application is to be made without delay to the Commissioners Office for the forms of the foregoing Returns.<sup>88</sup>

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Sunday, August 17, 1783.

The Commander in Chief having been requested by Congress to give his attendance at Prince Town, proposes to set out for that place Tomorrow;<sup>69</sup> but expects to have the pleasure of seeing the Army again before he retires to private life. During his absence Major General Knox will retain the Command of the Troops, and all Reports are to be made to him Accordingly.

88. At this point in the Varick Transcripts in the Library of Congress is the following note: "N. B. No Orders between the 8th. July & 17th. August."

69. Washington apparently did not leave Newburgh until August 19 or 20.