

*The Orderly Books of
Colonel William Henshaw*

October 1, 1775, through October 3, 1776

AMONG the many orderly books of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods which have survived, few contain as much detail as those of Colonel William Henshaw. They are particularly interesting because they contain the names of many officers who do not appear in Heitman's *Historical Register of the Officers of the Continental Army*, show other officers to have been in active service as much as a year before the previously recorded dates of their commissions, and show some to have been attached to regiments with which they have not previously been known to be connected. The Henshaw manuscripts consist of five volumes which cover the periods of May 9 through November 28, 1759; April 20 through September 25, 1775; October 1, 1775, through March 27, 1776; March 28 through July 14, 1776; and July 15 through October 3, 1776. They were deposited in the library of the American Antiquarian Society about 1830 by the Henshaw family, by which they were later withdrawn for two long periods. By the will of Mrs. Harriet E. Henshaw, of Leicester, Massachusetts, who died on March 2, 1896, they were given to the Society on condition that at least two copies should be printed for the use of persons wishing to consult them. The executor ruled that the preparation of two typewritten copies would accomplish Miss Henshaw's purpose of preserving the original manuscript, but the Society has for fifty years had it

in mind that this remarkable document should be published in full. The first volume of the orderly book was printed in volume 11 of our *Transactions* with other French and Indian War material. The second volume was printed in volume 15 of the *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society with a memoir of Henshaw by Emory Washburn. This material was reprinted by Harriet E. Henshaw in 1881 with selections from the family papers which are now with the orderly books in the library of the American Antiquarian Society.

The text of the manuscript contains many abbreviations which Colonel Henshaw would not have used in his correspondence or in documents intended for the eyes of others, and which would have been expanded by any printer of his day. In the text which follows we have, with the patience of readers in mind, expanded the abbreviations and supplied some punctuation when the sense demanded it. We have also followed the general policy of supplying the given names of persons at their first mention. Many could not be identified with certainty because they do not appear on the army lists, or do not appear with the rank and in the organizations given by Henshaw. No doubt we have made some errors in our identifications.

For an introduction we can do no better than to reprint here, with the kind permission of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the memoir by Emory Washburn:

The subject of this notice was born in Boston, Sept. 20, 1735. He was the son of Daniel Henshaw, who, with his brother Joshua, was a son of Joshua, an early proprietor of Leicester. Daniel married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Bass, of Boston; and, when his son William was thirteen years of age, removed to Leicester, upon land formerly belonging to his father, where he lived till his death in 1781,

at the age of eighty years. Another of Daniel's sons, who also lived in Leicester, was the father of the Hon. David Henshaw, at one time Secretary of the Navy. Another of his sons was Joseph, who graduated at Harvard College in 1748. He married the daughter of Joshua second; and, in 1773, removed to Leicester, and took a prominent part, both in a military and civil capacity, in the early and later stages of the Revolution. Joshua, his father-in-law, was obliged by his political opinions to remove from Boston in the same year, and for a while resided in Leicester. His son, Joshua third, was many years register of deeds for the county of Suffolk. His father, Joshua second, and Joseph, were associated and active co-workers with the Adamases, Otis, Warren, Quincy, and others, in the measures which originated and carried forward the Revolution. Joshua the second represented Boston in the General Court, and had the honor of being negatived by Governor Bernard when chosen to the Council; having for associates in being so rejected Bowdoin, Otis, Hancock, and Artemas Ward.

William, the subject of this notice, had the advantage of the Boston schools until his removal, and had made considerable progress in the study of Latin, with a view of preparing for college, as his brother had done before him. He thus acquired a taste for literary culture, which he afterwards improved, till, as will be seen, he applied it to practical use in the preparation of important papers and documents of a public character connected with the Revolutionary movements in which he took a part.

In 1759, he received a second lieutenant's commission in Captain Baldwin's company, and Colonel, afterwards General, Ruggles's regiment of Provincial troops, under General Amherst, and served during two campaigns—being stationed a considerable part of the time at Fort Edward and afterwards at Crown Point. He then returned to Leices-

ter, and in 1762 married Ruth Sargent, daughter of Jonathan Sargent, of that town. From that time till his death, he lived upon and cultivated a farm in the easterly part of the town.

Another leading citizen of Leicester, Joseph Allen, afterwards a representative in Congress while residing in Worcester, had removed from Boston in 1771. He was a nephew of Samuel Adams, and shared his confidence, and was in hearty sympathy with his views. The population of the town at that time did not exceed a thousand, and most of them were farmers of small means; and, considering their remoteness from Boston in the then condition of intercourse, without a post-office, or even a mail, except one carried on horseback about once a fortnight, it might strike one with surprise to learn at how early a stage in the growing spirit of resistance to the encroachments of the Crown, the people of Leicester were in full possession of the merits of the controversy, and entered with a zeal and intelligence hardly second to that of the people of Boston themselves into the discussions to which it gave rise. This is readily to be traced to those family relations, and not a little of it was due to the correspondence which Colonel Henshaw kept up with his brother Joseph and his cousin Joshua. Among the papers which he left are sundry letters, covering a period from May, 1766, to August, 1774, written by his cousin, in which he keeps him advised of what was doing upon the one side and the other; but in which, from motives of prudence, the name of the writer was feigned, or omitted altogether. The records of the town also show a series of remarkable papers, commencing as early as October, 1765, and continued to May, 1776; consisting of instructions to the representatives of the town in the General Court or Provincial Congress, letters and communications in reply to those received from the inhabitants of Boston, resolutions setting forth the rights

of the people and the wrongs they were suffering, and the views of its citizens "on the present melancholy situation of this country." In their style, their broad and statesman-like views of the condition of the country, the principles for which they were contending, and the bold determination they express of maintaining them, these papers will compare favorably with the best of the like documents which appeared during that time, and have excited the admiration of students in history. Several of the most striking of these were drawn by Colonel Henshaw, and some of the others were prepared by committees of which he was a member.

But an occurrence in which he took a prominent part, in April, 1774, partook more of personal courage and open avowal of resistance to the objectionable measures of the government, than the papers above mentioned. It will be remembered that the government at home, in order to render the judges of the Superior Court independent of the people of the Province, to whom they looked for their salaries, made provision in 1772 for their being, in future, paid out of the royal exchequer. The people regarded this as a direct attack upon the system under which they had lived. The power of the court, as then conducted, was very imposing, and the dignity and respect it maintained raised it above the ordinary criticism with which the other branches of the government were discussed. With an almost unlimited power to impose fines and imprisonment upon such as presumed to disturb the course of the proceedings at its sessions, it is difficult to imagine the gravity of a measure which had for its purpose to assail one of the members, and that the chief, at one of its sessions for the transaction of public business. Chief Justice Oliver alone had accepted his salary at the hands of the Crown, and in that way had made himself the object of general odium. The House of Representatives took measures for his removal by a formal

bill of impeachment. In this state of public feeling, the term of the court was to be held at Worcester, in April, 1774. It was a matter of grave difficulty how this feeling towards the Chief Justice could properly be manifested, and not seriously obstruct the transaction of the civil and criminal business of the county—especially as, up to that time, no one seriously thought of compromising his allegiance to the king and royal authority. A panel of fifteen grand jurors attended at the opening of the court; Colonel Henshaw was one of them. Instead of offering themselves, as usual, to be sworn to the performance of their duty as jurors, they handed to the court a written protest, signed by them all, in which they refused to act as jurors if Chief Justice Oliver was to act as one of the judges. In it they declared not only that he was disqualified to act, but they added, that, “by his own confession he stands convicted, in the minds of the people, of a crime more heinous, in all probability, than any that might come before him.” This was certainly a bold measure and bold language for a few yeomen and mechanics, called from their farms and their workshops, to address to the most august court in the Province. It carried, moreover, with it no little peril, in view of the sensitive character of the court to its own dignity, and the power of punishing any contempt committed towards them, by fine and imprisonment.

Fortunately the Chief Justice, for some reason, did not attend the term, as it had been expected he would have done, and the business was not any further interrupted. But the Chief Justice was highly indignant with his brethren that they had suffered the measure to pass unpunished. “Had any of my brethren,” said he, “been charged in so infamous a manner, I would forever have quitted the bench, rather than have suffered such an indignity to them to have passed unnoticed.”

The protest was drawn by Colonel Henshaw; and among those whose names it bears was Timothy Bigelow, who was afterwards a major in Arnold's expedition to Canada, for whom Mount Bigelow, in Maine, was named; and was subsequently the gallant commander of the famous Fifteenth Regiment in the Massachusetts line of the Continental army. Some of the best-known families in the State claim him as their ancestor.

This was the last term of the court held in Worcester County under royal administration, and was soon followed by a general cessation of all civil authority of the royal government in the Province. On the 17th of June, 1774, General Gage, by proclamation, dissolved the General Court; and from that time till the 19th July, 1775—more than a year—the people of Massachusetts presented a moral spectacle, which is hardly to be surpassed in history, of a self-governed community in the incipient stages of a war, whose only rulers were men voluntarily chosen by them, with no executive prerogative; whose recommendations were laws, and to whose officers, military as well as civil, willing and unquestioning obedience was rendered. These representative bodies of the people were of two kinds: one made up of delegates from towns in the whole Province, who took the name of Provincial Congress, and met for the first time at Salem, Oct. 7, 1774; the others made up of the delegates, or committees of correspondence, of the towns, who came together in the several counties, having a more limited scope of action, and yet adopting measures to carry forward the great work of furnishing, arming, and providing for troops, and maintaining good order in the community. The first of these meetings was held at Worcester, on the 9th August, 1774; and was continued, by adjournment, till May 31, 1775. It consisted of the several "committees of correspondence" of that county. Colonel Henshaw, a

delegate from Leicester, was chosen clerk, and took an active part in the proceedings. On the 21st September, the convention advised to the "organizing and officering" seven regiments of troops in that county; and, upon the motion of Colonel Henshaw, recommended that one-third of the men of the respective towns, between sixteen and sixty years of age, be enlisted, "to be ready to act at a minute's warning," and that each town in the county choose a sufficient number of men as a committee "to supply and support those troops that shall move on any emergency." This was the origin of that most efficient organization known as "minute-men," who evinced their claim to the title by the promptness with which they acted. In the case of the company which was raised in Leicester, a messenger having reached the town on the 19th April, a little after noon, giving the alarm that the British troops had marched for Lexington, the members were collected from their farms, over a territory of six miles square, and were mustered, and began their march for Cambridge, within four hours after the alarm was given. A regiment of these minutemen was organized in Worcester County, of which Mr. Henshaw was the colonel.

Immediately upon hearing the alarm on the 19th, Colonel Henshaw took measures to assemble the officers of his regiment at Worcester; and by ten o'clock that night they were there, ready with arms, ammunition, and one week's provision, and reached Cambridge the next forenoon. He remained at Cambridge till the 16th June, when he was discharged, and left for home. During his stay at Cambridge he was not inactive. He was a member of the council of war; and, as one of a committee of that body, he, together with Colonel Gridley and Mr. Richard Devens, of this committee, in connection with a delegation from the committee of safety, on the 12th of May, 1775, reconnoitered

the high lands in Cambridge and Charlestown, and made a report, signed by Colonel Henshaw, as chairman of a sub-committee of the council of war, and Dr. Church, on the part of the committee of safety, wherein they recommended several points at which breastworks and redoubts should be constructed between Cambridge and Charlestown; "also, a strong redoubt to be raised on Bunker's Hill, with cannon planted there to annoy the enemy coming out of Charlestown, also to annoy those going by water to Medford. When these are finished, we apprehend the country will be safe from all sallies of the enemy in that quarter." This report was made to the committee of safety; but they declined to take action or advise upon the matter, as the question should rest wholly with the council of war. It has been generally understood that it was in pursuance of this recommendation that Colonel Prescott was detailed to erect works on Bunker's Hill on the 16th June; though, in the end, he concluded to occupy Breed's instead of Bunker's Hill.

On the 23d June, the Provincial Congress, who, as already stated, appointed and commissioned officers of the Provincial army around Boston, requested General Ward, the commander-in-chief, to nominate an adjutant-general of the forces; this he did; and, on the 27th of that month, Colonel Henshaw was commissioned to that office. Upon the arrival of General Washington; with General Gates, who had been commissioned by the Continental Congress as adjutant-general of the American Army, Colonel Henshaw was thereby superseded. This was on the 3d July, 1775; and Colonel Henshaw was about to return home, when he was induced to remain in the service as assistant to General Gates. The account he gives in memoranda left by him, and made a short time before his death, is as follows: "I rode three or four days around the camp, showing

him [Gates] the regiments and the colonels, intending to return home. He requested me to stay through the campaign, as he could not do without an assistant, and I should have the same pay and rations as a colonel. General Gates told me to write to the Continental Congress for my wages, and he would write them that he had employed me and promised me the same pay as a colonel. I never wrote them and have never received any pay for my services."

At the close of the campaign, Colonel Henshaw returned to his farm. But upon the personal solicitation of General Washington, after a month or two, he was induced to accept office in the Continental service, under the following circumstances, as stated by him: "Previous to the campaign of 1776, there were three regiments commanded by lieutenant-colonels, and General Washington offered me the command of either of them. I went and conversed with the officers, and found them averse to it; and informed General Washington that, if I accepted his offer, it would be injurious to the service, and declined it. He then told me he hoped I would not leave the service, but take a lieutenant-colonel's commission, which I did under Colonel Little; and in April marched to New York, in General Greene's brigade. Soon after, General Washington came and ordered said brigade to Long Island."

His regiment was in the disastrous battle of Long Island, in August, 1776. When it began, he was stationed at Flatbush, and was in command of a picket guard, and found himself cut off from the body of the Continental troops by the sudden advance of the enemy between him and their encampment. The details of the battle as given in the histories of that day are too numerous for a place in this memoir; but there were those alive within the memory of many now living who participated in the events of that day, and have often related the part which Colonel Henshaw's

detachment took in them, and uniformly ascribed to it great gallantry in cutting its way through the Hessian troops with an overwhelming superiority in numbers. There is a very brief and unassuming account of it in a letter which he wrote to his wife, the day after the battle, and before the army began their memorable retreat to the mainland: "We have had an engagement with the enemy, were surrounded by them, and had a number killed and taken. I was with the party that were surrounded, and through a kind Providence, got through their fire without being wounded or taken; the particulars of which I have not time to relate, as the enemy are close to us, and we expect to be attacked every hour." His statement of the affair, as given a short time before his death, when his memory had been somewhat impaired, is: "I commanded a picket-guard at Flatbush, where the enemy were encamped, who marched and formed a line between us and our encampment. Knowing we could not receive orders, we marched for our lines. We fortunately got on with little loss." But, as showing how sudden the movement on his part was, he states that "he lost his saddle-bags, spurs, night-clothes, and gloves, which he had not time to take with him."

After that he was, for some time, with his regiment in the neighborhood of King's Bridge and White Plains, and took an active part in the battle at the latter place. At this time he was again offered a colonelcy of a regiment, which he declined, as he did not think it right to prefer a junior officer to those who, by the disbanding of their regiments by expiration of the times of their enlistments, would be deprived of their commands. When the army marched into New Jersey, his regiment was under the command of General Lee until he was taken prisoner, when his place was filled by General Sullivan. During this time his regiment was under his command in the absence of its colonel,

and was with Washington at Trenton, Princeton, and Morristown; at which place, having resigned his office, Colonel Henshaw left the army, in February, 1777. The reason for this step was the number of officers who had lost their command by the disbanding of their regiments; and the demands of a young family, which called him home as a matter of personal duty. He left the service, however, with great reluctance, as his taste naturally led him to a military life, and this had been strengthened by his early and later experiences in active service. But he did not retire from public life, nor lose a jot of interest in the affairs of the country, upon withdrawing from the army. He was repeatedly chosen to represent his town of Leicester in the General Court, and was for many years an active magistrate in the county.

Colonel Henshaw married, for his second wife, Phebe Swan, a daughter of Dudley Wade Swan, of Leicester; among the children of the marriage was one to whom he gave the name of his old associate in arms, Horatio Gates, who died in 1860, at the age of seventy-one, a much respected citizen of Leicester. Colonel Henshaw himself died in February, 1820, at the age of eighty-four; his wife having died in 1808.

Enough has appeared in this incomplete sketch of the life of Colonel Henshaw to show that he possessed many strong and decided traits of character; but it can, at best, give a very imperfect idea of his personal qualities as a citizen and a member of society. In his deportment and manner there was a courtesy and dignity which had been cultivated by his association with military life, and the distinguished men of his day. He was a gentleman of the old school in his dress as well as personal bearing. He rode a horse with grace and ease; and, when walking, moved with an erect figure and a firm and measured step. He

never gave up the cocked-hat, boots, and spurs which were characteristic of the men of the Revolution. He was social in his habits, conversed with fluency and ease, and had a store of interesting incidents and agreeable memories of the war and the men he had known, which made him a welcome guest and companion with the young as well as the old. In his life he exemplified his profession as a Christian, and was a liberal supporter of the religious and educational interests of the town, where he was universally respected and esteemed.

The Orderly Books of Colonel William Henshaw

Head Quarters 1st October 1775

Parole Hampton — Countersign Iceland

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps are upon application from the Quarter Master General immediately to employ under His Direction all the Carpenters in their several Regiments to Erect Barracks for the Regiments & Corps they respectively belong to—Lieutenant [Thomas] Cummings of Captain [Reuben] Dowes Company in Colonel [William] Prescotts Regiment Tryd at a General Court Martial whereof Colonel [Daniel] Hitchcock was President for Misbehaviour in the Action upon Bunkers Hill. The Court are unanimously of Opinion The Prisoner is not Guilty of the Charge & the Complaint appear to the Court Groundless & Malicious. The General approves The proceedings of the Court & Orders Lieutenant Cummings to be instantly releas'd from his Arrest.

Head Quarters 2nd October 1775

Parole Kingston — Countersign Lincoln

Head Quarters 3d October 1775

Parole Malden — Countersign Norfolk

Any Officer, Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier, who shall hereafter be detected playing at Toss up, Pitch & Hurtle or any other

Games of Chance in or near the Camps or Villages bordering on the Encampments, shall without delay be confin'd & punish'd for disobedience of Orders. The General does not mean by the above Order to discourage Sports of Exercise & Recreation he only means to discountenance & punish Gaming. Ensign [Jonas] Proctor of Captain [Joel] Fletchers Company in Colonel [Ephraim] Doolittles Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial for absenting himself from his Regiment from the 9th of August to the 27 of September following. The Court finds the Prisoner Guilty of the Crime & Order Him to be Mulcted one Months pay for His Officess. John Gallop of Captain [Nathan] Watkins Company in Colonel [John] Pattersons Regiment Try'd at the above C. Martial for absenting himself from his Regiment from the 27th June to the 27 September following & for carrying off & disposing of a Colony Gun. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty of the Crimes wherewith he was accused, & Sentence Him to be Whipped on his Bare Back Fifteen Lashes & Order the Value of the Gun to be Stopp'd out of his Pay. Doctor Isaac Foster is to take the Direction & Superintendency of the General Hospital, until further Orders & is to be obeyed as Director during that Time.

Head Quarters 4th October 1775

Parole Oxford — Countersign Pittsburg

The General approves the Sentence of the G.C.Martial inserted in Yesterdays Orders & directs that Ensign Proctor be Mulcted one Months pay, & the Prisoner John Gallop of Captain Watkins Company in Colonel Pattersons Regiment punish'd with fifteen Lashes on the Bare Back at the Time & place the Colonel of the Regiment shall think proper and the Value of the Gun stopt out of the Prisoners Pay.

Head Quarters 5th Sept. [sic] 1775

Parole Quebec — Countersign Roxbury

Lieutenant Zechariah Walker Try'd at a General Court Martial, whereof Colonel [James M.] Varnum was President, for Cowardice in the Action upon Bunkers Hill, the 17th of June last. The Court on consideration of the Evidence, are unanimously of Opinion That the Prisoner is not guilty of the Charge against him. The General Commands the Prisoner to be instantly released.

Head Quarters 6th October 1775

Parole Stockbridge — Countersign Talbot

Head Quarters 7 October 1775

Parole Uxbridge — Countersign Williamsburg

Lieutenant Colonel Abijah Brown Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Hitchcock was President for endeavoring to Defraud the Continent, in Mustering two Soldiers, whom he at the same time employ'd in working upon his Farm. The Court having duly considered the Evidence are of Opinion that Lieutenant Colonel Brown is not Guilty of any Fraud in Endeavoring to have Harrington & Clarke Mustered in the Manner he did: But the Court are of opinion that Colonel Brown is Guilty of employing Harrington for 14 Days & Clarke for 18 Days out of Camp upon His own Business: yet are inclin'd to think it was done rather through Ignorance, than a fraudulent intent & therefore Adjudge that he be fin'd Four Pounds Lawful Money for the said Offence.

The General Orders Lieutenant Colonel Brown to be releas'd as soon as he has paid his Fine to Dr. Foster Director of the Hospital who will apply it to the Use of the Sick in the General Hospital under His Care.

The General hopes the Stigma Fix'd on Lieutenant Colonel Brown by the above Sentence, will be a sufficient Warning to all Officers not to be Guilty of the Like Offence, especially as the General is confident no General Court Martial will for the Future, admit a plea of Ignorance in excuse of so atrocious a Crime.

His Excellency Governour [Jonathan] Trumbulls Commission being produced to the Commander in Chief by Thomas Dyer Esquire appointing Him the said Dyer to be a Captain in the 34 Regiment of Foot which Regiment was rais'd in the Colony of Connecticut, & the Officers Commission'd by the Legislative Authority thereof. The General Orders Thomas Dyer Esquire immediately to Join His Company to be received into the said Regiment as a Captain & to be Obeyed as such.

The General Court Martial of which Colonel Hitchcock was President is Dissolved.

Head Quarters 8th October 1775

Parole Yarmouth — Countersign Amboy

For the Future the Adjutant General will send the Parole & Countersign under a seal'd Cover by the Orderly Adjutant at Head Quarters to

the Majors of Brigade, [James] Scammell, [Daniel] Boxx, [Richard] Cary, & [Daniel] Henley. They at Gunfiring in the Evening & not before, are to deliver the parole & Countersign to the Adjutants of their Respective Brigades. The Adjutants are first to deliver the Parole & Countersign to the Officers of the Advanced Guards then to the Officer of every Guard in & about the Camp, & then to their Commanding Officer & Corps. The Roxbury Adjutant will receive every Day at Orderly Time the Parole & Countersign in a Seal'd Cover, directed to the Commanding General at Roxbury; who will observe the same Order & Time of delivering them to The Officers in his Encampment as is directed to be done here.

A General Court Martial to set to Morrow Morning to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. Colonel [Ebenezer] Bridge President.

Head Quarters, 9th October 1775

Parole Bedford — Countersign Corke

If any Negroes is found Stragling about the Camp; or about any of the Roads or Villages, near the Encampments at Roxbury, or Cambridge They are to be Seized & Confin'd until Sunrise, in the Guard nearest to the Place where such Negroes is taken up.

Head Quarters 10th October 1775

Parole Dartmouth — Countersign Essex

Cambridge October 11th, 1775

Parole Falkland — Countersign Georgia

Captain Samuel Gridley of Colonel [Richard] Gridleys Regiments of Artillery, Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Bridge was President: for Backwardness in the Execution of His Duty & for Negligence in the Care & Discipline of his Company. The Court upon Mature Consideration of the Evidence examin'd in support of the Charge are unanimously of Opinion, that no part of the Charge is supported against Captain Gridley, & Dismiss the Complaint as Malicious vexatious & Groundless. The General approves the proceedings of the Court Martial & Orders Captain Gridley to be immediately released.

Head Quarters October 12th 1775

Parole Hampton — Countersign Ireland

Head Quarters October 13th 1775

Parole Kennebec — Countersign Lebanon

Lieutenant Richard Woodward of Captain Gridleys Company in Colonel Gridleys Regiment of Artillery Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel [Benjamin Ruggles] Woodbridge was President for Cowardice in the Action upon the 17th of June last, & for Mutiny. The Court were unanimously of Opinion, that the Charge of Cowardice on the 17th of June last, is fully supported against the Prisoner: & are also unanimously of Opinion That the Prisoner is Guilty of Mutiny & of a Malicious, Vexatious & Groundless Accusation of Captain Gridley at a late General Court Martial. The Court therefore unanimously adjudge the Prisoner Lieutenant Woodward to be Cashier'd & render'd incapable of serving in the Continental Army.

Head Quarters 14th October 1775

Parole Malden — Countersign Norfolk

The General has seen & approves, the Sentence of the General Court Martial held upon Lieutenant Woodward of the Artillery. He Orders it to take place immediately & Commands Lieutenant Woodward to be Dismissed the Camp.

Head Quarters 15th October 1775

Parole Ostend — Countersign Plymouth

One Subaltern, One Sergeant & Twenty five Rank & File from each of the four Brigades in the Lines and at Cambridge, to parade to Morrow Morning at Sun rise upon Cambridge Common to Cut Fire Wood for the Army. The Quarter Master General or his Deputy will attend upon the Common in Cambridge to give Directions to the Officer Commanding the Party.

A General Court Martial to set on Wednesday Morning next at Roxbury To Try Colonel David Brewer of the 9th Regiment of Foot upon an Accusation exhibited by a Number of Officers of that Regiment. A Copy thereof having Yesterday been sent by the Adjutant General to Colonel Brewer The Judge Advocate to be at Roxbury at 9 oClock Wednesday Morning to set in the Court: All Evidences and Persons concerned to attend the Court at That Time—For The Court Martial Brigadier General [John] Thomas President Four Colonels Four Lieutenant Colonels & Four Majors Members. The Members to be taken equally from the Two Brigades now in Roxbury.

Head Quarters 16th October 1775

Parole Quebec — Countersign Richmond

Head Quarters 17th October 1775

Parole Quebec — Countersign Richmond

The Quarter Master General will deliver To The Major of each Brigade, or his Order, Twenty Great Coats for the use of the Centinels of each Brigade as the Brigade Major is to give His receipt for the same, He is to be answerable that they are regularly delivered from Guard to Guard.

Lieutenant Thomas Randall of the Regiment of Artillery Try'd at a late General Court Martial for Stabbing a Matross in the second Regiment. The Court are of Opinion That The Prisoner is Guilty of a Breach of the 49 Article of the Rules, & Regulations of the Massachusetts Army: But in consideration of the very insulting behaviour of The Complainant adjudge Lieutenant Randall, only to receive a severe reprimand from the Colonel of the Regiment at the Head of the Company to which the Prisoner belongs.

Head Quarters 17th October 1775

Parole Sawbridge — Countersign Townshend

Head Quarters 18th October 1775

Parole Wilkes — Countersign Campden

The General Court Martial order'd to set this Day at Roxbury is postponed until Fryday Morning next at Nine oClock, Brigadier General Thomas being Obliged to attend this Forenoon at Headquarters.

Head Quarters 19th October 1775

Parole Savillee — Countersign Lee

Head Quarters 20 October 1775

Parole Monckton — Countersign Adams

Head Quarters 21st October 1775

Parole Franklin — Countersign Lynch

The Officers of Colonel Gridleys Regiment & Major [John] Cranes Corps of Artillery who are inclined to engage in the Service of the United

Colonies for One Year from the Day of the Expiration of Their present Term of Service, are to Deliver in their Names & the Rank they now possess, to the Adjutant General to Morrow Morning at Ten oClock; such as disincline to remain any longer in the Service to give in their Names also & the Reasons for their declining the Service.

Head Quarters 22d October 1775

Parole Harrison — Countersign Cooke

The Deputies from the Honorable Continental Congress having arrived in this Camp in order to Confer with the General, The Several Governors of Rhode Island & Connecticut, the Council of the Massachusetts Bay & The President of the Convention of New Hampshire, on the continuing an Army for the Defence, & Support of America, & its Liberties: all Officers who Decline the further Service of their Country & intend to retire from the Army at the Expiration of their present Term of Service are to signify their Intentions in writing to Their Colonel, which he is to deliver with his own, to the Brigadier General, or Commanding Officer of His Brigade. Those Brave Men & True Patriots, who are resolved to continue to serve & defend their Brethren, Priviledges & property are to consider themselves engaged to the last Day of December 1776 unless sooner discharged by the Honorable Continental Congress & will in like manner signify their Intention— This Return to be made at Orderly time Wednesday next.

Head Quarters 23d October 1775

Parole Hancock — Countersign Cushing

Colonel David Brewer of the 9th Regiment of Foot, Try'd at a General Court Martial whereof Brigadier General Thomas was President for procuring a Lieutenant's Commission for his Son an unexperienced Boy of 16 or 17 Years of Age & returning Him as in the Publick Service from the 24 of April, & drawing his pay for the Month of August during all which Time the said Boy was at Home in his Fathers Service contrary to the repeated Remonstrances of the Officers of the Regiment & also for making a Return to the Committee of Supplies, for a larger number of Blankets than were requisite for said Regiment & also for taking the Men from the Public Service in the Army, & employing them in his Own private Business in Labour on his Farm. The Court Martial

on mature Consideration are of Opinion that the Two last Articles of the accusation are supported fully against the Prisoner & therefore unanimously adjudge that Colonel David Brewer be dismissed the Service.

Head Quarters 24 October 1775

Parole Trumbull — Countersign Langdon

The General approves the Sentence of The General Court Martial in Yesterdays Order.

Head Quarters 25th October 1775

Parole Rutledge — Countersign Gadsden

Otway Bird Esquire is appointed to Act as Aid de Camp to Major General [Charles] Lee during the absence of Samuel Griffin Esquire & is to be Obey'd as such.

For the Future Peas, & Beans are to be valued by the Commissary General at Six shillings Lawful Money per Bushel.

Head Quarters 26th October 1775

Parole Cambden — Countersign Burke

As several of The Officers have not yet signified their Intention respecting the requisition contain'd in the Orders of the 22d Instant—& as the nature of the Case will admit of no delay, the General directs that every Officer in the Army do forthwith declare to his Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Regiment to which he belongs, wether he will, or will not, continue in the Service till the last Day of December 1776 (If the Continental Congress should think it expedient to retain him so long). This declaration must be made in explicit terms, & not conditional, as the Congress are to be advised thereof immediately, in order that proper steps may be taken to provide other Officers, & other Men, if necessary.

The times & the importance of the great cause we are engaged in, allows no room for hesitation and delay. When Life, Liberty & Property are at stake, When our Country is in Danger of being a Melancholy scene of Bloodshed & desolation—When our Towns are laid in Ashes and innocent women & Children driven from their peaceful Habitations, expos'd to the rigour of an inclement Season, & to the hand of Charity perhaps for Support—When Calamities like these are staring us in the Face, & a Brutal Savage Enemy (more so than was ever yet found in a

Civilized Nation) are threatening us, & every thing we hold dear with destruction from foreign Troops, it little becomes the Character of a Soldier to shrink from Danger, and condition for new Terms. It is the Generals intention to indulge both the Officers & Soldiers who may compose the New Army with furlows to be absent a reasonable time, but it must be done in such a manner as not to injure the Service, or weaken the Army too much at once. The General also thinks he can take upon him to assure the Officers & Soldiers of the New Army, that they will receive their Pay once a Month regularly, after the Terms of their present Inlistments are expired. The Major of each Brigade is furnish'd with the form of a Return to be made by the Colonel or Commanding Officer of each Regiment, of the determination of the Commissioned Officers therein, & it is expected that a Return thereof will be made on Saturday Morning next without fail—no longer time can be allowed.

The General is willing to grant a Months pay to such Regiments & Corps, as are in want of Money for the purchase of Necessaries: and Abstracts are to be made out for the Month of September accordingly.

Head Quarters 27th October 1775

Parole Ward — Countersign Green

In making out the Pay abstracts for the Month of September, the Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps, are not to Include any Officer or Soldier on the Detachment with Colonel [Benedict] Arnold as he drew full pay for that Month for every Man under his Command.

Head Quarters 28th October 1775

Parole Putnam — Countersign Heath

The General Court Martial whereof Col Bridge was President is dissolved.

It is recommended to the Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers whose pay will be drawn in consequence of last Thursdays Orders, (especially to those whose attachment to the Glorious Cause in which they are engaged, & which will induce them to continue in the Service another Year) to lay out their Money in Shirts, Shoes, Stockings & a good pair of leather Breeches & not in Coats and Waistcoats, as it is intended that the New Army shall be cloathed in Uniform—To Effect which the Congress will lay in Goods upon the best Terms they can be bought

any where for ready Money & will sell them to the Soldiers without any Profit, by which means a Uniform Coat & Waistcoat will come cheaper to them than any other Cloathing of the like kind can be bought a number of Taylors will be immediately set to work to make Regimentals for those brave Men who are willing at all hazards to defend their invaluable rights & Priviledges.

The undernam'd Men in Colonel [Asa] Whitcomb's Regiment to be sent directly to the Q.M.General Viz David Clarke, Samuel Barrett, John Farmer, James Farmer, David Fleman, Amos Brown, Joshua Holt, Philip Overlook & Joseph Chapman to burn Charcoal for the use of the Army, five more Wood Cutters from each Brigade, to be added to those already Order'd to Cut Fire wood under the direction of the Q M General. A General Court Martial to set Monday Morning at Nine oClock in Cambridge to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them, all Evidences & Persons Concern'd to attend The Court.

Josiah Mecom Soldier in this Army but in what Regiment or Company is not known may hear of some thing much to his Advantage by applying in Person to the Adjutant General at Head Quarters.

Head Quarters 29th October 1775

Parole Thomas — Countersign Spencer

Head Quarters 30th October 1775

Parole Andover — Countersign Bedford

Head Quarters 31st October 1775

Parole Cambridge — Countersign Dedham

As many Officers & others have begun to inlist Men for the Continental Army without Orders from Head Quarters, the General desires that an immediate stop be put thereto—that the Enlistments be return'd—and that no Person for the future presume to interfere in this matter till there is a proper establishment of Officers & those Officers authorised and instructed in what manner to proceed. Commissions for the New Army are not intended merely for those who can inlist most Men, but for such Gentlemen as are most likely to deserve them. The General would not have it ever supposed therefore, nor our Enemies encouraged to believe that there is a Man in this Army (except a few under particular Circumstances, who will require to be twice asked to do what his honor—his personal Liberty—The welfare of his Country & the

safety of his Family so loudly demands of him—when motives powerful as these conspire to call Men into service & when that Service is rewarded with higher pay than private Soldiers ever yet met with in any former War, the General cannot nor will not till he is convinc'd to the contrary harbour so despicable an opinion of their understanding & zeal for the cause as to believe they will desert it.

As the Congress have been at much pains to buy Goods to cloath the New Army, & the Quarter M General at great trouble to collect upon the best terms he can such articles as are wanting for this purpose he is directed to reserve those Goods for those brave Soldiers who are determin'd to stand forth in defence of their Country another Year & that he may be able to distinguish these from such as mean to quit the Service at the end of their present ingagement he will be furnished with the Enlistments.

Any Person therefore (Negroes excepted which the Congress do not incline to inlist again) coming with a proper Order & will subscribe the Enlistment shall be immediately supplied.

And that every Non Commission'd Officer & Soldier may know upon what terms it is he engages, he is hereby informed—

That he is to be paid by the Kalendar Month at the present Rates Viz 48/ to the Sergeants, 44/ to the Corporals, Drummers & Fifers & 40/ to the Privates which pay it is expected will be regularly distributed every Month That each Man is to furnish his own Arms (& good ones) or if Arms are found him he is to allow Six Shillings for the use of it during the Campaign—That he is to pay for his Cloathing which will be laid in for him upon the best Terms it can be Bought, to do which a stoppage of ten shillings a Month will be made till the Cloathing are paid for. That two Dollars will be allowed every one of them who brings a good Blanket of his own with him & will have liberty to carry it away at the end of the Campaign That the present allowance of Provisions will be continued to them—and That every Man who inlists shall be indulged in a reasonable time to Visit his Family in the Course of the Winter to be regulated in such a manner as not to weaken the Army, or Injure the Service.

The Quarter Master General in preparing Barracks for the Officers is to assign one to each compleat Corp under the new Establishment.

Head Quarters 1st November 1775

Parole Dorchester — Countersign Epsom

The General recommends it to those Officers who have signified their Intentions to continue in the Service of the United Colonies another Campaign not to run themselves into any Expence in providing Coats & Waistcoats, until they are arranged into proper Corps & the Uniform of the Regiment They may belong to be ascertained which will probably be done in a few days.

Head Quarters 2nd November 1775

Parole Falmouth — Countersign Georgia

Head Quarters 3d November 1775

Parole Huntington — Countersign Ipswich

William Bryant, Alexander Ingham, Francis Woodburn & Joseph Rockwood Try'd at a late General Court Martial for stealing Rum out of the Company General Stores. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoners Bryant, Ingham & Woodburn are not Guilty, but that the Prisoner Rockwood is Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge & do therefore Sentence the Prisoner Rockwood to receive ten lashes upon his bare Back at the head of the Regiment to which he belongs. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be executed as soon as the Weather permits.

Head Quarters 4 November 1775

Parole London — Countersign Monmouth

Head Quarters 5th November 1775

Parole Montgomery — Countersign Chamblee

Samuel Huntington & John English, Soldiers in the 34th Regiment of Foot, Try'd at a late General Court Martial for Mutiny. The Court upon mature consideration are of Opinion, that the Evidence against the Prisoners is not sufficient to convict them of Mutiny, but that they are each of them Guilty of assisting & encouraging Mutiny. Therefore Adjudge that each of them pay a fine of fifteen Shillings, & suffer each of them Fifteen Days Fatigue.

The General approves the Sentence & orders it to be put in Execution. As the Commander in Chief has been apprized of a design form'd for the observance of that Rediculous & Childish custom of burning the Effigy of the Pope, He cannot help expressing his surprize that there should be Officers & Soldiers in this Army so void of Common Sense as

not to see the impropriety of such a step at this Juncture, at a time when we are Soliciting & have actually obtained the Friendship & alliance of the People of Canada whom we ought to consider as Brethren embark'd in the same Cause, the Defence of the General Liberty of America: at such a juncture & in such circumstances, to be insulting their Religion is so monstros as not to be suffer'd or excused indeed instead of offering the most remote insult, it is our Duty to address publick Thanks to these our Brethren as to them we are so much indebted for our late happy Success over the common Enemy in Canada.

Head Quarters 6th November 1775

Parole Quebec — Countersign

Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire is appointed Aid De Camp to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and all Orders whether written or Verbal coming from the General through Mr. Harrison are to be punctually obey'd. Although the Men confin'd by Lieutenant Colonel [Seth] Read of the 26th Regiment were released upon application to Head Quarters, The General so far from being displeas'd with Colonel Read for his endeavour to prevent an infringement of General Orders that he thanks the Colonel as he shall every Officer who pays strict Obedience to Orders as without so doing it is in vain to think of preserving Order: and Discipline in an Army. The disagreeableness of the Weather, Scarcity of Wood &c Inclined the General to overlook the offence committed at that Time, but he hopes & expects the Officers & Soldiers will for the future carefully avoid wantonly cutting the Trees & committing waste upon the property of those already but too much distressed by the depredations of the Enemy.

Head Quarters 7th November 1775

Parole Wilkes — Countersign Liberty

Head Quarters 8th November 1775

Parole Coit — Countersign Success

Head Quarters 9th November 1775

Parole Andover — Countersign Bedford

To prevent any false Alarm Notice is hereby given that the Rifle Battallion will discharge their Arms to Morrow at Twelve at Noon. Brigade Major Henley having drop'd his pocket book between Head

Quarters & Prospect Hill in which was Forty two Dollars in Paper Money a Note of Hand & Sundry letters &c. Any Person bringing the same to Major Henley at Brigadier General [William] Heaths in Cambridge will be Handsomely rewarded.

Head Quarters 10th November 1775

Parole Cumberland — Countersign Durham

The General thanks Colonel [William] Thompson & the other Gallant Officers & Soldiers (as well of other Regiments as the Riflers) for their Alacrity Yesterday in pushing through the Water to get to the Enemy at Letchmores Point, he is informed that there were some (names as yet unknown) who discover'd a Backwardness in crossing the Causey. These will be marked if they can be discover'd. The General was much surprized & concerned to see the Order in which many of the Arms in several of the Regiments appear'd, he had not time to enquire the Names of the particular Officers to whose Companies they belong'd but desires that this hint may be received as an admonition by such Officers as are conscious of their neglect of this Duty—as other methods will be fallen upon if it is not.

Head Quarters 11th November 1775

Parole Effingham — Countersign Franklin

Head Quarters 12th November 1775

Parole America — Countersign Freedom

Each Colonel upon the New Establishment to come to Head Quarters to Morrow Morning at Ten oClock in order to receive from the Adjutant General as many printed Inlistments as there are Commission Officers in his Regiment. They will therefore without Delay distribute one to each Officer who is forthwith to proceed to Inlist Men for their respective Regiments in the Continental Army. The Soldiers as the printed Enlistments express to be engaged to serve until the last day of December 1776.

In the General Orders of the 31st of October it is declar'd that every Non Commiss'd Officer & Soldier shall be paid by the Kalendar Month as follows to a Sarjeant 48/ to the Corporal Drums & Fifes 44/ & 40/ to each Private, which pay it is expected will be regularly distributed every Month, Each Non Commissioned Officer & Soldier (Drums &

Fifes excepted) is to furnish his own Arms, if Arms are found Him he is to allow six shillings at the End of the Campaign for the use thereof. New Cloathing will forthwith be provided for every Non Commission'd Officer & Soldier for which an easy stoppage of only 10/ a Month will be made out of the pay until the whole is paid: Two Dollars will be allowed to each Non Commission'd Officer & Soldier who provides himself with a good Blanket & Liberty to take it away at the End of the Campaign. The present ample allowance of Provisions will be continued & those who Inlist will be Indulged in a reasonable time to visit their Familys in the Course of the Winter.

This is to be regulated in such a manner as not to weaken the Army or injure the Service.

To prevent such Contentions as have arisen from the same Person being Inlisted by different Officers & for different Regiments It is positively Order'd upon Pain of being Cashier'd, That no Officer knowingly presume to Inlist any Soldier who has been previously inlisted by another Officer where such a mistake happens undesignedly, The first Inlistment is to take place. The Officers are to be careful not to Inlist any Person suspected of being unfriendly to the Liberties of America or any Vagabond to whom all Causes or Countrys are equally alike indifferent, The Rights of Mankind & the freedom of America will have numbers sufficient to them without resorting to such wretched assistances; Let those who wish to put Shackles upon Freeman fill their Ranks, & Place their Confidence in such Miscreants. Neither Negroes, Boys unable to bear Arms not Old Men unfit to endure the Fatigues of a Campaign are to be Inlisted, The preference being given to the present Army. The Officers are Vigilantly to Try what number of Men can be Inlisted in the Course of Next Week & make report thereof to their Colonels who will report it to the General—this is to be done every Week until the whole are compleated. The Regiments are to consist of eight Companies, each Company of a Captain, Two Lieutenants, an Ensign, four Sarjeants, four Corporals, two Drummers or Fifers & Seventy six privates. As the Regiments are compleated they will be musterd & then Review'd by their Commander in Chief when a Roll of each Company sign'd by the Captain according to a Form previously deliver'd by the Adjutant General is to be delivered to his Excellency. The Colonel of each Regiment will recieve a List of the Officers upon the New Establishment from his Brigadier General. The Commission'd, Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers of the present Army are notwithstanding their New

Engagements to continue in the Regiments & Company they now belong to until further Orders, upon any Soldier being inlisted from the present into the New Establishment the Regiment he now belongs to with his Name, Town & County are to be enter'd in a Roll kept for that Purpose by each Officer—a Copy of this Roll sign'd to be sent every Saturday Morning to the Colonel of each Regiment When the New Regiments are compleated. The Colonels may upon application receive Continental Commissions for themselves & their Officers.

Head Quarters 13th November 1775

Parole Granby — Countersign Barre

The Colonels upon the New Establishments to settle as soon as possible with the Quarter M. General the Uniforms of their respective Regiments. That the Buttons may be properly Number'd & the work finish'd without Delay.

Head Quarters 14 November 1775

Parole St. John's — Countersign Montgomery

This moment a confirmation is arriv'd of the Glorious Success of the Continental Arms in the Reduction & Surrender of the Fortress of St. Johns, The Garrison of that Place & Chamblee being made Prisoners of War. The Commander in Chief is confin'd The Army under his immediate direction will shew their Gratitude to Providence for his favoring the Cause of Freedom & America. And by their Thankfulness to God their Zeal & perseverance in this Righteous Cause continue to derive his future Blessing. That no kind of confusion or disorder may arise between the Old & the new Appointments in case we should be called into Action or in the ordinary Duties of Camp, it is again declar'd that the Men who shall Inlist into the New Army are to continue in the Regiment & Company they at present belong to till further Orders & it is earnestly recommended to the Officers of the Old Regiments to see that their Mens Arms are always in good Order the Men not sufferd to straggle from their Camp nor on any Account to quit their Post when upon Duty, but be ready to turn out at a Minutes warning & they may rely upon it they will be suddenly called upon whenever it happens.

Head Quarters 15th November 1775

Parole Connecticut — Countersign Brown

Lieutenant [Theophilus] Lyon of Major [John] Johnsons Company in the 34 Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof

Colonel Patterson was President for Aiding & Countenancing a Mutiny in the Camp. There being no proof of the charge, the Court unanimously acquit the Prisoner. Lieutenant [Oliver] Souper & Ensign Parker Try'd at a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Douglass was President for Striking & abusing Lieutenant Henshaw & Lieutenant Craige & keeping Lieutenant Craige in the meeting house Guard all Night. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoners are Guilty of a Breach of the 46th Article of the Rules & Regulations of the Massachusetts Army & therefore unanimously adjudge the Prisoners to be discharged the Continental Army. Lieutenant John Bowker Try'd at a late G C M for divers times leaving the Camp without leave & for Countenancing the Soldiers in disobedience of Orders. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of quitting the Camp without leave, but acquit the Prisoner of the latter part of the Charge therefore only adjudge the Prisoner to be mulcted four pounds of his Pay to be appropriated as directed by the 51 Article of War & be severely reprimanded by his Colonel at the Head of the Regiment. Serjeant Jonathan Putney, Corporal Harwood, Thomas Rollins, Isaac Larriby, Samuel North, & Ebenezer Williams Soldiers of Captain [Nailer] Hatches Company in the late Colonel [Samuel] Gerrishs Regiment Try'd at a late G. C. M. whereof Colonel Patterson was President for Mutiny. The Court are of Opinion that Sergeant Putney, Corporal Harwood, Thomas Rollins, Samuel North, & Ebenezer Williams are Guilty of the Crime laid to Their Charge & Adjudge the said Serjeant to be reduced to the Ranks, and fined 48/ Shillings, to be appropriated as directed by the 51st Article of War. The said Corporal to be reduced to a private & be Whipped 39 Lashes, said Rollins to be whipped 39 Lashes, said North 25 Lashes & the said Williams 39 Lashes upon their bare Backs with a Cat of Nine Tails.

The Commander in Chief approves all the above Sentences of the several Courts Martial mention'd in this Days Orders, & directs the Execution of them accordingly.

Head Quarters 16th November 1775

Parole Canada — Countersign Montreal

Motives of Oeconomy rendering it indispensibly necessary that many of the Regiments should be reduced & the whole put upon a different establishment several deserving Officers not from any Demerit, but pure Necessity have been excluded in the new Arrangement of the Army

among these was Colonel Whitcomb but the noble sentiments by that Gentleman upon this occasion. The zeal he has shewn in exhorting the Men not to abandon the Interest of their Country at this important Crisis, & his determination to continue in the Service, even as a private Soldier, rather than by a bad example, when the Enemy are gathering strength put the public affairs to hazard—when an example of this Kind is set it not only intitles a Gentleman to particular Thanks but to particular rewards, in the bestowing of which, Colonel Jonathan Brewer is intitled to no small share of credit, in readily giving up the Regiment which he was appointed to Command to Colonel Whitcomb. Colonel Whitcomb therefore is henceforward to be considered as Colonel of that Regiment which was intended for Colonel Brewer & Colonel Brewer will be appointed Barrack Master until something better worth his acceptance can be provided.

Head Quarters 17th November 1775

Parole Nicholas — Countersign Hampton

Lieutenant [Ephraim] Corey of Colonel Prescotts Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Patterson was President for Forgery, & Defrauding the Men of their Pay: The Court were unanimously of Opinion that Lieutenant Corey was Guilty of defrauding some of the Men of their Blanket Money & attempting to defraud other of their Coat Money, they therefore adjudge the Prisoner to be cashier'd the General approves the sentence & orders it to take place immediately. Representation having been made to the Continental Congress of the great inequality in the pay of the Officers & Soldiers of this Army, the first being lower than usual & less than was ever given to Commission'd Officers in any other Service, whilst that of the Soldiers is Higher: The Congress have been pleas'd to increase the pay of Captain to Twenty six & two thirds Dollars first & second Lieutenants to eighteen Dollars & Ensigns to thirteen & $\frac{1}{3}$ Dollars p Callendar Month each to take place as soon as the new Regiments are compleated to their full complement of Men. The Congress have given this encouragement to Captains & Subalterns (whose pay was lower in proportion) with a view to inculcate upon their Minds a due sense of Gratitude at the same time it is intended to enable them to support the Character & Appearance of Gentlemen & Officers which will add much to the Reputation of the Regiment, & cannot but be pleasing to every Man in it—It is expected that the Officers of the New formed Regiments will exert themselves

in the Recruiting Service & that they do not fail to report the Number they have recruited to their Colonel tomorrow, that they make returns thereof of the Day after, in order that the recruiting parties may be sent into the Country if any backwardness should appear here—when this happens the Colonels of the Old Regiments are to be consulted to prevent the Companies therein being left without Officers. As Furloughs have been promised to the new Inlisted Men, none others can be indulged under any pretence whatsoever, & in order these Furloughs may be given with some degree of Regularity, none but the Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments upon the New Establishment are to grant them & they respectively not to let more than Fifty to be absent at a Time beginning with those who Inlist first & going on in a Regular Manner untill all are Indulged, allowing each Man ten Days to be at Home & a Sufficient Time to go & Return. The Colonels or Commanding Officers of the New Establish'd Regiments are to Meet at the Quarter Master Generals in Cambridge to Morrow at Eleven oClock to fix upon the Uniform of their respective Regiments that the Making the Cloathing may not be interrupted—without all are present this cannot be done, & the work must be delayed.

Head Quarters 18th November 1775

Parole Amboy — Countersign Bristol

The Commissary General to order all the Horns of the Bullocks that are Killed for the use of the Army to be saved & sent to the Quarter Master General who is also to provide as many more as he can get & have the whole made into good Powder Horns for the use of the Troops.

The Honorable the Legislature of this Province having thought fit to set apart Thursday the 23d of November Instant as a Day of Public Thanksgiving to offer up our Praises & Prayers to Almighty God the Source & Benevolent bestower of all Good—That he would be pleased Graciously to continue to smile upon our endeavors to restore Peace preserve our rights & Priviledges to the latest posterity prosper our Arms, preserve & strengthen the Harmony of the United Colonies, and avert the Calamities of a Civil War—The General therefore Commands the Day to be observed with all the Solemnity directed by the Legislative Proclamation, & all Officers Soldiers & others are hereby directed with the most unfeigned Devotion to Obey the same.

Any Officer or Soldier Confin'd on Account of leaving the Detachment Commanded by Colonel Arnold in any of the Main or Quarter Guards of the Army are to be immediately Releas'd.

Head Quarters 19th November 1775

Parole Coventry — Countersign Danby

The Brigadier Generals to make a Return of the Numbers of Teams necessary to furnish their respective Divisions with Wood & the Teams appointed for each Division to be continually employed in the Service of that Division & not to be shifted from one Division to another as great confusion arises thereby, some Regiments having a double stock of Wood while others are suffering for want. The Q M General to provide the Teams return'd necessary for the above Service & direct the Waggon M General to continue them in that employ. All Persons are strictly prohibited purchasing any Cloaths from the Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers, Any Person violating this Order to be sent to the Main Guard, by the Colonel or Officer Commanding the Regiment the Cloaths belong to—The Cloaths to be forthwith deliver'd up & the loss sustain'd to fall upon the Purchaser.

Head Quarters 20th November 1775

Parole Essex — Countersign Hampshire

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments upon the New Establishment are forthwith to send One Officer from each Company upon the recruiting Service into the County. They are to take with them a Copy of the Recruiting Instructions as contain'd in General Orders of the 12th Instant and comply strictly therewith care to be taken not to leave any Company under the Old Establishment destitute of proper Officers. As the General is inform'd that this is the season in which the People of the four New England Governments, lay in Provisions: stores &c for the use of their Families—he has recommended (in the strongest manner he is capable) the necessity of sending Money to Camp for the immediate payment of the Troops for the Months of October & November & in order to enable those who have again Inlisted & such others as are resolved to continue in Service, To do this more effectually he has also recommended them to the Congress for one Months advanced Pay & has no doubt himself of its being complied with if Money can be forwarded in Time.

No Soldier whenever dismiss'd is to carry away any Arms with him that are Good & fit for Service. If the Arms are his own private Property, they will be appraized & he will receive the full Value thereof proper Persons when necessary will be appointed to Inspect & Value the Arms so detain'd.

Head Quarters 21st November 1775

Parole Gloucester — Countersign Falmouth

The Court Martial of which Colonel [Aaron] Cleveland was President is dissolv'd. A General Court Martial to set to Morrow Morning in General [John] Sullivans Brigade to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them, all Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court.

Mr. Penuel Cheney Surgeon to the 34th Regiment Try'd at a G.C.M. of which Colonel Cleveland was President for drawing more Hospital Stores than he had a right to draw & for vilifying the Characters of the Major Generals Lee & [Israel] Putnam The Court were of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of speaking Words tending to the dishonour of the Character of Major General Putnam & therefore Adjudge him to be Cashier'd. John Davidson of Captain [Ebenezer] Bancrofts Company & Thos. Knowlton of Captain [Archelaus] Towns Company in Colonel Bridges Regiment Try'd at the above G C M for quitting their Post when upon Duty. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoners are Guilty of the Crime laid to their Charge & do adjudge them to be punish'd with 15 Lashes each—but on account of their Youth & Ignorance of their Duty The Court recommends the Prisoners for Mercy. The General is pleas'd upon the recommendation of the Court to pardon the Prisoners but at the same Time desires it may be noticed that such a Crime will not meet with Mercy for the Future.

Head Quarters 22d November 1775

Parole Ipswich — Countersign Kingston

The General has been inform'd more than Once or Twice, that an Idea prevails amongst some of the first Lieutenants upon the New Establishment, that if their Captains doth not recruit a Company the Command of it will be taken away & given to such 1st Lieutenants provided he can fill it up which makes the 1st Lieutenants indifferent & Lukewarm in the Recruiting Business—whence such an Opinion could arise is not easy to say—but if it be possible that there are any Officers

in this Army actuated by such Principles, The General most positively assures them that they not only deceive themselves but if proof can be given of such a Charge such Guilty Enemies to their Country will with disgrace be dismiss'd from the Continental Army & Service forever. The General thought it His Duty to give them this Public Notice. Whenever the Commanding Officer of One of the New Regiments gives a Furlough to a Recruit he is previously to give Notice thereof to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment the Recruit belongs to in order he may be apprised thereof & know in what manner to make his weekly Return, the doing of which is by no means to be neglected. The Men of the Artillery Regiment are not to be recruited into the other Regiments. As fast as the Men move into Barracks the Colonels are to take especial care that the Tents be immediately deliverd into the Hands of the Quarter Master General who after the present hurry of Business is a little over is to have them wash'd repair'd & laid by. It is expected that the Colonels will frequently Visit the Mens Barracks & see that they are kept clean & decent, their Victuals properly Cook'd &c nothing contributes more to the Health of the Troops or can add more to the reputation of the Officer than to see Men Healthy clean & well Dress'd.

Those Officers who have been all the Summer in Service & Recommended by the Honorable Council of this Colony for Commissions may now apply for them through their Colonels: It is expected that those who have given in their Names to stay & are appointed to some of the New Regiments will not apply as those Commissions will be given out by Regiments as soon as the new Establishment takes place. The General approves the Sentence of the General Court Martial held upon Dr. Cheney & orders it to take place immediately.

Head Quarters 23 November 1775

Parole Lebanon — Countersign Marshfield

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of each new Establish'd Regiment may draw to the amount of two Months pay for each Officer they send into the Country (agreeable to the orders of the 20th Instant) a Recruiting & furnish them therewith Abstracts to be made & given in accordingly. Men Recruited out of the Old Regiments will continue in pay after the Term of their present Inlistments are expired as usual & all new Recruits, that is, Men who are not at present in the Service will enter upon pay so soon as they Inlist & will be allowed sixpence a

Day for their Subsistance from the time they are recruited until they March for the Camp & one penny per Mile from the usual place of Abode to their Regiment for Subsistance & Expences Afterwards: The Officers are not to keep the Recruits they raise in the Country a Moment longer than they can help but send them to their respective Regiments as fast as eight or Ten of them are Inlisted.

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments may relieve the Officers who are first sent into the Country upon the Recruiting Service as they shall see occasion & are expressly Ordered to recall every One who is negligent or unsuccessful in this Duty.

The New Enlisted Men upon producing to the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments they are Inlisted into a Blanket fit for use, will be intitled to the Two Dollars allow'd by the Continent therefor & the Colonel or Commanding Officer is to make out a list of the Names of such Men, that the Money may be drawn for them, The Colonel is to keep a Copy of such List to prevent Mistakes, The List must Specify the Company each Man belongs to. The Major Generals with the Brigadier of his Division are to appoint those Persons of Character & Judgment to Value the Arms of Discharged Soldiers Certifying to whom they belong whether Public or Private Property & what they consist of, they are to fix a reasonable & Just price upon them & to take none but such as are fit for Service, They are to enter into a Book such Valuations & deliver the Arms so Valued to the Commissary of Artillery Stores & take his receipt for the same. A General Court Martial to set to Morrow in Cambridge to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. The General C.M. of which Colonel [Thomas] Poor was President is Dissolv'd.

Head Quarters 24th November 1775

Parole Newport — Countersign Providence

Captain William Hubbell of Colonel [Charles] Webbs Regiment Try'd at a late General C M. for behaving in a low Scandalous & Un Officer like Manner. The Court having acquitted the Prisoner, The General Orders him to be releas'd. Captain [Isaac] Gray of Colonel Brewers Regiment Try'd at a G.C.M. whereof Colonel Poor was President, for dissuading the Soldiers from Enlisting & therein acting the part of a Tory & Enemy to his Country. The Court thinking proper to acquit the Prisoner, The General Orders him to be releas'd.

Head Quarters 25th November 1775

Parole Hampden — Countersign Pym

The Commission'd & Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers lately arrived in Camp from Kennebeck River are to join their respective Corps, a Return of them Sign'd by the Commanding Officer of their Respective Regiment to be sent to the Adjutant General Monday Morning—At the request of the Honorable General Court of this Colony—The General directs the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Massachusetts Regiments: do respectively order each of their Captains to make out a Muster & pay Roll of his Company up to the 1st Day of August last from the Time of each Mans Inlistment, This to be done agreeable to a Form of a Return which is Lodged with & may be had of the Adjutant General. The Court desires these Rolls may be confirmed upon Oath & Lodged as soon as possible (with the Original Certificates) in the Secretarys Office of the Colony—that all the Massachusetts Regiments may be paid up to the first of August aforesaid. For further particulars relative to the resolution of the General Court, the General refers to their Resolve of the 3d Instant it being too long to insert in these Orders.

Head Quarters 26 November 1775

Parole Wilks — Countersign Liberty

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments upon the New Establishment, to Order the Men to be recruited to be Paraded every Monday at ten in the forenoon before the Brigadier General of their respective Brigade who will reject such as are unfit for Service or do not come within the Description of the Recruiting Orders: The Brigadier General will sign a Certificate of the Recruits he approves of & deliver it to each of the Colonels, that the Blanket Money may be paid & no more.

Head Quarters 27th November 1775

Parole Brookline — Countersign Cambridge

A Court of Inquiry to set to Morrow Morning to Examine into the Conduct of Lieutenant Colonel [Roger] Enos who appears to have left Colonel Arnold his Commanding Officer without leave—Major General Lee President—Brigadier General [Nathaniel] Green, Brigadier General Heath, Colonel [John] Stark, Major [John] Durkee, Colonel [John] Nixon, Major [Edward] Sherburne, Members.

Head Quarters 28 November 1775

Parole Montgomery — Countersign Montreal

An Express last Night from General [Richard] Montgomery brings the joyful Tidings of the Surrender of the City of Montreal to the Continental Arms. The General hopes such frequent favours from Divine Providence will Animate every American to continue to Exert his utmost in the defence of the Liberties of His Country, as it would now be the Basest of Ingratitude to the Almighty, & to their Country to shew any the least Backwardness in the Public Cause.

Head Quarters 29th November 1775

Parole Guilford — Countersign Allen

Captain Town of Colonel Woodbridges Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Woodbridge was President, for behaving in an un officer like manner in suffering a Prisoner to Escape who was Charged with an Attempt to steal. The Court were unanimously of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of behaving unbecoming an Officer in declining to obey the Orders of the Q M General in not assisting to seize a Soldier suspected of Theft & for suffering the said Soldier grossly to abuse Colonel [Thomas] Miffin & therefore adjudge the Prisoner to be reprimanded by his Colonel at the Head of his Regiment in the presence of Colonel Miffin: & also adjudge that he pay a fine of three pounds to be appropriated according to the 51st Article of the Rule and Regulations of the Army. Jonathan Wilkins Soldier in the same Regiment & in Captain Towns Company Try'd at the same G.C.M. for an attempt to Steal & for Insolent Language to the Q.M.G. & therefore adjudge him to be fined 20 Shillings to be appropriated according to the 51 Article of the Rules & Regulations of the Army.

Head Quarters 30th November 1775

Parole — Countersign

A General C.M. to set to Morrow Morning at Eleven oClock at Mr. Pomeroy's in Cambridge to Try Lieutenant Colonel Enos for quitting his Commanding Officer without Leave.

President Brigadier General Sullivan with the Twelve Field Officers next for Court Martial Duty—Nathaniel Patten of Captain Dows Company in Colonel Prescotts Regiment Try'd at a General C.M. for attempt-

ing to pass the lower Guards & making a disturbance at Cobble Hill contrary to Orders. The Court acquit the Prisoner who is to be immediately releas'd.

Head Quarters 1st December 1775

Parole Exeter — Countersign Providence

The fatal Consequences which have at all times & upon all Occasions, befallen Armies attacked at unawares when Men are Scatter'd & remote from their Posts; or negligent whilst at them, are too well known, & very often too unhappily felt to stand in need of Description. Whereas a handful of Men prepar'd for an Attack are seldom Defeated. It is therefore order'd in the most express & peremptory Terms that no Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier do presume under any pretence whatsoever Day or Night to be out of Drum Call of his Alarm Post without leave of his Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company he belongs to. And it is also as expressly ordered that no Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier do pass from Cambridge, & the Lines on this side the River to Roxbury, or come from thence hither or go from either to any other place in the Neighbourhood without a written Pass from the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company he belongs to, although he should not mean to stay more than an Hour or Two. The Officers of each Regiment are to be subject to the same Restraints & to obtain leave in the same Manner from the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Regiment they respectively belong to & it is expected that all Officers & Soldiers in this Army will pay the strictest Attention to this Order as they will answer the consequence. This Order is not intended to change the Mode of giving Furloughs (already pointed out in late Orders) The sole design being to keep Men to their Duty that they may be always ready to meet their Enemy at the shortest Notice. It is again & again expressly Ordered, that an Officer of each Company do once a Day examine the Arms & Ammunition of the Company he belongs to & see that they are fit for use this & the foregoing Order are to be frequently read to the Men & the usefulness of them strongly inculcated upon their Minds. They are to be consider'd as standing orders 'till countermanded. The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments are to take especial care that the New Recruits are put under proper drill Sarjeants as fast as they join, in order that they may as quick as possible be made acquainted with their Duty. It is also recommended to these Gentlemen to provide their Regiments with good Drummers & Fifers.

Head Quarters 2d December 1775

Parole Congress — Countersign Unity

James McCornick of Captain [Charles] Dibbles Company in Colonel Pattersons Regiment Try'd at a G.C Martial for striking General Putnams Horse & saying at the same Time Damn you who is there Clear the Road, & for Repeatedly leaving the Camp without Order. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of a Breach of the 3d, 15th, 16th, & 17th Articles of War & adjudge him to receive 39 Lashes on his Bare Back. Serjeant James King of Colonel Pattersons Regiment Try'd at the same G.C.M. upon an appeal from a Regimental Court Martial. The Court were of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of being absent from his Regiment without Leave, & of Striking & abusing Serjeant Goodrich, when in the Execution of his Duty, & therefore adjudge the Prisoner to be reduced to the Ranks, & pay a fine of Twenty shillings to be appropriated according to the 51st Article of the Rules & Regulations of the Army.

Head Quarters 3d December 1775

Parole Sawbridge — Countersign Hartley

It is with Surprize & astonishment The General Learns that notwithstanding the Information that was communicated to the Connecticut Troops, of a Relief being order'd to supply their Places by the 10th of this Month, that many of them have taken their Arms with them & gone off not only without Leave but contrary to express Orders: this is therefore to inform those who remain that the General has sent an Express to the Governour of Connecticut with the Names of Men as have left the Camp in order that they may be dealt with in a manner suited to the Ignominy of their Behaviour The General also informs those who remain that it is necessary for them to obtain a written Discharge from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment they belong to when they are dismissed on the 10th Instant that they may be discharg'd from & not treated as Deserters.

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of the Connecticut Regiments are to give in the Names of all those of their respective Regiments for the purpose abovemention'd.

Head Quarters 4th December 1775

Parole Cushing — Countersign Paine

Lieutenant Colonel Enos Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Brigadier General Sullivan was President for leaving his Commanding

Officer without permission or Orders & returning to Cambridge. The Court after mature Consideration of the Evidence are unanimously of opinion that the Prisoner was by absolute necessity obliged to return with his Division & do therefore acquit him with honour.

The General orders Lieutenant Colonel Enos to be forthwith releas'd from his Arrest.

Head Quarters December 5th 1775
Parole Albany — Countersign Bristol

Head Quarters 6th December 1775
Parole Philadelphia — Countersign Allen

Head Quarters 7th December 1775
Parole Sydney — Countersign Brutus

The Connecticut Regiments are to be under Arms upon their Regimental Parades on Saturday at Eleven oClock in the Forenoon in order to be review'd They are to have their Arms in good Order—the Rolls to be called over, No man to be absent every One that is able must appear. They are to be excus'd from all other Duty for that Day. The Quarter Master General is strictly enjoin'd to pay proper attention to the Order of the 23d of November respecting the recruiting Officers & is to prevent Boards & other Materials being applied to the Building any Houses without his Order as no such Houses will be allowed by the Public. All Officers are to pay due Obedience to this Order.

Head Quarters December 8th 1775
Parole St. Aseph — Countersign Cato

Head Quarters 9th December 1775
Parole London — Countersign Granby

Head Quarters 10th December 1775
Parole Burke — Countersign Barre

The General has great pleasure in thanking Colonel Bridge & the Officers of the 27th Regiment who from peculiarity of circumstances or want of Vacancies have no appointment in the New Establishment for their polite address to him.

He considers the Assurance which they have given him of their Determination to continue in the Service if requir'd until the New Regiments are compleated in a very favorable light: Especially as it is accompanied with further assurances that the Men of the 27th Regiment are consenting thereto. Such a conduct at this important Crisis cannot fail of giving pleasure to every well wisher of his Country. And next to engaging for another Year is the highest Proof they can give of their Attachment to the Noble cause of Liberty, at the same time it reflects Honor upon themselves & may under Providence give reason to Bless them as the happy Instruments of their Delivery from the Chains which were actually forging for them. Four Companies of the New Hampshire Militia are to March to Roxbury for the Reinforcement of that Division, The Captains will receive General Wards Orders what Regiments they are to be attach'd to—The rest of the New Hampshire Militia are to join the Brigade on Winter Prospect Hill & Cambridge together with the Companies of Militia from the Massachusetts which are Order'd to join Prescotts, [John] Greatons & Nixons Regiments as the Majors & Brigadier Generals shall think fit for the most equal distribution of them. The Captains of the several Militia Companies from the Massachusetts & New Hampshire Governments are to make exact Return of their Companies Sign'd by them without delay to the Adjutant General.

Head Quarters 11th December 1775

Parole Otis — Countersign Warren

The Majors of Brigade to be more Exact in obliging the Adjutant to deliver to them every Saturday at Orderly time an Exact Return signed by the Commanding Officer of the New Establish'd Regiments of the number of Men Weekly Inlisted in each Regiment—The Majors of Brigade for the future to be answerable for any neglect in executing this Order. To reward & encourage Military merit the Congress have thought proper to increase the Pay of the Captains & Subalterns of the Continental Army—And as uniformity of Dress is essentially necessary in the appearance & regularity of an Army his Excellency recommends it earnestly to the Officers to put themselves in a proper Uniform Dress.

The Field Officers of Each of the New Corps will set the Example by Cloathing themselves in a Regimental of their respective Corps & it is not doubted but the Captains & Subalterns will immediately follow the example. The General by no means recommends or desires Officers to run into costly or expensive Regimentals, No matter how plain or

coarse so that they are but uniform in their colour, cut & fashion, The Officers belonging to those Regiments whose Uniform are not yet fixed upon had better delay making their Regiments until they are.

Head Quarters December 12th 1775

Parole Effingham — Countersign Fuller

The Honorable Continental Congress have been pleas'd to appoint Henry Knox Esquire Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery upon the New Establishment he is to be Obeyed as such. The Colonel or Commanding Officers of the five Connecticut Regiments upon the New Establishment to deliver to the Adjutant General to Morrow at Orderly time an Exact list of the Commission'd Officers of their respective Corps, together with a Return of the Men they have each of them Inlisted for the above Regiments.

As an Express is immediately to set out to Governour Trumbulls who has demanded the same to Lay them before the Assembly of that Colony.

Head Quarters 13th December 1775

Parole — Countersign

The Major Generals are to Order the Militia Companies to be join'd to the different Brigades & Regiments in their respective Brigades in such a Manner as to supply the deficiency of the Connecticut Troops & to prevent disorder & confusion in case we should be called to Action & make Report as soon as it is done. As these Companies have an inclination to join particular Regiments the General has no objection to it in every instance where it can be done consistently with the good of the Service & the allotment to the different Incampments. The Adjutant of every Regiment which any of these Companies are joined are to acquaint them with all General & Brigade Orders that they may not unknowingly disobey them.

The Colonels of the several Regiments upon the New Establishment may respectively apply to the Commissary of the Ordinance Store for Stand of Arms lately taken in the Store Ship from London, these Arms the Colonels will be careful to put in the hands of the Soldiers most approved for their Courage & Bravery, & such only as are Inlisted for the next Campaign—An exact list of their Names to be return'd to their respective Colonels. The Carbines taken in said Ship are not to be delivered without a special Order.

Head Quarters 14th December 1775

Parole Dominico — Countersign France

Head Quarters 15th December 1775

Parole Rockingham — Countersign Richmond

The Quarter Masters of all the Regiments are as soon as Possible to deliver the Deputy Commissary General Mr. Elisha Avery all the Cyder Barrels, Butter firkins & Candle Boxes in the possession of their respective Corps, as those Articles are very much wanted for the Public Service.

Head Quarters 16th December 1775

Parole Rawleigh — Countersign Drake

Head Quarters 17th December 1775

Parole — Countersign

When fresh Recruits from the Country join the New Establis'd Regiments The Col: or Commanding Officer of those Regiments are to discharge a like Number of Old Soldiers who have not Engaged for the New Campaign taking care to part with the most indifferent first. A General Court Martial to set to Morrow Morning in Cambridge at ten oClock to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court.

Head Quarters 18th December 1775

Parole Lechmore — Countersign Sears

The Colonel & Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are to deliver to the Adjutant General at Orderly time next Saturday their pay Abstracts for the Months of November & December also an Abstract for the Month of January Next for each of the New Establish'd Corps.

The Honorable the Continental Congress having been pleased to Order all those who have Bravely resolv'd to serve their Country another Year shall be rewarded with a Months Pay Advance.

Head Quarters December 19th 1775

Parole Davers — Countersign Hall

Head Quarters 20th December 1775

Parole Fairfax — Countersign Woodford

In consequence of a Complaint exhibited by the Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps in the Brigade upon Winter Hill on the 20th of October last against Commissary General [Joseph] Trumbull. His Excellency is pleas'd to order a Court of Inquiry to set to Morrow at Eleven oClock in the Forenoon to examine into the cause thereof.

Major General Putnam with the Brigadier Sullivan, Green, & Heath to compose the Court of Inquiry. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court—The Court will set at General Putnams House.

Head Quarters 21st December 1775

Parole Lancaster — Countersign Carlisle

Head Quarters 22d December 1775

Parole Wilkes — Countersign Newnham

Head Quarters 23d December 1775

Parole London — Countersign Livery

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of the New Established Regiments will each of them on Monday next from the Adjutant General receive a Warrant for Eight Hundred Dollars to pay the Men for their Blankets. An exact Account of the distribution of this Money is to be kept & renderd when called for, particularising the Mens Names, The Companies they belong to & the Towns they came from. The Captains of the Militia Companies are again called upon, to make out an exact Return Rolls of their Men specifying the Town they came from & the Regiments they Join'd to. The General expects from the Officers & Soldiers a strict obedience to the General standing Orders & forbids rambling from the Camp without leave & hopes every Person will exert himself in his particular station to preserve Order & that alertness so necessary in an Army within common Shot of the Enemy.

Head Quarters 24th December 1775

Parole Alfred — Countersign Hopkins

By Order of his Excellency General Washington a Board of General Officers set Yesterday in Cambridge & Unanimously recommended the following Rations to be deliver'd in the Manner hereby directed—(Viz)

Corn'd Beef & Pork four Days in a Week, Salt Fish One, & Fresh Beef two Days during the Winter Season. The Men are to have one pound & a half of Beef, or Eighteen Ounces of Pork per Day half a pint of Rice or a pint of Indian Meal per Week, one quart of Spruce Beer per Day or 9 Gallons of Molasses for 100 Men per Week. 6 lb of Candles to 100 Men per Week (for Guards) 6 oz of Butter or 9 oz of Hogs Lard per Week; 3 pints of Peas or Beans per Week or Vegetables equivalent allowing 6/ per bushel for Peas or Beans 2/8 per bushel for Onions 1/4 per bushel for Potatoes & Turnips 1 lb of Flour per Man each Day—Hard Bread to be dealt out one Day in a Week in Lieu of Flour. The above allowance is Order'd to be issued by the Commissary General to all the Troops of the United Colonies serving in this Department until the Honorable Continental Congress or the Commander in Chief think proper to alter it.

Captain Wentworth Steward in Col: [Edmund] Finneys [Phinney] Regiment Try'd at a General Court Martial whereof Colonel [James] Bricket was President for disobedience of Order & Abuse to Lieutenant Col: [Samuel] March of the 10th Regiment. The Court are unanimously of Opinion that Captain Stewart is Guilty of repeated abuse to Lieutenant Col: March & therefore adjudge that he ask Pardon of Lieutenant Colonel March before all the Officers of the Regiment & at the same time receive a severe reprimand from Col: Finney. John Waite of Captain [Edward Payson] William's Company & Col: Greatons Regiment Try'd at the above C. Martial for robbing the Q.M. Generals Store the Court find the Prisoner Guilty of a breach of the 49th Article of the Rules & Regulations of the Army therefore adjudge him to receive 10 Lashes on his Naked Back with a Cat of Nine Tails. The General approves the above Sentences & Orders them to be executed the first fair Day.

Head Quarters 25th December 1775

Parole Yorkshire — Countersign Savilla

As divers complaints have been made that some of the Provisions Issued by the Comissary are Tainted Unwholesome & consequently detrimental to the Health of the Soldiery. To prevent the ill effects thereof for the future, Lieutenant Col: [Joseph] Vose, Major [Daniel] Wood and Major [Thomas] Knowlton are hereby appointed a Committee of Survey whose duty it shall be at all times upon Complaint being made to them by the Q. M. of any Regiment in the Center Division of the

Army that Bad or unwholsome Provisions are offer'd to them, to repair as soon as may be to the Commissary's Store & carefully survey such Provisions & if upon Survey the Provisions should appear unfit for the Nourishment of the Human Body, they are to put a Mark thereon & condemn them & make report thereof from time to time to the General of the Brigade to which such Q.Master belongs.

Head Quarters 26th December 1775

Parole Baltimore — Countersign Lux

A Court of Inquiry consisting of Major General Putnam President, & Brigadiers General Sullivan, Green & Heath Members held by Order of his Excellency the General to examine into the cause of a Complaint exhibited by a number of Field Officers & others in General Sullivan's Brigade against the Commissary General John Trumbull¹ Esquire. The Articles of the Complaint were 1st for not delivering out the back allowance of Peas or the Value thereof in Money to the Officers, 2dly For taking in Onions at 2/8 & delivering them out at 4/3, For taking in Potatoes at 1/4 & delivering them out at 2/—The Court on mature consideration beg leave to report to his Excellency that the 1st Article of his Charge is Groundless.

That ye 2d & 3d Articles as confess'd by the Commissary General & tho' the Court are fully satisfied there was not the least design of fraud in Mr. Trumbull they are unanimously of Opinion that the Measure was pernicious & injudicious. The General approves of the proceedings of the above Court of Inquiry. At a Court of Inquiry held at Roxbury to examine into the Conduct of Major [John] Parke D. Quarter Master General whereof Colonel Jedediah Huntington was President for forceably quartering Troops in the House of Major Thompson—The Court were of Opinion that Major Parke conducted himself accordg to his Orders & as the necessity of the Case requir'd. The General approves of the proceedings of the said Court.

Head Quarters 27th December 1775

Parole Annapolis — Countersign Chase

The Regimental Q. Masters are forthwith to settle & give Receipts to the Commissary General or his Deputy's the Day they next Draw.

¹ Joseph Trumbull, who is here confused with John Trumbull (1756-1843), an aide-de-camp to Washington.

They are to take the whole of their Allowance that is due. The Colonels of the New Establish'd Regiments to Order their recruiting Officers to send all their Recruits they have Rais'd to join Their respective Regiments at Roxbury & Cambridge by the 1st of January next.

Head Quarters 28 December 1775

Parole Jamaica — Countersign Price

As the time is just at Hand when the Massachusetts, New Hampshire & Rhode Island Troops (not again Inlisted) will be free from their present Engagement, The General recommends to them to consider what may be the consequence of their abrupt Departure from the Lines should any accident happen to them before the New Army gets greater Strength, they not only fix Eternal disgrace upon themselves as Soldiers but enevitable Ruin perhaps upon their Country & Families. It is not from any dislike to the Conduct of the Officers that the General requests the Men to stay without them, But in the first place, because it is unnecessary to burden the Continent with a greater Number of Officers than is necessary to Command the Forces & in the next place it retards the forming the proper Government of the New Regiments. Those Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers who have their Countrys welfare so much at heart as to stay to the last of January if necessary may join any Company of the New Establish'd Regiments they please provided they do not increase the Number of Rank & File in such Company to more than Seventy six Men, more than which no Company is to exceed.

All the Officers & Soldiers at present in any Regiment but appointed to, or Inlisted in Col: Arnold, [Samuel Holden] Parsons, Joseph Reeds, [Jedediah] Huntingtons, [Jonathan] Wards, [Samuel] Willys [Wyllys], & [John] Bayleys Regiments are to join them to Morrow at which time any Officer or Soldier in either of those Regiments which belong to other Regiments are to join in like manner. All the Officers & Soldiers under the New Establishment who belong to Col. Prescotts, [John] Glovers, Pattersons, [Paul Dudley] Sargeants, Finneys, Arnolds, Greatons & [Loammi] Baldwins Regiments are to join on Saturday next when any Officer or Soldier in any of those Regiments are also to remove to them. On Sunday the same change is to take place with respect to Col: James Reed, Nixon, Starks, Whitcombs, Poores, Varnum, Hitchcocks, [Moses] Little, Webbs, [William] Bonds & [Israel] Hutchinsons Regiments. It is recommended to each Colonel of the above mention'd Regiments to send Officers at the times appointed to receive & March the Men from

the Regiments they are Inlisted out of to those they are to join that it may be effected with more Regularity & Ease & the Change made with as little confusion as possible. It is expected that such Men as are determin'd not to continue another Campaign in the Service will sell their Blankets to those who are in want of them, the same thing is also recommended to the Militia. In appraising the Arms the General expects that they be numbered & marked in such a Manner as the Owners of them & the price may at any time be ascertain'd upon the delivery of them by the Commissary of the Stores: All Arms thus Apprais'd & taken for the use of the Public must be deliver'd into the care of the Commissary of the Ordinance Store, but may be return'd immediately if the Col: will pass his Receipt & account for the delivery of them to his Men.

Head Quarters 29th December 1775

Parole Providence — Countersign Salem

The Commissary General having estimated the Value of the different Species of Provisions which constitute a Ration under the Continental Allowance & finding it amounts to seven pence half penny Lawful Money, The General having seen the said Estimate approves of it & orders that they be settled with accordingly. The General was in great hopes that a sufficient sum of Money would have been sent from Philadelphia to have paid the Troops for the Months of October, November & December, but is sorry to inform them that there is no more arriv'd than will allow one Months pay, the Advance pay to the New Army & Blanket Money, furnishing at the same time the Commissary & Q.M. General with such sums as are necessary for conducting their Business.

The General has already wrote Express to the Congress for more Money & hopes speedily to be furnish'd with a sufficient Sum to pay them in full.

Head Quarters, 30th December 1775

Parole Marblehead — Countersign Manly

As the want of a timely supply of Cash has prevented the discharged Men from receiving more than one Months pay at this time. The Quarter M.General may withhold his Account until the next payment when his Charges against the several Regiments must be paid.

The Commissary General is to serve Provisions or the Value thereof to the discharged Men to carry them home, allowing one Ration to every 20 Miles they have to March.

As the General is inform'd that numbers of Negroes are desirous of Inlisting—he gives leave to the Recruiting Officers to Entertain them and promises to lay the matter before the Congress who he doubts not will approve of it. The Massachusetts, Rhode Island, & New Hampshire Regiments upon the Old Establishment to Parade to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock upon their respective Regimental Parades, when they will hear & receive the Commander in Chief's Directions.

Such of the Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers who presume to carry off their Arms contrary to the express Orders of the General and to the most pressing Demands of their Country, may depend upon it they will be Mulcted all their pay & Ration Money now due to them.

Head Quarters December 31st 1775

Parole Baker — Countersign London

Head Quarters 1st January 1776

Parole Congress — Countersign America

This Day giving Commencement to the New Army which in every point of view is intirely Continental. The General flatters himself that a laudable Spirit of Emulation will not take place & pervade the whole of it—without such a Spirit few Officers have ever arriv'd to any Degree of Reputation, nor did any Army ever become Formidable.

His Excellency hopes that the great cause we are engaged in will be deeply impress'd on every Mans mind & wishes it may be consider'd that an Army without Regularity and Discipline is no better than a Commission'd Mob, let us therefore when every thing Dear, & Valuable to Freeman is at Stake when our Unnatural Parent is threatening us with Destruction from every Quarter endeavour by all the skill & Discipline in our power to acquire that knowledge & Conduct which is necessary in War—Our Men are Brave & Good Men, who with pleasure it is observd, are addicted to fewer Vices than are commonly found in Armies: But it is Subordination & Discipline which is the Life & Soul of an Army—which next under Providence is to make us formidable to our Enemies, Honorable to ourselves & respectable in the World, and herein is to be shewn the goodness of the Officer.

In vain is it for a General to issue Orders, if Orders are not attended to, equally vain is it for a few Officers to exert themselves if the same Spirit does not Animate the whole. It is therefore expected & insisted on that each Brigadier will be attentive to the Discipline of his Brigade,

to the Exercise of and conduct observ'd in it, calling the Col. & Field Officers of any Regiment to severe Account for neglect or disobedience of Orders. The same attention to be paid by the Field Officers to the respective Companies of their Regiments By the Captains to their Subalterns, & so on & that the plea of Ignorance which is no excuse but rather an aggravation may not be offered. It is ordered & directed that not only every Regiment but every Company keep an Orderly Book to which frequent recourse may be had, It being expected that all standing Orders be regularly Obeyed, until alter'd or Countermanded. It is also expected that all Orders which are necessary to be communicated to the Men, be regularly read, & carefully explain'd to them: As it is the first wish of the General to have the Business of the Army conducted without punishment, to accomplish which he assures every Officer & Soldier that as far as it is in his power he will reward such as particularly distinguish themselves, at the same time, he declares, he will punish every kind of Neglect in an exemplary manner.

As the great variety of Occurrences & the multiplicity of Business in which the General is necessarily engaged which may withdraw his attention from many objects & things which might be improved to Advantage, he takes this opportunity of declaring that he will thank any Officer of whatsoever Rank for any useful Hints or profitable information: But to avoid trivial matters as his time is very much ingrossed he desires that it may be introduced through the Channel of a General Officer who is to weigh the importance before he communicates it. All standing Orders heretofore Issued for the Government of the late Army of which every Regiment have, or ought to have Copies, are to be strictly complied with untill changed or Countermanded.

Every Regiment upon the New Establishment is to give Sign'd by the Col. or Commanding Officer an exact list of the Commission'd Officers in Order that they may receive Commissions—particular care to be taken that no Person is included as an Officer but such as have been appointed by proper Authority. Any attempt of that kind in this New Army will bring severe punishment upon the Author. The General will upon any Vacancies that may happen receive recommendations & give them proper consideration; but the Congress alone are competent to the appointment.

An exact Return of the strength of the Regiments to be given in as soon as possible, distinguishing the number of Militia & such of the Old Regiments as have join'd for a Month only, from the Establish'd

Men of the Regiments. This being the Day of the Commencement of the new Establishment The General pardons all the offences of the Old & commands all Prisoners except Prisoners of War to be immediately released.

Field Officer for Plow'd Hill Major [Michael] Jackson for the Day Col Varnum.

Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks, 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 60 Privates.

Head Quarters 2d January 1776

Parole Holland — Countersign William

That every Officer may be perfectly acquainted with the Establishment of the present Army in order that they may be Govern'd by it & make their Returns agreeable thereto. The General informs them that each Regiment is to consist of a Col., Lieutenant Col., & Major, eight Companies, An Adjutant, Q Master, Surgeon & Surgeons Mate, whether a Chaplain will be allow'd to each Regiment or one to two Regiments is yet to be determin'd. Each Company is to consist of a Captain, a first & second Lieutenant, one Ensign, 4 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, a Drummer & Fifer & Seventy six privates, & no more or less under any pretence or plea whatsoever. As the Weekly Returns are very irregularly made oftentimes not before Monday—The General desires the Commanding Officer of every Core to be exact in delivering them to the respective Brigade Majors every Saturday at Orderly time, who are to be answerable to the Adjutant General for any neglect or breach of this Order.

For the last time it is strongly recommended to Commanding Officers of Corps, to examine the Returns thoroughly before they sign them, & deliver 'em to the Major of Brigade, whether pay Rolls, Muster Rolls, Weekly Returns, or Returns of any other kind that are demanded, as Negligence will not be overlook'd & false Returns will be punish'd with the utmost severity.

The General is apprehensive that more Men is absent upon Furlough than allow'd by General Orders, if so the Colonels & Commanding Officers are desir'd to rectify the mistake without loss of time, & for a due regulation of this matter in future, no Soldier is to be absent without leave in Writing, sign'd by the Commander of the Regiment he belongs to, & a Register thereof to be made in the Regimental Book which Furlough is to be deliver'd to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment so soon as he returns, & if it should appear that any Soldier have over-

stayed his time without just reason a Note thereof to be made in said Book & a Furlough denied him upon any future application besides suffering such Punishment as may be inflicted by a Regimental Court Martial—Officer of the Day Col Little.

Head Quarters 3d January 1776

Parole Woodford — Countersign Norfolk

The Continental Rules & Articles (as lately amended) for the better Government of the Troops of the 13 United Colonies, are now to take place; all Trials therefore are to be under these Articles, & in compliance with the first all Officers are to subscribe to them, each Col. or Commanding Officer of a Regiment or Corps is to apply to the Adjutant General for a set for each Company & one for himself & Officers to Subscribe which last is to be returned in when the Commissions is given out. Those Articles are to be read to the Men by an Officer of the Company at least once a Month, this is to be consider'd as a standing Order.

The Commissary of Stores is immediately to make a General Return of all the Stores under his care here & at Roxbury, in doing which he is to be very exact, an amount of the Arms is wanted without delay. It was with no small degree of surprize that the General yesterday saw, after the repeated Orders which have been issued for having the Tents (as soon as the Barracks were fitt to enter) return'd to the Q M General several of them standing uninhabited & in a disgraceful & ruinous situation, & moreover hears that others serve only for Bedding. The Officers who have suffer'd this neglect will please to be informed that this is the last Admonition that will be given on this Head. It is expected that the Commanding Officers of Regiments will be exceedingly attentive to the Training Exercising & Disciplining their Men, bringing them acquainted as soon as Possible to be practised, & as nothing reflects more disgrace upon an Officer or is more pernicious & dangerous in itself than suffering Arms to be in bad Order. The General assures the Officers & Men that he will never overlook or Pardon a neglect of this kind; there are many Practices in the Regular Service highly worthy of imitation, but none more essential than this & keeping Soldiers clean & neat,—the first is absolutely necessary for self preservation, the other for Health & appearance for if a Soldier cannot be induced to take Pride in his Person, he soon becomes a Sloven and indifferent to every thing else; whilst we have therefore Men, who in every respect are superior to Mercenary Troops who are fighting for two pence or three pence per Day only,

why cannot we in appearance be equal to them when we fight for Life, Liberty, Property, and our Country. The Companies now station'd in Cambridge belonging to Col. Prescotts Regiment are to March immediately & join their Regiment at Sewall's Point, the Companies now station'd at Sewalls Point under the Command of Major [James] Wesson are immediately to March & take post at Fort Number One—Brigade Orders—Field Officer of the Day, Col Bond—The Lines to be Mann'd to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock A.M. The General desires the Colonels to furnish their Troops with Arms & Accoutrements as soon as possible. Any negligence in this point is very dangerous considering the small number of Troops we have in this Brigade therefore the General expects the strictest Attention will be paid to this Order.

The Manning the Lines is postponed till One oClock at General Lee's request as he is desirous of being an Observer of the same.

Head Quarters January 4th 1776

Parole Amsterdam — Countersign De Witt

Field Officer of the Day, Col. Thomson

Head Quarters 5th January 1776

Parole Hancock — Countersign Adams

The Majors of Brigade to order the Adjutants to be exact & punctual in making the Weekly Returns of the strength of each Regiment also a seperate return of the number inlisted in the course of last Week at Orderly time to Morrow. The Weekly Returns to be made according to the form lately sent by the Adjutant General. The Regimentals which have been made up & drawn for may be deliver'd to the respective Company by Order of those Colonels who drew them at such Prices as they have Cost the Continent which is much cheaper than could otherwise be obtain'd. As nothing Adds more to a Mans good Appearance than Dress & a proper degree of Cleanliness in his Person, the General hopes & expects that each Regiment will contend for the most Soldier like appearance. He is also very desirous of having them instructed as soon as possible in all the parts of their Duty, and recommends it to the Colonels to be very careful in the choice of their Non Commission'd Officers & to the Captains to divide their Companies into small Squads appointing a Serjeant & Corporal to each from whom the utmost diligence is expected, those Serjeants & Corporals are by no means to suffer the Arms and Accoutrements of any Men in their Squads

to be Dirty & unfit for use & as far as in them lyes make the Men appear neat & clean & Soldier like—Neglect of Duty in these instances they may rely upon it will reduce them to the Ranks.

These Orders are not intended to exempt the Commission'd Officers of the Company from the strictest Attention to these things on the contrary as it serves to show the General's Solitude in having the Men appear in the best Order—it is hoped they will double their diligence. If Col Brewer inclines to accept the appointment of Barrack Master, he is to proceed directly to discharge the Duty of that Office & as the first Business to be done in an Army is with the Quarter Master of each Regiment he is to see that the number of Men for which each Barrack was design'd are immediately quarter'd therein, keeping the Regiment together as much as possible, that every Tent may be deliver'd into the Q.M. Generals Store The Regimental Q Masters & their Serjeants are to cause proper Necessaries to be erected at convenient Distances from the Barracks in which their Men are lodged & see that those Necessaries are frequently fill'd up, Any Person who shall be discover'd easing himself elsewhere to be immediately Confin'd & brought before a Regimental Court Martial. They are to cause all the filth & Garbage about the Barracks to be remov'd & Buried. In short it is the particular Duty of a Q.Master to see that the Barracks are kept clean and Swept & the Victuals properly prepared. And although it is the particular Business of the Q Masters & their Serjeants to see this done it is equally necessary & the Duty of the other Officers to look into the Business, as too much care cannot be used in a matter where the Health of the Men so much depend upon it. Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col. [Ichabod] Alden

Head Quarters 6th January 1776

Parole Gerry — Countersign Chace

The General is inform'd that a custom has prevail'd at the Main Guard in Cambridge of permitting Prisoners to be Absent upon their Parole, he therefore Order a total stop to be put to this practise, for the future any Officer offending herein will be immediately put in Arrest & Tried for disobedience of Orders. The frequent application for Flags at Roxbury having been found troublesome & at the same time attended with Inconveniences Major General [Artemas] Ward is requested not to suffer more than one a Week to go in (unless it be on special occasions)

& then to go on Tuesday at which time he will appoint a proper Officer always to attend. Field Officer of the Day, Major [Robert] McGaw [Magaw].

Head Quarters 7th January 1776

Parole Lynch — Countersign Morris

The Adjutant General will this Day deliver to the Brigades Major the number of the New Articles of War necessary for each Regiment in their respective Brigades & no mistake in regard to said Articles may possibly happen each Book is Sign'd by the Honorable John Hancock Esquire, President of the Continental Congress, & Countersign'd upon the Title page William Tudor Esquire, Judge Advocate of the Army of the United Colonies.

Field Officer of the Day, Col. Whitcomb

Head Quarters 8th January 1776

Parole Harrison — Countersign Johnston

It is exceedingly astonishing to the General that he is yet without those Returns which were called for on the first & third Instant, It is impossible that the Business of an Army can be Conducted with any degree of Regularity or Propriety when so much inattention prevails & he desires the Commanding Officers of such Regiments as are convinc'd of their Neglect in the instance now referr'd to will take notice & be fully persuaded that if their Returns are not made at or before Orderly Time to Morrow that they will be order'd under an Arrest & Try'd for disobedience of Orders.

Field Officer for the Day,
Major [Nathaniel] Cudworth

Head Quarters 9th January 1776

Parole Knowlton — Countersign Charlestown

The General thanks Major Knowlton & the Officers & Soldiers who were under his Command last Night for their Spirited Conduct & Secrecy with which they burnt the Houses near the Enemies Works on Bunker Hill. The General was in a more particular manner pleased with the resolution the Party discover'd in not Firing a Shot as nothing betrays greater signs of Fear & less of the Soldier than to begin a loose undirected & unmeaning Fire from whence no good can result nor no Valuable

purpose answered. It is almost certain that the Enemy will attempt to revenge the Insult which was cast upon them last Night, for which reason the greatest care & vigilance is recommended as it also is that the out Posts be always Guarded by experienced Officers & good Soldiers who are to be consider'd in other Duties.

It is also again & again Ordered that the Men are not suffer'd to ramble from or lay out of their Quarters contrary to repeated Orders on this Head & that their Arms & Accoutrements be always in Order. To remove present doubts & prevent future Mistakes it is hereby expressly Order'd & Directed that no Person do proceed to discharge the Duty of any Office without a regular appointment by Commission from the Congress Warrant or General Order from the Commander in Chief, No allowance will be made to any one who acts contrary to this Order All Persons therefore for their own sakes are desir'd to take Notice of it & Govern themselves accordingly, that no complaints may hereafter be exhibited for services unrewarded.

Field Officer of the Day, Major [Archibald] Crary

Head Quarters 10th January 1776

Parole Nelson — Countersign Langdon

His Excellency General Washington has been pleased to appoint Mr. [William] Marony Provost Marshal for the Army of the United Colonies serving in the Massachusetts Bay. He is therefore in all things appertaining to his Office to be consider'd & obeyed as such.

Extract of

Brigade Orders by General Green

The General is inform'd that Gaming with Cards prevails in this Brigade—that Practice is strictly forbid by the Continental Congress, & as it brings on a habit of Drinking Disputes & Quarrels disorder & Confusion, which disturbs the Peace & Tranquility of the Camp & often proves Fatal to Individuals, The General desires that Officers of all Ranks to Exert themselves to suppress such a growing Evil & as there is great danger of having the Barracks set on Fire in one of those disorderly Hours—The Officers of each Company are requested to Visit their Troops in Quarters at Tattoo Beating & see that they retire to Bed & that the Fires are secured. The Tattoo is to beat at 8 oClock, it is to be perform'd by the Drum Major & all the Drummers & Fifers of that Regiment who gives a Captain for the Main Guard that Day. The Troop in the Morning is to beat at 9 oClock & Retreat at Sunset,

they are to be perform'd in the same manner as the Tattoo. They are to begin at the Main Guard Beat through the Lines to the Generals Quarters, then return back & finish where they began—they are to be escorted by a Serjeant & File of Men from the Main Guard—they are to be answer'd by four Drummers & Fifers of each Regiment in their respective Quarters. The Tattoo is the signal given for the Soldiers to retire to their Barracks or Quarters, to put out their Fires & Candles & go to Bed. All Sutlers at the same time to shut their Doors & sell no more Liquors that Night upon Penalty of severe punishment.

Field Officer of the Day, Major [Israel] Angell

Head Quarters 11th January 1776

Parole Mount Avery — Countersign Cabot

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major [James] Collins

Head Quarters 12th January 1776

Parole Pendleton — Countersign Deane

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having been pleased to Order an Advertizement in the several News Papers of this & the adjoining Colony, Commanding all Officers Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers now absent on Furlough or on any pretence whatsoever to join their respective Regiments at Cambridge & Roxbury by the first Day of February next & all Officers neglecting to Pay due obedience thereto will be forthwith Cashier'd & every Non Commission'd Officer & Soldier failing therein to be Tried & punish'd as Deserters.

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps are now positively Order'd not to grant any more Furloughs or leave of Absence to any Officer, Non Commission'd Officer, or Soldier, any former Order or permission heretofore given notwithstanding.

His Excellency therefore expects that every Colonel & Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps will direct those absent from their Regiments or Corps to pay strict obedience to this Order that no Person may plead or be allow'd to plead ignorance thereof.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Head Quarters 13th January 1776

Parole Pendleton — Countersign Deane

To prevent any misconstruction of the Orders of Yesterday it is declar'd that the Commanding Officers of Regiments are not restrain'd

from sending out as many Recruiting Officers as can be spar'd from the duties of their respective Regiments but that those Officers together with such as are now out with their Recruits be positively Order'd to be in Camp by the last of this Month, that our real strength may be fully known & clearly ascertain'd.

It is expected that each Regiment will exert themselves to the utmost to Recruit what Men they can in the time abovemention'd. The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps to recommend it directly to their Recruiting Officers to get all their Recruits Arm'd in the Country or at least as many as its possible to have supplied with Arms from thence. Field Officer for the Day, Col Hitchcock. For Fatigue, Col. Venum.

Head Quarters 14 January 1776

Parole Petersborough — Countersign London

A General C Martial to set to Morrow Morning in Cambridge to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. The Court to assemble at Mr. Pomeroy's at ten in the forenoon. Field Officer of the Day, Col Thompson. For Fatigue, Col Little.

Head Quarters 15th January 1776

Parole Lutterell — Countersign Fox

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col. Alden
For Lechmores Point, Major McGaw

Head Quarters 16th January 1776

Parole Sayer — Countersign Lewis

Notwithstanding the repeated Orders issued in the Course of the last Campaign, forbidding Officers Commanding Guards to be absent Day or Night, themselves or any under them until regularly releived. Yet it is with surprise the General hears it is a common practice even at the Advanced Posts next to the Enemy, Any Officer commanding at any of the Guards or out Posts who shall for the future suffer any of their Officers or Men to be absent until they are regularly Releived will be put in Arrest & Trièd for disobedience of Orders. Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Cudworth.

For Lechmere's Point, Major Crary

Head Quarters 19th January 1776

Parole Newhaven — Countersign Lee

One Sarjeant one Corporal & twelve Men from General Putnams Division to Mount to Morrow Morning for the Provost Guard at the Old School House on Cambridge Common. To this Guard all Prisoners accused of Crimes Cognizable by a General Court Martial are to be sent, all suspected Spies, & all Strollers & Stragglers who cannot give a proper Account of themselves.

The Guard is to be under the immediate Command of the Provost, & he is only to receive Orders from Head Quarters, The General in Chief the Adjutant & Quarter Master Generals for the time being.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col. Hitchcock

Head Quarters 20th January 1776

Parole Schuyler — Countersign Warner

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Col Little

Head Quarters 21st January 1776

Parole Granby — Countersign Monckton

The Colonel or Commanding Officer of Regiments is to send one or two prudent & sensible Officers to Buy up such Arms as are wanted for his Regiment. The Officers also to be good Judges of Arms & they are directed to purchase None but such as are proper & in the best repair, and if possible to get them with Bayonets, but not to refuse a good Forelock [sic] without. The Officers going upon this Duty are to be furnish'd with Cash from their respective Colonels or Commanding Officers out of the Money design'd for the Months Advance Pay for the Recruits which Money will be replac'd if wanted.

The Names of the Officers sent upon this Business with the Sums advanced them are to be immediatly Return'd to the Adjutant General by the Colonels, these Officers are not to be absent longer than the fourth Day of February next.

All Recruits who shall furnish their own Arms, provided they are good, shall be paid One Dollar for the use of them & shall have the priviledge of carrying them away when their Time is out & in case they are lost through no default of their own shall be paid for them at the end of the

Campaign. All Persons having Business with the Adjutant General are to apply to him at his Office at the Entrance next to the Front at Head Quarters.

Field Officer of the Day, Col Thompson

Head Quarters 22d January 1776

Parole Framingham — Countersign St. John's

Field Officer of the Day, Col Whitcombe

Head Quarters 23d January 1776

Parole Fairfax — Countersign Mount Vernon

Timothy Downing Tried at a General C Martial for Deserting being found Guilty is Sentenc'd to receive Thirty Nine Lashes upon his bare Back with a Cat of nine tails & as it appears to the Court that the Prisoner is worthless & incorrigible they order him to be drumm'd out of the Army A Court of Inquiry to set upon Thursday Morning next at General Green's on Prospect Hill to examine into a Complaint exhibited against Col. Starks of the 5th Regiment of Foot by Samuel Hobart Esquire Pay Master of the New Hampshire Forces, All Evidences & Persons concerned to attend the Court

Brigadier General Green President.

Col Nixon, Col Hitchcock, Col Webb, Col Varnum, Members.

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Head Quarters January 24th 1776

Parole Ticonderoga — Countersign Wolfe

The Barracks are to be finish'd as speedily as possible, that the Militia Regiments which are expected may be accommodated, the Quarter M. General & his Assistants are to look out in Time for other Quarters if the Barracks are thought insufficient to entertain the Troops. The Regiments are to be Brigaded in the following Manner Viz—

Brigadier General Thomas: [Ebenezer] Learneds, Wards, Reeds, Whitcombs, Baileys.

Brigadier General [Joseph] Spencers: Parsons's, Huntingtons, Webbs, Willis.

Brigadier General Heaths: Prescotts, Greatons, Sarjeants, Phineys, Baldwins.

Brigadier General Sullivans: James Reads, Nixons, Starks, Poor.

Brigadier General Green: Varnums, Hitchcocks, Little's, Bonds.

Brigadier General []: Glovers, Pattersons, Arnolds, Hutchensons.

Whitcombs, Webbs & Hutchinsons Regiments to join their respective Brigades as soon as Provision is made for it, at any Rate before the first of February that they may get fixed before the Militia comes in. The Brigadiers & Quarter Master General are to see that each Brigade is as compleatly Quarter'd as the Barracks will admit of. The Barrack Master is to see that each Room has its compliment of Men & the Officers placed Contiguous to them. The custom of Maning the Lines & each Regiment repairing to its Alarm Post at Reveille Beating is to be strictly & invariably Practised until Countermanded. The Brigadiers are to take especial care that proper Alarm posts are assign'd to every Regiment that no confusion may arise upon any Alarm. Neither Provisions or the Value of them are to be issued to Officers or Soldiers when upon Furloughs. Furloughs are always consider'd as injurious to the Service, but too often granted for the Gratification of Individuals: The General was therefore not a little surprized to find that it had contrary to Custom & common justice become a question whether Absentees were not intitled to the same allowance of Provisions as if they were present & actually doing Duty.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major McGaw

Detail o Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 1 Corporal, o Drummer, o Fifer, 31 Privates.

Head Quarters 25th January 1776

Parole Niagara — Countersign Hampton

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Cray

Head Quarters 26th January 1776

Parole Detroit — Countersign Springfield

The Captains & Commanding Officers of the Militia Companies are to have their Pay Rolls ready by the first of February in order for payment. The General having borrowed as much Money as will answer this purpose rather than suffer them to go home without. In making out the following method is to be observed upon one side of an entire sheet of Paper is to be the Rolls for Names of the Officers & Men of the whole Company on the other side (or back of this) is to be the Pay abstract in the usual form at the foot of the Abstract is to be a deduction of the Money which has been advanc'd to any of the Companies & proof

annexed of the justice of the Demand—this being necessary for the Generals justification in drawing the Warrants. The Captains &c to be particularly careful not to charge pay for any of their Men that inlisted into any of the Regiments after such Inlistments took place as the pay of these Men will be drawn by the Colonel of the Regiment they are now in and respectively belong to. The form of the Oath & Warrant as it would take some time to draw the whole at Head Quarters may be had at the Adjutant Generals Office for each Captain to copy. The New Hampshire Militia is to be allow'd by the Commissary one penny per Mile coming & going in lieu of Rations as that allowance has already been made by the Massachusetts Government for their Militia. General Thomas with the three Colonels of his Brigade now at Roxbury, Viz Learneds, Bayley, & Wards are to repair to Head Quarters to Morrow Morning by 11 oClock to have the Commissions for their Regiments issued.

Brigade Orders by Brigadier General Green

To give an Opportunity for disciplining the Troops in this Brigade The Main & White House Guards to be furnish'd by Regiments to begin with Colonel Thompsons Regiment & follow in Order according to the Seniority of Regiments. Colonel Whitcombs Regiment to do no more Duty here their removal being near at hand they are allow'd to be off Duty to get themselves in readiness. The following are assign'd to the several Regiments in this Brigade for their Alarm Posts, the 25 Regiment the lower Lines & the two half Moons, the 9th Regiment the Citadel, the 11th Regiment next to the Citadel up in the long Lines, the 12th Regiment next to the 11th, Two Companys of the 1st Regiment upon the left of the long Lines, one Company in each of the detach'd Bastions & two Companies as a Reserve to form upon the Parade in the long Lines. The Sarjeants & Corporals in this Brigade being in a disgraceful practice that goes round with the releif's from the Guards of sending Men from their Party to relieve Centries without going with the party to the Place where the Centry is posted, every Sarjeant & Corporal for the future that goes with a Relieving Party from the Guards to go to each Centry the Party is sent to relieve & pay particular attention to the Orders the Centry relieved gives to the Centry that relieves him, & if there appears any neglect to give the Centry such farther instruction as time & place renders necessary by no means to suffer any of the Centries to straggle home to the Guard before the Party, but every one to be kept with them until all the Centries are Relieved

& then to be march'd home to the Guard together, & there make report to the Officer of the Guard in what Order he found the Centries & what discoveries the Centries had made. Any Sarjeants or Corporals that deviate from these Orders shall be broke & turn'd into the Rank.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Alden

Detail of the Guard 2 Captains, 5 Subalterns, 7 Sarjeants, 6 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 2 Fifers, 148 Privates.

Head Quarters 27th January 1776

Parole Cumberland — Countersign Gloucester

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col. Varnum

Head Quarters 28th January 1776

Parole

— Countersign

As the General is consenting to & desirous of the Militia drawing the same pay as the Continental Troops, the Officers of those Companies are hereby informed that since the first of January their Pay will be the same as those Officers (of equal Rank) upon the New Establishment but before that Date no more than what was drawn under the Old Establishment can be allowed them; of this they are to take particular Notice that no mistake may happen. When the Militia are discharged the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments with whom they have done Duty are to take especial Care that every Ounce of Ammunition is received from them (belonging to the Publick) as also such Men as join their Regiments for a Month, If any Man attempt to carry of a single Grain of Ammunition not known to be his own, he will be persued bro't back & severely Punished. The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments are requested to buy any good Arms which the Militia may Voluntarily incline to sell they are also to make out Pay Abstracts for those Men who join'd their Regiments for the Month of January—confining it to that Month that Warrants may Issue accordingly. Brigadier General Heath with the Colonels of his Brigade to attend at Head Quarters to Morrow for Commissions to be fill'd up.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Hitchcock

Head Quarters 29th January 1776

Parole Manly — Countersign Salem

Some doubts having arisen among the Militia Companies whether the two Subalterns are to be paid as Lieutenants or as Lieutenants & En-

signs. The General informs them that he cannot (when there are only two Subalterns in a Company) consider the youngest of them as entitled to more than Ensigns pay as they were all last Campaign. Notwithstanding they are denominated second Lieutenants & desires the Rolls may be made out accordingly The Colonels or Commanding Officers of each Regiment is to make out Pay Abstracts for the Month of January & lodge them with the Adjutant General that proper Settlements may be made, in doing this they are to be exceeding careful by causing proper inquiry to be made into the matter of the Militia Captains to prevent any mistake happening with respect to the Men who have been Inlisted by any of their Officers out of the Militia Companies, that in the first place they may have their pay secured to them & in the next place it may not be doubly drawn. Brigadier General Spencer is to attend at Head Quarters to Morrow with the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments of his Brigade in order to obtain Commissions for the Officers. Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Little

Head Quarters 30th January 1776

Parole Sydney — Countersign Hampden

Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col. Bond

Colonel Bonds Regiment furnishes the Guards to Morrow

Camp at Prospect Hill 31st January 1776

Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Head Quarters 31st January 1776

Parole Winchester — Countersign Stamford

Richard Thompson of Captain [John] Nuttings Company & Col Prescotts Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial for Theft & Desertion is found Guilty of both these Crimes & Sentenc'd to receive Thirty nine Lashes for each & Mulct'd Twenty four shillings & 8^d out of his Pay, Twelve shillings thereof to be paid to the Prosecutor Samuel Keys & the rest to the Person who brought the Prisoner back to Camp. The General approves the above Sentence & orders it to take place as the Commanding Officer of the Regiment shall think proper.

Brigade Orders by General Green. A Garrison Court Martial to set to Morrow to Try such Prisoners as are in the Guard House, Col Little President.

The Field Officer of the Day to examine the Cheveaux De Frize from Day to Day & see that they are kept clean, so that they may shut easy if occasion may require it. The Officers that dont bring their Troops to the Alarm Posts by the Time the Reveille has done beating unless the Weather is Stormy will be Arrested.

Head Quarters February 1st 1776

Parole

— Countersign

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Major Crary

Adjutant from Col Thompsons Regiment

Colonel Varnums Regiment furnishes the Guard

Detail. 2 Captains, 3 Subalterns, 7 Sarjeants, 6 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 2 Fifers, 148 Privates.

Head Quarters February 2d 1776

Parole Richmond — Countersign Doncaster

Field Officer of the Day, Major Collins

Adjutant from Col Varnums Regiment

Col Hitchcocks furnishes the Guard

Head Quarters 3d February 1776

Parole Corke — Countersign Chelsea

Lieutenant [Woody] Dunstan [Dustin] of Captain [Thomas] Farrington's Company in the 16th Regiment of Foot Tried at a General Court Martial whereof Col Patterson was President for Cowardice on the 7th of January when on Command with a Detachment towards Bunkers Hill is unanimously acquitted with Honour by the Court. The General approves of their proceedings & Orders Lieutenant Dunstan to be releas'd from his Arrest.

The General Court Martial whereof Col Patterson was President is Dissolv'd.

All Arms purchased by the Officers sent on that Duty are first to be deliverd to Commissary [Ezekiel] Chevers [Cheever] for his Inspection who is to report their number & goodness to the General before they are deliver'd out of his Store.

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Major Angell, Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment.

Colonel Littles Regiment furnishes the Guard to Morrow

Detail 2 Captains, 5 Subalterns, 7 Sarjeants, 6 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 2 Fifers, 148 Privates.

Head Quarters 4th February 1776

Parole Cumberland — Countersign York

The Colonel of each Regiment to make a Return at Orderly Time of the Number of Arms wanted to compleat the Men now in his Regiment & to signify the method which appears to him most likely to procure them, General Putnam, General Sullivan & General Green with the Colonels of their Brigade to attend at Head Quarters to Morrow in the Forenoon to receive Commissions for their Officers.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Lieutenant Col [Ezekiel] Cornall

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Col Bonds Regiment furnishes the Guard to Morrow

2 Captains, 5 Subalterns, 7 Sarjeants, 6 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 2 Fifers, 148 Privates.

Head Quarters 5th February 1776

Parole Newport — Countersign Cook

The Colonels upon the Old Establishment will this Day at Orderly time & to Morrow receive the Warrants for their Pay Abstracts for the Months of November & December of which all Persons concern'd are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

For the future when a Warrant is granted & paid for any Sum upon Account of Payment of the Regiment or Corps to any of the Commanding Officers thereof, there will be no allowance afterwards for any neglect or supposed mistake It is the duty of every Col. & Captain to be exact in their Abstracts & Returns as the Consequence of being otherwise must fall upon themselves.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Alden

Adjutant from Col Bonds Regiment

Col Thompsons Regiment furnishes the Guard to Morrow

Head Quarters 6th February 1776

Parole Greenwich — Countersign Kent

The Court of Inquiry whereof General Green was President appointed to inquire into the complaint of Colonel Hubbard Pay Master General of the New Hampshire Forces against Col: Starks, have reported the state of the Evidences given in before them by which it appears that Col.

Hubbards Complaints were well founded: All further proceedings are suspended Col Starks having made such Acknowledgement as will in all probability be accepted as satisfactory. The Col: or Commanding Officer of each Regiment is to Examine minutely into the quantity & Condition of their Ammunition & make report of the Average & Number of Rounds they are possessed of their respective Brigadiers without delay & immediately thereupon the Brigadiers are to lay this their Report before the General. The Armourers are Obliged to be very Exact & diligent at their Business if they are known to do Work for any others than those of the Army they will be brought to the severest punishment or if they presume to charge a Soldier for any repairs done to his Gun they will also be call'd to as strict an Account.

An exact Report to be made of all the Cartridges in the different Magazines, those now employed in Making Cartridges are to be constant & diligent at their Work.

The Arms which have been deliver'd out of the Public Stores are not to be put into the Hands of Commission'd Officers. The Colonels of the several Regiments are to be answerable that this Order is duly attended to.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col: Varnum
Adjutant from Col Thompsons Regiment

Head Quarters 7th February 1776

Parole Coventry — Countersign Beverly

The Continental Congress having been pleased to order & direct that there should be but one Chaplain to two Regiments & that the Pay of each Chaplain shall be $33\frac{1}{8}$ Dollars per Callendar Month. The Reverend Abiel Leonard is appointed Chaplain to the Regiment of Artillery under the Command of Col. Knox & the 20th Regiment at present Commanded by Col: Durkey. As there can be but fourteen Chaplains under this Establishment to the 28 Regiments including the Artillery & Rifle Regiments & as Preference will be given to the Chaplains who served last Campaign provided their Conduct & Attendance have been unexceptionable, The Brigadiers are to inquire into the matter & with the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the several Regiments Arrange them agreeable to the above directions & make Report thereof that Orders may issue accordingly for their Appointment. The Commanding Officers of the Regiments upon the New Establishment are to apply to Commissary Chevers to Morrow Morning for One Barrell of Powder

& Cartridge which they are to Order to be immediately made up in Cartridges & put up in a proper manner according to the direction of Commissary Chevers will give. This Ammunition the Commanding Officers are to keep in a safe place under their immediate care to be ready to be delivered when occasion may call for its being distributed.

A General Court Martial to set to Morrow Morning in Cambridge to try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them, all Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. The Court to assemble at Mr. Pomroys at 10 oClock in the Forenoon.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col [Edward] Hand
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 8th February 1776

Parole St Eustatia — Countersign Mason

Field Officer for to Morrow, Col. Hitchcock
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 9th February 1776

Parole Stirling — Countersign Jersey

The Colonel of a Regiment is on no pretence to License more than one Sutler within the Limits of the Camp. The Q. M General has his Excellencys positive Orders to punish with severity any Person who is unlicensed contrary to the above Orders. If any of the Militia who are ordered into Camp should incline to enter into the Continental Army they are immediately to Join the Regiment they inlist into & are from that Day to be struck off the Militia Rolls that their Pay may from thenceforward commence in the Regiment they engage in & Cease in the Militia. It is expected that proper Attention be paid to this Order as no Plea of Ignorance will be admitted.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Little
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 10th February 1776

Parole Suffolk — Countersign Albany

General Green's Brigade to furnish One Field Officer, Two Captains, 4 Subs, 4 Sarjeants, 4 Corporals, Two Drums, Two Fifes & one hundred & twenty Privates to releive the Guard upon Cobble Hill to Morrow Morning. General Sullivans Brigade to furnish the same Number of Officers & Men to releive that Guard on Monday Morning & so on

alternately by each Brigade until further Orders. Robert Mc Knight of Captain [Micajah] Gleasons Company in Colonel Nixons Regiment Tryd at a General C Martial whereof Colonel Hutchinson was President for Desertion & Inlisting in different Regiments is found Guilty by the Court & Adjudged to receive 39 lashes upon the Naked Back & be stoped four Pounds out of his Pay to repay Serjeant [Samuel] Marston what the Prisoner has defrauded him of. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution at such Time & place as the Commanding Officer of the Regiment shall Appoint. Officer of the Day, Col Bond. Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw.

Colonel Thompsons Regiment furnishes the Guards
Col Vernums the Guard for Cobble Hill

Head Quarters 11th February 1776

Parole Bristol — Countersign Hadley

Benjamin Woodman of Captain [Samuel] Derbys Company & Col: Prescotts Regiment Tryed at a General C. Martial whereof Col Hutchinson was President for Desertion is found Guilty by the Court & Sentenc'd to receive Twenty Lashes on his Naked Back, The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution at such Time & Place as Colonel Prescott shall think proper. James McCornick in Captain Farringtons Company Colonel Sargeants Regiment Tryed at the above G. C M for Assaulting, Beating & Robbing Samuel Marston Serjeant in Colonel Poors Regiment is found Guilty by the Court & Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes & Order'd Four pounds out of his Wages to reimburse Sarjeant Marsden what the Prisoner Robbed him of.

Field Officer for the Day, Major Cray. Adjutant for the Day to-Morrow, Col Thompson. Col Hitchcocks Regiment furnishes the Guard to Morrow.

For Cobble Hill, Major [Andrew] Coburn

Head Quarters 12th February 1776

Parole Plymouth — Countersign Portsmouth

The General being inform'd that several of the Militia are coming in without Arms Orders that the Brigadier to whose Brigade they are joind do examine into this matter & discharge every Man who has not Arms as they come in keeping an Account thereof to deliver when called for.

It is with no small degree of Astonishment that the General observes by the Returns of last Week that seventeen Men have been dismiss'd the Service out of which Number Col Whitcomb alone has Discharged seven, he is therefore called upon to be at Head Quarters to Morrow at ten oClock to account for his Conduct in this instance; at the same time it is declared & particular attention will be paid to it, that if any Colonel or Commanding Officer presume in future to discharge a Man without proper Authority for so doing he will be put in Arrest & Tried for disobedience of Orders. To have Men Inlisted one Day & discharg'd as it were the next without any Action or apparent cause to disqualify Men for Service must have a bad Appearance in the Returns sent to Congress, especially when the List of Desertion come to be Added to it: to remedy these Evils as far as is possible it is directed in cases where discharges is really necessary that the Commanding Officer of the Regiment do produce the Man soliciting the discharge to the General of his Brigade who is to examine accurately into the matter & not give a discharge for sickness of a temporary duration.

In Case of Desertion the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Corps is immediately to Report the Deserter or Deserters to the Brigadier General giving an exact description of the Man the Town he came from—who is to cause proper steps to be taken for Apprehending them; a Reward of five Dollars to be paid to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend & bring a Deserter to Camp upon obtaining a Certificate from the Brigadier of the Service performed.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Collins; for Cobble Hill, Major Angell

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Col Littles Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guard
Col Bonds, the Guard at Cobble Hill

Head Quarters 13th February 1776

Parole Litchfield — Countersign Coventry

The Regiments of Militia lately arriv'd at Roxbury & Cambridge are immediately to be furnish'd with 15 Rounds of Powder & Balls a Man. The Adjutant General will upon application give Orders to the Commissary for that quantity.

The Regiments at Roxbury may apply to Major General Ward who will give Orders accordingly. Captain Peleg Wadsworth is appointed

Aid de Camp to Major General Ward during the absence of Samuel Osgood Esquire.

Col Thompsons Regiment furnishes the Main and White House Guards to Morrow.

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 14th February 1776

Parole Richmond — Countersign Lincoln

The General Court Martial whereof Colonel Hutchinson is President is Dissolv'd. Benjamin Mumford of Colonel Bonds Regiment Tried at the above Court Martial for Theft is acquitted by the Court. The General Orders the Prisoner to be Released.

The Provost Martial is by his Instructions Order'd to suppress all Riots, to be particularly attentive to the Behaviour of all the Sutlers in and about Cambridge, & see that they shut up their Houses at Tattoo's beating, & do not offer upon any Account to sell a drop of Liquor after that Hour. All Officers are strictly enjoin'd to be aiding & assisting the Provost in the due Execution of his Office which the late shocking proceedings of the Sutlers makes absolutely necessary.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Colonel Vernum
For Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Alden

Col Vernums Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards.
Col Hitchcocks, Cobble Hill Guard.

Adjutant from Col Little's Regiment

Head Quarters 15th February 1776

Parole Fitz William — Countersign Archer

The Regiments upon the New Establishment & the Regiments of the Militia lately arriv'd at Cambridge & Roxbury to deliver to the Brigade Major they respectively belong to at Orderly time on Saturday an Exact Return of their Numbers according to the form the Adjutant General has this Day given to each of the Majors of Brigade.

Such of the Regiments as are in want of Leather shot Bags with Strops to hold Ball & Buck shot may have them by applying to the Adjutant General, it is intended that every Non Commissiond Officer & Soldier be supplied.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Lieutenant Col: Hand
Adjutant from Col Bonds Regiment

Col Littles Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards

Head Quarters 16th February 1776

Parole Torrington — Countersign Shanet

Col Bonds Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards.
Col Smiths furnishes the Guard on Cobble Hill.

Field Officer of the Day, Col Smith
For Cobble Hill to Morrow, Lieutenant Colonel Herrick
Adjutant from Col Smiths Regiment

Head Quarters 17th February 1776

Parole Cholmondley — Countersign King

The Congress has been pleas'd to appoint Joseph Fry Esquire a Brigadier General in the Continental Service & the General Orders that he shall take the Command of the Vacant Brigade commonly called the Cambridge Brigade.

All the Regiments are to be immediately compleated to twenty four Rounds of Ammunition per Man. The Col or Commanding Officer of each Regiment is to pass his Receipt to the Commissary for the Cartridges or Powder & Lead necessary to do this & to take Receipts from their several Captains for the Total Quantity in each Company. The Captains are to do the like from each of their Men who are to Account satisfactorily for every Cartridge they have past their Receipts or pay four pence for each deficient one. The Col: or Commanding Officers of Regiments are to take especial care that this Order is Strictly complied with that these Crimes are charged without fail to the delinquent Soldiers & Credit given for them in making out the pay Abstracts this Order is to be read to & impress'd upon the Minds of every Man by their Officer. The General is surpriz'd to find that the Militia are applying for Cartridge Boxes & other things when he had not a doubt but that they would have come compleatly equipped; as the case however is otherwise he directs that they shall be served with Powder horns & Shot pouches in lieu of Cartouch Boxes & that every thing that is deliv'd to them be charged to the Regiment that receives them that they may be deliverd or paid for at the expiration of the Term for which they stand engaged. And this the Q M G & Commissary of Stores is to give especial attention to without further directions on this Head.

The Intrenching Tools of every kind are to be carefully look'd up & put in good Order. The Q M G is to give directions on this head, no time is to be lost in doing of it.

To prevent any mistakes or impositions in the purchasing of Arms, The Colonels are immediately to have the several Arms belonging to their respective Regiments Branded with the Number of it stamp'd or Mark'd in such a Manner as that they may be known. Colonel Knox is to Report the exact Number of Cannon Cartridges which are fill'd & ready for use specifying the sorts & size. Colonel Thompsons Regiment furnishes the White House & Main Guards to Morrow. Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Hitchcock. Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment.

Head Quarters 18th February 1776

Parole Shelburne — Countersign Stamford

Col Vernums Regiment furnishes Cobble Hill Guard. Col Hitchcocks furnishes the Main & White House Guards. Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Little. Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Page.

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 19th February 1776

Parole Ponsonby — Countersign Abington

A General Court Martial to set to Morrow Morning at Pomeroy's Tavern in Cambridge to try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them: All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. Col Littles Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards to Morrow.

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Col Bond

Adjutant of the Day from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 20th February 1776

Parole Manchester — Countersign Boyle

As it is necessary that every Regiment should be furnished with Colours & that those Colours if it can be done bear some kind of similitude of the Regiment to which they belong, The Colonels with their respective Brigadiers & Q M G may fix upon such as are proper & can be procur'd. There must be to each Regiment the Standard Regimental Colours & Colours for each Grand Division, The whole to be small & light the number of the Regiment is to be mark'd on the Colours & such a Motto as the Col may choose, in fixing upon which the General advises a consultation amongst them. The Colonels are to delay no time in getting this matter fixed that the Q.M. General may provide the Colours

as soon as possible. They are also to consider what Camp Equipage may be further necessary that no time may be lost in providing it as the season is fast approaching for taking the Field. The General cannot help urging it in the strongest Terms to the Colonels the necessity of the strictest attention to the Discipline of their Men learning them to March & performing all the different Evolutions & Manoeuvres which is of more Essential Service than dwelling too long upon the Manual Exercise, he also recommends to the Colonels a proper Attention to the Cloathing of the Officers & Men that they may appear in a Soldier like manner. The General desires that the Brigadiers that have not complied with the Orders of the 6th Instant concerning the Ammunition & that of the 7th respecting the Arrangement of Chaplains may be informed that he expects an immediate Report from them.

Col Bonds Regiment furnishes the Guard on Cobble Hill. Col Smith furnishes the Main & White House Guards. Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Henshaw. Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Cray. Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment.

Head Quarters 21st February 1776

Parole Devonshire — Countersign Grafton

The General being Anxious to have the New Establish'd Regiments compleated with all possible Expedition desires the Colonels or Commanding Officer forthwith to send an Officer from each Compleat Company into the Country upon the Recruiting Service who are expressly forbid Inlisting any Boys, Old Men or Slaves: Those Officers are also to use their best endeavors, to get what good Arms they can. Recruiting in Camp is also to be continued.

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments are to send to the Quarter Master General to Morrow Morning the Names of the Sutlers Licensed by them to supply their Respective Corps. Col Thompsons Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards to Morrow.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Angell. Adjutant from Col Bonds Regiment. Colonel Bonds Regiment takes Cobble Hill for their Alarm Post & to support that Place in case of an Attack. The Lines to be Mann'd there just at Grey Daylight. Col Smiths Regiment takes the Alarm Post which Col Bonds Regiment has occupied heretofore.

Head Quarters 22d February 1776

Parole Scarborough — Countersign Exeter

John English of Captain Watermans Company in Colonel Arnolds Regiment Tried at a late General Court Martial for absenting himself from his Regiment & Inlisting into Colonel Vernums Regiment. The Court were unanimously of opinion that the Prisoner is guilty of the Crimes whereof he was accused & adjudge him to receive Ten Lashes on his bare Back & Order the advance Pay due to him in Colonel Arnolds Regiment to be paid the Officer who gave him the Advance pay in Colonel Vernums Regiment; The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution at Guard Mounting to Morrow Morning. The Brigadier Generals with the Majors of Brigade, the Colonel of Artillery, the Quarter Master General, with the Barrack Master of the four Brigades in the Cambridge Department, to be at Head Quarters to Morrow Morning at ten oClock.

Brigade Orders

Col Vernums Regiment furnishes the Main & White House Guards to Morrow. Col Hitchcocks Regiment furnishes Cobble Hill Guard. Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Colonel Cornell. Field Officer for Cobble Hill to Morrow, Major Collins. Adjutant of the Day from Col: Smiths Regiment.

Head Quarters 23d February 1776

Parole — Countersign

Lieutenant Thomas Cummings of Col [] Regiment Tried at a late General Court Martial for behaving in a scandalous & infamous manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and Gentleman, is sentenced to be Cashier'd. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to take place immediately.

The General also confirms the Sentence upon James McCornick of Captain Farringtons Company in Col Sargeants Regiment & Commands the Execution of it at the direction of the Colonel.

Brigade Orders

The Guards to be furnished by Detachments from the several Regiments for the future. The Detail of Duty being Altered at Head Quarters. Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Hand.

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Herrick
Adjutant of the Day from Colonel Thompsons Regiment

Head Quarters February 24th 1776

Parole Hopkins — Countersign Alfred

The General having the Credit of this Army much at Heart & Anxious that it should not only behave well but look well recommends it to & does expect that every Officer from the highest to the lowest doth exert himself to accomplish those Ends, to attain which the Brigadiers are desired to be attentive to every matter & thing relative to their Brigades & when Orders are not nor cannot be complied with immediately to report the reason thereof.

From henceforward it is expected that the Weekly Returns of every Regiment will before they are brought in to the Commander in Chief be examined & Certified by the Brigadier to whose Brigade they respectively belong; who is also to direct his Major of Brigade to keep a Book & have them Regularly entered always comparing the Returns to be made with the one preceeding & Inquiring minutely into the cause of every Change or alteration from the last. The Colonels or Commanding Officer of every Regiment is to observe the same Conduct with respect to the Returns of his Companies & keep a Book for the Regular Entry thereof. These precautions are taken to prevent the many Blunders & Mistakes which have heretofore happened, In making out the Pay Abstracts all of which for the future are to be Inspected by the Brigadier compared with their Books & Certified by them before a Warrant will be granted. Very strict Attention will be expected to this Order, for if those Books are called for & do not correspond with this Order the Officer neglecting will meet with no favour. The Commanding Officer of each Regiment may apply for a Warrant for five hundred Dollars to put into the Hands of such Officers as they send into the Country on the Recruiting Service to buy Arms. These Officers are Charged in an especial manner to purchase no Arms but such as are good & fit for immediate use. Kings Muskets or Guns as near that quantity as can be had should be got & with Bayonets if possible. As there is a Committee in each of the Counties of the Massachusetts Bay appointed by the General Court to purchase Arms for the Army, The Officers are to take care not to raise the Price by Bidding against each other. Mark Noble of Captain [David] Nobles Company in Colonel Pattersons Regiment Tried by a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Phinney

was President for Desertion is found Guilty & Sentenced to receive fifteen Lashes on his bare Back & Mulcted one Months pay to defray the Expence of Apprehending of him & bringing the Prisoner back to Camp.

The General approves the Sentence & Commands the Execution of it at such time & place as the Colonel of the Regiment shall Direct.

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Col Smith. For Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Herrick.

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 25th February 1776

Parole Virginia — Countersign Norfolk

It being a matter of too much importance to intrust the Wounds & Lives of Officers & Soldiers unskillful Surgeons—The General requests the Director General & the Surgeons of the Hospital taking also to their Assistance such Regimental Surgeons as upon examination they approve of well, to sit & examine the Surgeons & Mates of the whole Army & give Certificates to those who are found qualified to discharge the Duties of their Office, in order that they may receive Commissions.

Gentlemen of Candour & Knowledge in their Profession will see the Utility of this Measure & approve of it. None but those who are Conscious of their inability will decline the Examination. The Surgeon of every Regiment is immediately to report to the Director General of the Hospital in what manner he & his Mate are at present furnished with Instruments, Medicines Bandages &c &c—that the true state & Condition may be known. The first Court of Examination will set at the Convalescent Hospital in Cambridge at Eleven oClock in the forenoon at which all the Surgeons & their Mates in General Sullivans Brigade are to attend.

Field Officer of the Day, Col: Hitchcock

Ditto for Cobble Hill, Major Crary

Adjutant from Col: Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 26th February 1776

Parole New York — Countersign Lee

The Commanding Officers of Regiments are immediately to Order all the Axes, Pickaxes, Spades, Shovels & other Intrenching Tools now in their Possession to be forthwith sent to the Q M Generals in Cambridge.

All Officers Non Commissiond Officers & Soldiers are positively forbid playing at Cards & other Games of Chance at this Time of Public Distress; Men may find enough to do in the Service of God & their Country without abandoning themselves to Vice & Immorality.

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Col Little
Field Officer for the Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 27th February 1776

Parole Hancock — Countersign Adams

As the Season is now approaching when every Man must expect to be drawn into the Field of Action it is highly necessary that he should prepare his Mind as well as every thing Necessary for it, It is a Noble Cause we are engaged in, it is the cause of Virtue and Mankind, every Temporal Advantage & Comfort to us & our Posterity depends upon the Vigilance of our Exertions: In short Slavery or Freedom must be the result of our Conduct, there can therefore be no greater inducement to Men to behave well. But it may not be amiss for the Troops to know that if any Man in Action shall presume to Skulk or hide himself or Retreat from the Enemy without the Orders of his Commanding Officer he will be instantly Shot down as an example of Cowardice. Cowards having too frequently disconcerted the best formed Troops by their dastardly Behaviour.

Next to the favour of Divine Providence nothing is more essentially necessary to give this Army the Victory of all its Enemies than exactness of Discipline, Alertness when on Duty & Cleanliness in their Arms & Persons—unless the Arms are kept Clean & in good firing order it is impossible to vanquish the Enemy & Cleanliness of the Person gives Health & a Soldier like appearance. That no confusion may ensue when the Troops are called to Action the General has Order'd all the Posts & Guards of the Lines & Redoubts to be so fixed & regulated as every Officer & Soldier may know his Place & his Duty & to confirm the Order & Discipline the General Orders that the Officers & Men who are to Mount Guard do Parade every Morning at 8 oClock upon their Regimental Parades where they are to be received by their Adjutants in the presence of a Field Officer who is to see that their Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements are compleat & the Men Drest in a Soldier like manner, The Adjutant is then to March them to the Parade of the Brigade &

deliver them over to the Major of Brigade who is very minutely to inspect the whole & then March them to the Grand Parade when the Brigadier & Field Officer of the Day will attend to see all the Guards Paraded & March to their several Destination.

With the Brigadier will constantly Mount His Major of Brigade who is always to make up the Guards upon the Grand Parade & Report all Extraordinarys to his Brigadier General. The Brigadier of the Day will give his Orders to the Field Officer of the Day at what Time he would have him go the Visiting or Grand Rounds & half an Hour before Day Order all the Guards to be under Arms & properly Posted: Visit the Out Posts & see that the Guards are properly placed & that every thing is in good Order for Defence in case of an Attack. All Officers Commanding Guards are to Report to the Brigadier of the Day who is to report to the Commander in Chief. The Guards to be made upon the Grand Parade are Lechmores Point, Cobble Hill, Plough'd Hill, White House & Main Guard on Prospect Hill, the South, North, and middle Redoubts, Lechmores Point Bridge, & the Main Guard for Cambridge & Winter Hill. All other Guards are to be sent from the Brigade Parade the Quarter Guard of the Regiments excepted who are to be Paraded on their Regimental Parades.

Brigadier General Heath for toMorrow
Field Officer of the Day, Col Bond
Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Bonds Regiment

Head Quarters 28th February 1776

Parole Harrison — Countersign Lynch

The Commanding General at Roxbury will as soon as Possible establish a Detail of Duty at that Post as similar to that in Yesterdays Orders as the circumstances of his Command will admit which when fixed is to be transmitted to the Commander in Chief for his Inspection & Approbation.

The Brigadiers General is to take especial Care that all the Regiments belonging to their Respective Brigades know their Alarm Posts that they may instantly repair to them in Case of an Alarm. As the Guards are most of them increased the Centries are to be increased in proportion.

A Communication must be made & kept up between Post & Post that the Rounds & Patroles may pass conveniently in the Night.

After Orders

Head Quarters 28 February 1776

For the Day to Morrow, Brigadier General Sullivan

Field Officers for the Day, Col Starks & Colonel Hutchinson. As the Roads are so extreamly Dirty & the Ground so unsettled his Excellency Orders the Guards to be paraded until further Orders in the same manner & upon the same Parades as they were this Morning.

Brigade Orders by General Green

Field Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Col Hand

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Page

Adjutant from Col Smiths Regiment

Col Varnums Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

General Greens After Orders

All the Advanced Centries next to the Enemy from the White House Guard & Cobble Hill to be planted two together with Orders upon any uncommon discovery of the Motion of the Enemy or Noise by Day or Night in their Quarters, one of the Centries that makes the Discovery is immediately to report it to the Commanding Officer of the Guard, the Officer commanding at those Posts are requested to be very Vigilant, as a surprize will be very disgraceful to the Officer, & perhaps ruinous to the Party, they who Command at such Out Posts cannot be too careful as they are answerable to God & their Country for the Party committed to their Charge. The Commanding Officer at Cobble Hill is to maintain that Post at all Events & he may rest assured he will be supported, and as the Post is exceeding strong nothing but negligence can endanger it or the Party station'd there. As there is nothing more disgraceful & dangerous than Noisy & Disorderly Guards—The Commanding Officers of the several Guards are desired to exert themselves to keep the Men silent & attentive to their Duty it being necessary not only for the Security of the Post but their own preservation. The Men are to be caution'd against leaving the Guard without permission & if any quit their Post without license or behave disorderly on the Guard or treat the Officers disrespectfully to be put under Confinement & fed upon nothing but Bread & Water. The General hopes & trusts there are but few in his Brigade if any that are of so loose & disorderly a Make, so Obstinate & self willed in their dispositions as to render severity necessary. None but the most Ignorant & Clownish will be Guilty of such unsoldierlike Behaviour, but if there should any prove Refractory, he is determin'd to treat them accordingly & at the same time he means to punish all Offenders that disgrace themselves & the Corps to which

they belong he assures those that behave themselves well that he will make it his Study to reward them according to their Merit.

Head Quarters 29th February 1776

Parole Franklin — Countersign Carrol

The Commanding Officers of Brigades are to Order all the Spears in the several Posts & Redoubts to be examin'd, Clean'd, & Collected in the proper Places & make a Return of the Number fit for Service in each Brigade & where deposited.

Ensign Andrew Brown of the 7th Regiment of Foot Tried at a late General Court Martial whereof Col Phinney was President for insulting & Challenging his Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel [Johnson] Moulton, The Court were of Opinion that the Prisoner was not Guilty of the whole Charge but only of Insulting Col Moulton, therefore adjudge him publickly to ask Pardon of Lieutenant Colonel Moulton for the affront. The General approves the Sentence & Orders the Execution of it as soon as possible & the Prisoner then to be Released from his Arrest. For the Day to Morrow, Brigadier General Green. Field Officers for the Day, Lieutenant Col Poor & Col Bond.

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Alden

Adjutant from Col Thompsons Regiment

Col Hitchcocks for Picquet to Night

Head Quarters March 1st 1776

Parole Arnold — Countersign Chace

Brigadier for the Day General Heath

Field Officers for the Day to Morrow, Colonel Venum & Col Greaton

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col: Herrick

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Colonel Littles Regiment furnishes the Picquet

Head Quarters 2d March 1776

Parole Nelson — Countersign Adams

Upon any Alarm Col Pattersons Regiment is immediately to repair to Lechmores Point leaving One Captain, 2 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants & 50 Rank & File in the Redoubt leading to the Bridge. Col Bonds Regiment is instantly to March to Cobble Hill & Colonel Sarjeants Regiment to the North, Middle & South Redoubts. This is to be a standing Order until Countermanded. General Heaths, Sullivans, Green & Fryes

Brigade are in Rotation to March a Regiment an Hour before Day every Morning into the Works on Lechmores Point and Cobble Hill, five Companies of which is to go to the former & three to the Latter they are to remain in the Works until Sunrise. The Field Officer of the Guards at Lechmores Point, Cobble Hill & Plow'd Hill are to consist of a Lieutenant Colonel & Majors as those for the Day are Colonels.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments who have neglected to have their Men supplied with Fachines are immediately to Order every Commission'd Officer & Soldier to provide a good Fachine which is to be put under Centry of the Quarter Guard of the Regiment.

Brigadier for the Day, General Sullivan

Field Officer for the Day, Col Little

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Crary: Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw went in his stead he being unwell.

Head Quarters 3d March 1776

Parole Gadsden — Countersign Boston

No Officer nor Soldier under any pretence is to be absent from his Post without leave in Writing from his Brigadier General who is not to grant the Liberty of running Back & forwards from hence to Roxbury but on very special Occasions as it is not unlikely but a Contest may be brought on soon between the Ministerial Troops & this Army. The General flatters himself that every Officer & Soldier will endeavour to give such Distinguished Proofs of his Conduct & good behaviour as becomes Men who are Fighting for every thing that is dear & valuable to Freeman, remembering at the same time what disgraceful punishment will attend a contrary behaviour; every Mans Conduct will be Mark'd & rewarded or Banished accordingly & Cowardice in a most exemplary manner. The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments are to see that there several Regiments are properly told off & Supernumerary Officers as posted are to keep the Men to their Duty, particular care is to be taken to prevent their Firing at too great a distance as one Fire well aimed does more Execution than a dozen at long shott. All Wood Cutting Parties are to join their respective Regiments until further Orders. The Q M General may draw the Carbines out of the Commissarys Store & put them into the Hands of the Carpenters or such others as he thinks will use them to the best Advantage & taking care to return them when called for. All Arms in Store fit for use may be delivered out by the Adjutant Generals Orders. The Brigadiers are to

see that the Arms in their several Brigades are disposed of to the best advantage placing them in the hands only of such Men as are fittest for Duty & that the Spears are used as occasion shall require to supply the defective Arms. As it has been suggested to the General that many of the Towns People &c influenced their zeal for the Cause of their Country are inclined to throw Aid in case the Army should be called to Action, the General desires that they will to prevent any kind of Confusion or disorder join in different Companies in the several Regiments as they shall choose or form themselves into a distinct Corps under Officers of their own choosing & put themselves under the immediate Command of some Brigadier that they may not be consider'd to Act as an Independent Company. Two Companies of Colonel Thompsons Regiment are to March to Morrow Evening to Roxbury with their Blankets Arms & three Days provision ready dress'd; The Officer commanding the Party will receive his Orders from the Adjutant General. Col Hutchinson & Col [Jacob] Frenchs Regiments are to March to Roxbury by Sun rise on Tuesday Morning with their Blankets Arms & three Days Provision ready dress'd.

Brigadier of the Day, General Green. Field Officers of the Day, Col Patterson & Col Read. Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Angell.

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Col Thompsons Regiment for Picquet to Night

Head Quarters 4 March 1776

Parole Hooper — Countersign Allen

The Flag on Prospect Hill & that at the Laboratory on Cambridge Common are Order'd to be Hoisted only upon a General Alarm of this the whole Army is to take particular Notice & immediately upon those Colours being displayed every Officer & Soldier must repair to his Alarm Post This to remain a standing Order until the Commander in Chief shall please to direct otherwise. The Several Hospital Surgeons at Cambridge & every Regimental Surgeon in the left & Center Division of the Army are Orderd to meet at 5 oClock this Evening at Browns Tavern in Cambridge to take directions from the Director General of the Hospital relative to the immediate disposition of their Sick & in what manner they & their Mates are to be posted. Order'd that the Colledge be forthwith appropriated to the Reception of the Regimental Sick & such as may be Wounded That suitable Barracks at Prospect Hill or any other part of the Camp which the Director General of the

Hospital shall advise be got in immediate readiness for the reception of at least One hundred Men in case of need; & such a number of Men as he may think sufficient be Order'd to adjust in carrying Wounded Men to the Hospital & that Barrows or other means be provided for their removal. Brigadier for the Day, General Heath.

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Collins

Adjutant from Col Bonds Regiment

Col Vernums Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

Col Hitchcocks Regiment to go to Lechmores Point & Cobble Hill to Morrow Morning.

Head Quarters 5th March 1776

Parole Dorchester — Countersign Thomas

Brigadier of the Day to Morrow, General Sullivan

Field Officer of the Day, Col Bond

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Page

Adjutant from Col Smiths Regiment

Head Quarters 6 March 1776

Parole Lechmore — Countersign Putnam

Brigadier of the Day, General Green

Field Officers of the Day, Col Poor & Col Greaton

Stephen Mayten [Moyle] & William Palfrey Esquires are appointed Aid de Camp to his Excellency the Commander in Chief they are to be Obeyed as such. Thursday the 7th Instant being set apart by the Honorable the Legislature of this Province as a Day of Fasting Prayer & Humiliation to implore the Lord & giver of all Victory to Pardon our manifold Sins & Wickedness & that it would please Him to Bless the Continental Arms with his Divine Favóur & Protection All Officers & Soldiers are strictly enjoyn'd to pay due Reverance & attention on that Day to the Sacred Duties due to the Lord of Hosts for his Mercies already received & for those Mercies which our Holiness & Uprightness of Life can alone encourage us to hope through his Mercy to obtain. The Brigadiers General Heath & Frye to send for their respective Colonels immediately & with them appoint the Officers & Soldiers from each of their Brigades to be Selected under their Command & the Brigadiers General Green & Sullivan to direct that they be the best & most approv'd Soldiers. That their Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements are compleat & in

proper Order & the whole to be ready to turn out upon the shortest Notice. General Heath to report the Names of the Field Officers who are appointed for this Service to his Excellency as soon as possible.

Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Col Smiths Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

Head Quarters 7th March 1776

Parole Chedworth — Countersign Gerrye

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath
Field Officers for the Day, Col Venum & Col Phinney
Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Collins
Col Thompsons Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

Head Quarters 8th March 1776

Parole — Countersign Lloyd

The General Court Martial whereof Col Phinney was President to assemble to Morrow Morning at Pomeroy's Tavern in Cambridge. His Excellency the General returns his Thanks to the Militia of the Surrounding Districts for their Spirited & Alert March to Roxbury last Saturday & Sunday & for the Noble Ardour they discover'd in defence of the cause of Liberty & their Country. Lent or lost a small brass Telescope or Spying Glass whoever brings it to the Q M G Colonel Mifflin shall be rewarded for their Trouble.

Brigadier for the Day, General Sullivan
Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Major Crary
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment
Col Vernums Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

Head Quarters March 9

Parole Tighlman — Countersign Maner

His Excellency the General lost one of his Pistols Yesterday upon Dorchester Neck—whoever will bring it to him or leave it with General Thomas shall receive two Dollars reward & no questions Ask'd it is a skrew'd barrel'd Pistol mounted with silver & a head resembling that of a Pug Dog at the Butt. The General earnestly expects every Officer & Soldier will shew the utmost Alertness as well upon Duty as off Duty as by that means not only the utmost Power but the utmost Artifice of the Enemy will be Defeated. The Regiments who have not drawn

their Cloathing from the Q M General are commanded to do it immediately. The Regiment & Companies of Rifle Men are to hold themselves in Readiness to March at an hours warning.

The whole Army to be ready to March when Commanded.

Brigadier for the Day, Col Little & Col Patterson
Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Alden
Col Littles Regiment furnishes the Picquet to Night

Parole Head Quarters 10th March 1776
— Countersign
Brigadier for the Day, General Heath
Field Officers for the Day, Col Read & Col Greaton
Field Officer for Cobble Hill, Lieutenant Col Herrick

Parole Head Quarters 11th March 1776
— Countersign
Brigadier of the Day, General Sullivan
Field Officers of the Day, Col Arston & Col Phinney. That there may not be the least pretext for delay & as the General is determind to March the whole or any part of the Army the Instant occasion shall require, His Excellency requires that not a moments time be lost in preparing for the March—The Colonels will pay particular attention to the Cloathing the Men—To prevent any unnecessary preparation The General informs the Officers & Soldiers that it is his desire & expectation that they incumber themselves with as little Baggage as possible the enormous expence & the difficulty of procuring Teams to carry superfluous Articles is very great it will be well if a sufficient number can be found to answer all requisite Services the nature of the Services we are engaged in is such as requires light Troops to be ready at all times & all occasions for force Marches the less Baggage therefore Officers & Men are incumber'd with the better. The Recruiting Service is to be continued but the Recruits & all the Men upon Furlough are to join [words torn out] Regiments immediately. The General [torn] desires of selecting a particular number of [torn] as a Guard for himself & Baggage. The Colonel or Commanding Officers of each of the Establish'd Regiments (The Artillery & Rifle Men excepted) will furnish him with four that the number wanted may be chosen out of them.

His Excellency depends upon the Colonels for good Men such as they can recommend for their Sobriety, Honesty & good Behaviour, He

wishes them to be from five feet eight Inches high to five feet ten Inches, handsomely & well made & as there is nothing in his Eyes more desirable than cleanness in a Soldier he desires that particular Attention may be made in the choice of such Men as are clean & spruce—they are all to be at Head Quarters to Morrow precisely at 12 oClock at Noon when the number wanted will be fixed upon—The General neither wants them with Uniforms nor Arms nor does he desire any Men to be sent to him that is not perfectly willing or desirous of being of this Guard—they should be Drill'd Men. [There is here a page missing from the orderly book, which resumes in the middle of the entry for March 18:] from each Brigade to Parade to Morrow Morning at Sun rise in Charlestown, The Brigadier of the Day will attend & see the whole carried over the Ferry into Boston & then March'd to the Place of their Destination.

Any Officer who quits his Command will be Cashier'd, & any Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier found Guilty of the like offence will be instantly punish'd with 39 Lashes upon the Bare Back with a Cat of Nine Tails.

Head Quarters 19th March 1776

Parole Philadelphia — Countersign Sidney

Brigade Major Henley being Order'd to attend General Heaths Brigade, Major Cary is to take the Duty of both their Brigades untill further Orders & is therefore upon no Account to be absent from Cambridge. All Officers & Soldiers & others are positively forbid going into the Town of Boston without a Pass or being sent expressly upon Duty as Soon as the Select Men Report the Town to be Cleans'd from Infection Liberty will be given to those who have Business there to go in. The Inhabitants of the Towns may be permitted to return to their Habitations proper Persons being appointed at the Neck & at Charlestown Ferry to grant them Passes.

Brigadier for the Day General Sullivan

Head Quarters 20th March 1776

Parole Dorchester — Countersign Salem

Whitcombs, Phinneys & Hutchinsons Regiments are to March into Boston this Day & remain there untill further Orders, They are to Guard the Town & Publick Stores there, & do all the Fatigue & other Duties as the General Commanding there thinks proper to Order.

Every possible precaution will be taken to destroy the Infection of the Small Pox. The Troops now in Boston are to March out & Join their respective Regiments upon being Reliev'd by the Regiments that are to March in. The Posts on Bunkers Hill, Breeds Hill, & Charlestown Ferry are to be Garrison'd by Col [John] Waldrons Regiment—who is to take especial Care that the Abbatis Picketting are preserved intire.

The Quarter M General is to see that Fire Wood or [torn] is immediately laid in for those Posts. The Commissary General has Orders immediately to lay in a proper supply of Provisions for the Garrisons of Boston Bunkers Hill & Dorchester Heights.

Head Quarters 21st March 1776

Parole New York — Countersign Hallifax

Parsons & Carys Regiments are to March this Afternoon & Relieve the Troops on Dorchester Heights, where those Regiments are to remain in Garrison until further Orders. The Deputy Q M General will provide Carriages from Roxbury, and Provisions are Order'd by the Commissary General to be Stor'd upon the Heights.

The Detail for Roxbury & Cambridge Departments will be do to the Major of Brigade with the Days Orders.

Head Quarters 22d March 1776

Parole Grafton — Countersign Hancock

The Colonels of Artillery, Q M G & Commissary of Stores to make out an Exact Return of all Military Stores, Provisions &c now in Boston, Cambridge, Roxbury, Dorchester Heights, Forts &c Adjacent.

This must be done in the exactest manner & when finish'd & Sign'd, deliver'd by the proper Officers of each Department to the Commander in Chief. The Provost Martial is forthwith to remove with his Prisoners to Boston.

The Prisoners of War & John Stevens are by his Excellency's Orders to be put into Boston Goal. The Major of Brigade to Order the Adjutants to be punctual in delivering their Weekly Returns at Orderly Time to Morrow.

Head Quarters 23d March 1776

Parole — Countersign

Colonel James Reeds, Nixon's, Poors, Prescotts, Arnolds, & Baldwins Regiments are the first to March under Brigadier General Sullivan,

they are to be ready at a Moments Warning. The General flatters himself that the Commanding Officers of each of these & the other Corps, will exert themselves (as they are going to join the Troops of other Colonies) in sprucing up their Men that they may look as Soldier like & respectable as possible, this & a proper Attention to the good & orderly Behaviour of the Men, & a proper care of the Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements are qualifications essentially necessary to every Commanding Officer, therefore for their own Honour & the Honour of the New England Colonies, it is hoped they will diligently exert themselves at this Time. Two Companies of Artillery with such light Brass Ordnance & Stores as the Commanding Officer of Artillery shall direct are to March with General Sullivan. Col Gridley is to apply to General Ward for such Men as are necessary for the Demolition of the Lines on Boston Neck who is to see the Work Executed as fast as Possible The Pickets & other useful Materials to be preserved & placed (so as to be ready when called for) under the care of Centries such part of these Works as may be of Service for our defence are to be preserved Col Knox will immediately lay out a Battery upon Charlestown Point to be Executed under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel [Daniel] Mason of the Artillery. A Field Officer with all the Men off Duty of Col. [John] Robinsons Regiment to March at Sunrise to Morrow Morning to Charlestown Point as a Working Party.

Field Officer of the Day, Major [Calvin] Smith
Adjutant of the Day from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 24th March 1776

Parole Northampton — Countersign Lynch

The Enemy still continuing in the Harbour without any Apparent Cause for it, after Winds & Weather have favoured their Sailing leaves abundant Reason to suspect that they may have some design of Aiming a Blow at us before they Depart. The General therefore in the strongest Terms immaginable recommends it to the Commanding Officers of every Corps to prevent their Men that are off Duty from Stragling but to have them ready to turn out at a moments Warning with their Arms & Ammunition in good Order. For this Purpose a strict examination is to be paid at Roll calling & delinquents severely punished.

The General Officers in their several Departments are to take Care that proper Alarm posts are Assign'd every Corps that no Confusion or Disorder may ensue in Case we are called out. In a particular manner

Generals Putnam & Sullivan are to attend to those of the Center & left Division as the Enemy's Evacuation of Boston will render a new Disposition proper, they are to meet & consult on this point without Delay. General Green will dispose of the Regiments in Boston to the best Advantage. The floating Batteries to be Mann'd (if they have Guns in them) & sent down to Charlestown Point for the purpose of Defence in case of need. The Guard Boats are to patrol constantly & be very attentive to every Movement of the Enemy & good look outs kept at & from Chelsea round to Squantum & the earliest information given of a Hostile appearance.

All the flat bottom'd & Whale Boats not in immediate use are to be brought from Boston & Charlestown where they are Beating against the Wharves & secured in Cambridge River. Mr. Sylvanus Drew is appointed to take Charge of the Boats & make return thereof to the Commander in Chief—such Hands as he shall find necessary to get these Boats together General Putnam will Order. The Public Horses & some other Articles will be sold on the Common in Cambridge to Morrow at Eleven oClock.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Page
Adjutant from Col Smiths Regiment

Head Quarters 25th March 1776

Parole Charlestown — Countersign Rutledge

The Waggon Master & Company of Carpenters in Boston to receive & Obey all such Orders and directions as Brigadier General Green shall think proper to give. The Hospital & Regimental Surgeons to examine carefully the state of their Sick, & whenever they discover the smallest symptoms of the small-pox they are without delay to send the Patient to the Small Pox Hospital in Cambridge.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 26th March 1776

Parole — Countersign

Field Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Col: Crary
Adjutant from Col. Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 27th March 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Militia are desir'd to make out their Pay Abstracts to the first of April, they will be allow'd pay till they get home estimating every Twenty Mile they have to Travel at one Days pay. They will also be allow'd one penny per Mile in lieu of Rations for their expence & in returning this pay of the Militia it is to commence from that Day the Men March'd for their respective Homes in the same manner as the last were paid. If more than that is expected a seperate Accompt must be exhibited by each Regiment as the General does not think himself authorised to pay them otherwise in behalf of the Continent than as above agreeable to former practice: nor did he con[] that Pay could be demanded by the Militia whilst they remain'd at Home about their pri[] concerns until a Company could be compleat. The penny a Mile is to be allow'd for their coming into Camp if it has not been already paid—As their can be no correcting Militia Accounts without great difficulty after they are once past & paid, the General desires that the Colonels & Commanding Officers of those Regiments will be particularly careful in seeing they are exactly stated, to this end the Captain or Commanding Officers of the Regiment he belongs to has his Pay Roll agreeable to the foregoing directions upon Oath which Rolls are to accompany the Pay Abstracts as Vouchers to it.

Upon any Alarm Reeds, Nixons & Poors Regiments are to repair to Bunkers Hill. Vernums & Hitchcocks to Mann the Fort upon Prospect Hill, Littles to repair to Cobble Hill, Arnolds & Robinsons Regiments to repair to Lechmores Point & Smiths Regiment to Parade at the White House Guard & there wait for Orders.

Phinneys & Arnolds Regiments are positively Order'd to send immediately to the Continental Store for their Cloathing.

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

25 March Parole Charlestown — Countersign Rutledge

26 March Parole Martinico — Countersign Barbadoes

27 Parole Hispaniola — Countersign York
Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Head Quarters 28th March 1776

Parole Cumberland — Countersign Gloucester

General Sullivan with the six Regiments mention'd in the General Orders of the 23d Instant are to March to Morrow Morning at Sun rise, the Q M General or his Assistant will provide Nine Teams for each Regiment & the Adjutant General will deliver the Rout & Orders to General Sullivan.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Adjutant from Col Smiths Regiment

Head Quarters March 29th 1776

Parole Carolina — Countersign Lee

Varnums, Hitchcocks, Littles, Reads and Bayleys Regiments to March on Monday Morning at Sunrise. Brigadier General Green will take the Command of this Brigade. D.Q.M. General will provide the necessary Teams & the Commissary General will deliver the Provisions for the March. The Adjutant General will give the Marching Orders to the Colonel Commanding the Division. The Field Officers of Regiments & Captains of Companies will be Answerable for any Damage done to the Barracks upon their Mens moving out, therefore it behooves them to see that no wanton Destruction is committed as they will be charged with a sum sufficient to pay for repairing the mischief done.

Field Officer for the Day, Major Page
Adjutant from Col Varnums Regiment

Head Quarters 30th March 1776

Parole Dedham — Countersign Putnam

A Detachment from the Regiment of Artillery to be ready to March on Monday Morning with the Brigade under Brigadier General Green. The Colonels Commanding Regiments of this Brigade may each of them receive a Warrant for Five Hundred Pounds Lawful Money upon Application at Head Quarters. A General Court Martial to set on Monday Morning in Boston at the Court House to Try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court.

Head Quarters 31st March 1776

Parole Moon — Countersign Newbourn

Learned, Parsons, Huntingtons, Wards & Wyllis's Regiments are to March at Sunrise next Thursday Morning—The whole to be Commanded by Brigadier General Spencer. The Commander of the Regiment of Artillery except the Company that is to remain in Boston with such Peices of Artillery & Stores as Col: Knox shall think necessary are to March with the above Brigade. The Q M General Assistant to pay particular attention to the providing Teams for the Regiments & Artillery abovemention'd. The Commanding Officers of these five Regiments may each of them have a Warrant for Five Hundred Pounds upon application at Head Quarters & they are to Credit the Pay Abstract for the Month of February for that Sum. All the Ammunition & other Articles which have been delivered to the Regiments of Militia out of the Continental Store are to be carefully return'd, or the Value will be deducted out of their Pay Abstracts The Adjutant Q M General & Commissary of Stores are to take care that this Order be fullfill'd.

Head Quarters 1st April 1776

Parole — Countersign

Brigade Orders by General Green

Prospect Hill 1st April 1776

The Ninth, Eleventh & Twelfth Regiments to March immediately to Providence, The Colonel or Command Officer of each Regiment to appoint a Subaltern Officer, Serjeant & 20 Men to Load & Guard the Baggage which is to be left behind. The Troops are to take three Days Provisions with them their Knapsacks & Blankets & nothing else as they are to March with all possible Expedition. As there cannot be Waggons procured for all five of the Regiments under Marching Orders, Col Hitchcocks Baggage is to be left untill more can be procured. Col Vernums is to lead this Division special Care is to be taken that no Officers or Soldiers leave the Regiments to which they belong or that any of the Soldiery offer any abuse to the Inhabitants or Passengers on the Road. The Guard at General Lee's to join their respective Regiments immediately.

Head Quarters 2d April 1776

Parole — Countersign

Head Quarters 18th April 1776

Parole

— Countersign

The Honorable the Continental Congress have been pleas'd to direct the Thanks of the United Colonies to be presented to the Officers & Soldiers of this Army who with unremitted Courage and Perseverance have Surmounted every effort of the Enemy, & every Attack of that severe Climate in persisting eleven Months in the Blockade & Siege of Boston, & finally forcing their Enemies to make a shameful & precipitate Retreat from that once devoted Town. That Honorable Mark of the Approbation of the Congress would have been inserted sooner in the General Orders, had not the Express gone to the Eastward while the Army was upon the March & arrived only last Evening from Boston.

Head Quarters New York 19th April 1776

Parole

— Countersign

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Corps are without delay to make up their pay Abstracts agreeable to the Orders of the 4th Instant & present the same for an Order for payment, Necessary Cloathing &c must be immediately provided for every Regiment & Corps & the whole to be in readiness for Service here or elsewhere as occasion may require as no excuse will be admitted to retard or prevent a March or Embarkation when ever necessary to be Commanded. The Muster Rolls must be immediately prepar'd & the Muster Master General is to Muster the whole as soon as possible. The Colonels who have receiv'd Money for the purchase of Arms & Blankets are to make out their Accompts of Disbursements & lodge them with the Abstracts that a final settlement may be made. All Persons serving in the Continental Army without Commissions from the Congress are desir'd to give in their Names & Employment that the propriety of their appointment & the Nature of their Duty may be judged of.

Major Crane to take the Command of the Continental Artillery at New York. All Returns of that Corps to be made to him. From General Heaths Brigade is to be sent as soon as possible to the Morterson Island a Guard for the small-Pox Hospital.

The Quarter Master General to supply a Boat, & the Commissary General Provisions for the above Guard. James Briton of Captain [Moses] Drapers Company In Colonel Bonds Regiment tried at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Baldwin was President for

quitting his Post when on Centry is found Guilty by the Court & Adjudg'd to receive Twenty Lashes. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be Executed at such Time & Place as Col Bond shall direct.

Head Quarters 20th April 1776

Parole Hartly — Countersign Newnham

The General is much surprized that notwithstanding the Orders of the 14th Instant he is without those Returns he then called for; he again repeats the Orders & once for all requests that he may not in future have Occasion to Issue two Orders to the same purpose. Returns from every Corps are to be made Regularly at Orderly time every Saturday.

Head Quarters April 21st 1776

Parole Rockingham — Countersign Grafton

Head Quarters April 22d, 1776

Parole Lechmore — Countersign Conway

For the future all Prisoners Confin'd for which they are to be Tryed by a General Court Martial are to be sent to the Provost Guard & all Prisoners Confin'd in any Guard for Offences that come under the Cognizance of a Regimental Court Martial are to be sent to the Barrack Guard of the Regiment they belong to.

Head Quarters 23d April 1776

Parole Burke — Countersign Barre

Hitchcock & Vernums Regiments to be ready to be Mustered on Friday Morning next they will be under Arms at Eleven in the Forenoon upon the Common near the Park of Artillery where the Commissary General of Musters will attend.

Brigade Orders

A Fatigue Party to parade every Morning at seven oClock of four hundred Men. The Commanding Officer to receive Orders from General Putnam.

Head Quarters 24th April 1776

Parole Saville — Countersign Thanet

A Clean well dress'd Serjeant from each Brigade to attend in the Generals Guard Room near Head Quarters from six in the Morning

till they are discharg'd—they are to bring these Provisions with them & to be releiv'd every Morning. The Commanding Officer of Artillery is immediately to examine & report the quantity of Case & Grape Shot in store & see that a sufficiency of Cartridges is immediately provided. The Rifle Men have Liberty to fire their Rifles at ten in the forenoon at such place as Lieutenant [Colonel Thomas] Hartley shall appoint.

Head Quarters 25th April 1776

Parole Johnston — Countersign Lutterell

Complaints having been made to the General of Injuries done to the Farmers in their Crops & Fields by the Soldiers passing over & trampling upon the Young Growth in a Wanton & disorderly manner he expressly Orders the Officers Commanding whether upon Duty or in Quarters in the Country to take especial Care to put a stop to such Practices & endeavour to convince their Men that we came to protect not to injure the property of any Man. The Q M G—assisted by Col Putnam Chief Engineer the Q Master & Q M Serjeant & two Men from each Regiment of the first, second, fourth and fifth Brigade to assemble at Sun rise to Morrow Morning at the Redoubt upon Bayards Hill to Mark out the Encampment for the four Brigades abovemention'd. The Q M G: will report to the Commander in Chief when he has fulfilled this Order. The Encampment of the 3d Brigade to be Mark'd out in like manner upon Long Island on Saturday Morning the chief Engineer with a Q Master from each Regiment will assist the Q M General in that Service—as soon as the General has approved of the Encampment Mark'd out the Troops will be Order'd to Encamp; untill then they are all to remain in their present Quarters.

One Serjeant One Corporal & Twenty Men to Parade to Morrow at ten oClock at the Colledge as a Hospital Guard, they are to receive & Obey the Orders of the Director General of the Hospital for the time being & are to be releiv'd every Morning at 10 oClock. James Gray of Captain Michaels Company in Colonel Baldwins Regiment Try'd at a late G C Martial whereof Col Baldwin was President for Desertion, The Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do Sentence him to be Whipp'd Thirty Nine Lashes upon his Bare Back. Joseph Leverett of Captain Wyles Company in Colonel Nixons Regiment Try'd at the above General C: Martial for absenting himself from the Guard without permission & being intoxicated with Liquor is found guilty by the Court & Sentenc'd to receive twenty five Lashes on his Bare Back. Joseph

Smith of Captain [Ebenezer] Winships Company in Colonel Nixons Regiment Try'd at the above C: Martial for quitting his Post when on Centry is acquitted by the Court. The General approves the Sentence of the foregoing Court & Orders them to be put in Execution to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

Head Quarters 26th April 1776

Parole Abington — Countersign Hartley

Lieutenant Col Hartley of the Sixth Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops having lost a Spy Glass which draws out either on Governours Island or Near White Hall Slip—whoever will bring the same to Mr. Arrey in the City shall have a Dollar & the Thanks of the Owner & no Question Asked, it may perhaps have been left in the Boat in which Col Hartley came over from Governours Island on Tuesday the 24th Instant.

Head Quarters 27th April 1776

Parole Cambden — Countersign Chatham

The Riotous Behaviour of some Soldiers belonging to the Continental Army Yesterday has fill'd the General with much regret & Concern & lays him under the disagreeable necessity of declaring that if the like behaviour should be practised again the Author will be brought to the severest punishment if taken or treated as a common Enemy if they dare to resist. Men are not to Carve out a Remedy for themselves, if they are injured in any respect there are Legal Modes to persue just Complaints will always be attended to and redress'd. It should be the Pride of a Soldier to conduct himself in such a Manner as to obtain the applause not the reproof of a people he is sent to defend & it should be the Business as it is the Duty of Officers to inculcate & inforce this Doctrine. The Continental Congress having been pleas'd to Order a General & Six more Regiments to be sent to Canada immediately—his Excellency directs the Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments Viz Stark's, Reeds, [Anthony] Waynes, Irwines, [Elias] Daytons and Wynde to prepare their Corps for immediate Embarkation, the Q. M. General will forthwith provide Vessels & the Commissary General with Provisions. General Sullivan will order every Regiment to embark & Sail with all convenient speed. The Honorable Continental Congress in consideration of the four last named Regiments being Order'd out of the Middle Colonies are pleas'd to direct that they be put upon the same pay with those already upon more remote Service which Pay is to Com-

mence from the first Day of May next. Colonel Starks & Colonel Reeds Regiments to be ready to be Muster'd to Morrow Morning at 8 oClock upon the Common near the Park of Artillery. All Officers, Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers at present absent from the Regiments Commanded by Col: Wayne, [Thomas] Irwines [Ewing], Daytons & [William] Wynde [Winds] are forthwith Order'd to join their respective Corps, Col [Alexander] Mc Dougall & Colonel [Rudolphus] Ritzmas Regiments to parade on Monday Morning at ten oClock upon the Common to be review'd.

William Haynes of Captain Duntons Company in Colonel Ritzmas Regiment Try'd at a late G C Martial whereof Colonel Baldwin was President for Desertion. The Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do Sentence him to be Whipp'd Twenty five Lashes on his bare Back. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution on Monday Morning at the Head of the Regiment.

Head Quarters New York 28th April 1776

Parole Manchester — Countersign Ponsonby

The Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are to be careful that the Men are made perfectly well acquainted with all the Orders that Issue for the Government of the Army & are not to be less diligent in enforcing Obedience thereto. Yesterday a number of Colonel Irwines Regiment were found in different places firing their Pieces & Wasting their Ammunition under pretence of their not knowing they were acting Contrary to Orders. The Articles of War are to be read at least once a Week to every Company in the Army that neither Men or Officers may plead Ignorance against any of the Rules and Regulations therein contained.

Colonel Wyndes & Colonel Daytons Regiments to be Muster'd on Tuesday Morning at 8 oClock upon the Common where the Commissary General of the Musters will attend. The Muster Rolls & those Regiments to be prepar'd immediately.

Brigade Orders by General Green

Field Officer for Fatigue to Morrow, Lieutenant Col: Crary
Adjutant for the Day from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 29th April 1776

Parole Dunning — Countersign Glyn

The Army to be ready to encamp upon the Ground Mark'd out by the Q.M. General on Wednesday morning at 8 oClock, Colonel Mifflin will

upon the application of the Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps supply the necessary Tents & Camp Equipage, Straw & Firewood. The Troops are to be Brigaded & Encamp'd in the following Order. The first Brigade upon the Right, the Second upon the Left & the fourth in the Centre; The Regiment of Artillery in the Rear of the Park of Artillery which is to be formed upon the Ground assignd for that purpose.

The Regiments are to be Brigaded as follows—

First Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General Heath, Learned, Baileys, Reads & Prescotts & Baldwins. Second Brigade under Command of Brig. General Spencer, Parsons, Huntingtons, Wyllis, Arnolds & Wards. Third Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General Green, Hands, Varnums, Hitchcocks & Littles. Fourth Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General the Earl of Stirling, Webbs, Nixons, McDougalls & Ritzmas. The third Brigade under Brigadier General Green to Encamp upon the Ground Mark'd out upon Long Island. The Companies of Virginia & Maryland Rifle Men to be included in Lord Stirlings Brigade.

As Captain [Abraham C.] Van Dyck Commanding the Grenadier Company of the City of New York has by Letter acquainted Lord Stirling that the Circular Battery to the North West is now compleat & the General being inform'd that the said Grenadiers Company did on the first Alarm of Danger from the Enemy voluntarily undertake to Erect the said Battery & have themselves in a most Masterly Manner finish'd the same, the General justly admiring such an example of Spirit & perseverance, and highly esteeming a Body of Men possess'd of the Noble Virtues of good Citizens, desires his Thanks to be thus publickly given to the Company of Grenadiers for this instance of their ready compliance with his Wishes. The Officers & Men of Col Wyndes Regiment to be dismiss'd from the Laboratory and prepare for embarkation. The Regiment of Artillery are immediately to furnish a sufficient Number for that Duty. Col Prescott are to remain in their present Encampment until further Orders. Col Wyndes Regiment are to occupy the Barracks at present occupied by Colonel McDougalls Regiment. The Q M G with Field Officers of the Regiment of Artillery are with proper Assistants to assemble at Sunrise to Morrow Morning at Bayards Hill to Mark out the Ground for the Artillery Park & for the Encampment of the Regiment of Artillery. Field Officer, Lieutenant Col Cornwall.

Brigadier General Greens Orders.

The Quarter Masters of the 9th, 11th, & 12th Regiments to apply to the Q M G for Tents & Camp Utensils this Evening to be in readiness to Encamp agreeable to General Orders to Morrow Morning At 4 oClock this Afternoon Col Vernum, Hitchcock & Little are desir'd to attend at the General Quarters to go over to Long Island & view the Encampment mark'd out. A Serjeant & 20 Men to parade at White Hall to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock to be under the direction of Engineer Smith.

Head Quarters 30th April 1776

Parole Sawbridge — Countersign Oliver

All Officers Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers belonging to any of the Regiments now in or going to Canada to parade to Morrow Morning at 9 oClock in the Street opposite to General Sullivans Quarters near the Bowling Green to receive his Orders—all Officers, Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers are strictly commanded upon no pretence whatever to carry any thing out of their Barracks or the Houses they at present occupy that belong to such Houses or Barracks neither are they to injure the Buildings within or without. All Damages, Wantonly done to the Houses where the Troops are Quarter'd to be paid for by the Troops quarter'd in them. The Commanding Officers of Companys to deliver to Col Brewer, Barrack Master, a list of the Names, of those Quarter'd in each House, his own Name at the Head of the List & the Regiment to which he belongs.

Immediately upon the Troops Encamping the Q.M. General & Barrack Master to examine the Condition the Houses are left in & secure them in the best Manner & make their report to the General. General Greens Brigade to encamp to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock upon the ground mark'd out upon Long Island. Lost by the Subscriber out of the House of Mrs. J. Mary Montagne, Innkeeper, in this City, a large Pocket book marked with Crewel on Canvass, in which was a Receipt Book, Two small Minute-Books & a number of valuable papers (Viz) some Accompts in the name of Henry Champion & Company against Joseph Trumbull Esquire Commissary General, some Notes of Hand in favour of the Subscriber, &c. Whoever shall discover said Book & Papers & will return them to me or to Joseph Trumbull Esquire shall receive Ten Dollars reward & no questions Asked. Signed Amasa Keyes. One Captain, 4 Subbs, 4 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, 2 Drums & 84 Privates to parade this Afternoon at 3 oClock at Mr. Van Zands Wharf to go

upon Command under Col [Benjamin] Tupper, The Officers & Men of this Command to be taken equally from the four Brigades mention'd in Yesterdays Orders, they are if possible to be all Seamen or Men who are used to the Water.

Head Quarters 1st May 1776

Parole Shelburne — Countersign Townshend

Brigadier General of the Day, General Heath, Field Officers for the Day to Morrow, Col Vernum & Col Greaton.

The Major of Brigade to see that every Regiment in their respective Brigades take their proper share of all Duties that the Service requires. Taken up lately at Norwich Landing & brought hither a Knapsack with Sundry Articles in it Also at New London a Gun & Cartouch Box the Gun number'd on the Breech. The Owner may have them again by applying to me the Subscriber in Col Wards Regiment & describing the same Sign'd Jonathan Allen Captain.

Head Quarters 2d May 1776

Parole Granby — Countersign Wilkes

The 1st, 2d, & 4th Brigades to Encamp to Morrow Morning, each Regiment to be drawn up on their Regimental Parades at 8 oClock in the Morning & directly March to the Ground Mark'd out for their Encampment where they are immediately to pitch their Tents. The Q.M. General will provide Camp Equipage, Wood & Straw necessary for the Encampment. Brigadier Generals or Officers Commanding will attend to the Encampment of their respective Brigades & see that one Regiment does not inroach upon another, but Encamp exactly upon the Ground Assign'd. The Chief Engineer Lieutenant Col [Rufus] Putnam the Detail for the Working Parties wanted next Day to General Putnam who will provide Boats & give the necessary Orders for Marching them to the Place where they are to Work & will also direct the in-trenching Tools to be properly distributed.

Brigade Orders

The 9th, 11th, & 12th Regiments to pitch their Tents to Day, but as there is Straw only for one Regiment the 12th Regiment only to go into Tents to Night, the 9th & 11th to remain in their Quarters. To Morrow Straw will be provided for the other two Regiments. Every Captain & Subaltern to Encamp with their Companys & by no Means to Lodge out of Camp, except for a Night or so. Officers of all Ranks are requested

to exert themselves to keep good Order in Camp preserve the Inhabitants from Insults & their Property from Waiste, no Trees or fencing stuff taken for fuel or any pretence whatever, every Soldier discover'd Violating this Order to be punish'd immediately on the Spot. The Quarter Master to attend particularly to the Articles of Wood & Straw & see that the Troops are properly supplied.

No Soldiers to be out of Camp after Tattoo Beating. The Rolls to be called twice a Day.

Head Quarters 3d May 1776

Parole Albany — Countersign Quebec

A General C: Martial of the Lines consisting of 1 Colonel, 1 Lieutenant Colonel, 1 Major & 10 Captains to sit to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock to try all such Prisoner as shall be brought before them All Evidences & Persons Concern'd to attend the Court. Frederick Roach a Mattross in the Regiment of Artillery try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Baldwin was President for insulting & Striking some Inhabitants on Long Island. The Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do sentence him to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his bare Back. Edward McCartney of Captain Fardenburgs Company in Col Ritzmas Regiment try'd at the above General C Martial for Desertion is found Guilty by the Court & sentenced to receive 39 Lashes on his naked Back. John Maxfield of Captain [Abraham] Tylers Company in Col Huntingtons Regiment try'd at the above General C. Martial for Desertion, the Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do Sentence him to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes for said Offence. Charles Bowen of Captain [Samuel] Potters Company in Col Daytons Regiment Try'd by the above General C. Martial for Desertion is found Guilty & Sentenced to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves of each of the foregoing Sentences & order them to be put in Execution to Morrow Morning at-Guard mounting.

Head Quarters 4th May 1776

Parole Montreal — Countersign St Johns

The Weather proving Wet & Cold the Regiments that did not Encamp Yesterday are to remain in their present Quarters until Monday Morning when they are to March & Encamp upon the Ground Assign'd them. The undernamed Officers are appointed by the General to oversee the Works laid out by the Engineer, Captain Chapman of Col Prescotts

Regiment, Lieutenant [Marcus] Cole of Colonel Wyllis Regiment, Lieutenant [Thomas] Fish of Col Learned's Regiment & Lieutenant [Nathan] Goodale of Col [Joseph] Reeds Regiment. The Colonel & Commanding Officers of Regiments are to be particular in Obliging their Q Masters constantly to attend to the Cleaning the Streets of their Encampment & especially to the digging & fixing the Necessaries in the Places appointed for that purpose which are every Morning to be lightly cover'd with fresh Earth & at stated times fill'd up & new Ones Dug. To the End that all obnoxious & unwholesome smells be prevented from infecting the Camp. The Q Masters are also carefully to see the Filth & Carrion in or near their Encampments immediately buried. The Honorable the Continental Congress have been pleased to appoint William Palfrey Esquire to be Paymaster General of the Army of the united Colonies, he is to be respected & obeyed as such.

Col Huntington & Col Parsons Regiments to be muster'd in the Front of their Encampment upon Tuesday Morning next They are to prepare their Rolls accordingly, The Muster Master General will attend at eight oClock. William Winslow in Captain [John] Johnsons Company in Colonel Mc Dougalls Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Baldwin was President for Desertion is acquitted by the Court.

The General orders the Prisoner to be releas'd from his Confinement & Wishes he could add his approbation of the proceedings of the Court Martial.

Head Quarters 5th May 1776

Parole Franklin — Countersign Chace

The Commanding Officers of Regiments to send a Return to the Q M General of the Armourers & Smiths in their respective Corps when such as are necessary for the Service of the Army will be draughted. Col Wyllis & Col Arnolds Regiment are to be Mustered in the Front of their Encampment upon Wednesday Morning next at 8 oClock when the Commissary General of the Musters will attend. The Officers Commanding the Guard in and about the Encampment are to be particularly attentive to prevent any Waste or Depredation being committed upon the Trees, Fences, Fields or Buildings about the Camp. Turff is not to be permitted to be cut unless by the express Orders of the Chief Engineer, and any non Commission'd Officer or Soldier who is detected cutting any of the Trees near the Camp will be confined & Tried for disobedience of

Orders. The Q. M. General will supply a certain quantity of Boards for Flooring for the Tents of every Regiment which are upon no Account to be Converted to any other use. The Officers & Soldiers Order'd upon Command under Lieutenant Col Tupper of which a Roll is this Day deliver'd to the several Brigade Majors are to be continued upon that Command till further Orders & the Regiments they are severally Draughted from are to have an allowance in the Roll of Duty accordingly.

Brigade Orders

A Fatigue party to Morrow Morning of two hundred Men properly Officered. No Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier to pass the Ferry to New York without permission from some of the Field Officers, any of the Troops attempting to pass over without Permission will be Confin'd & Try'd for disobedience of Orders. Any of the Fatigue Parties that leaves the Works without Liberty shall do constant Duty for a whole Week. As the security of New York greatly depends upon this pass when these Works are Constructing, the General hopes the Troops will carefully forward the same as fast as possible. The Inhabitants having entered a Complaint that their Meadow Grounds are injur'd by the Troops going upon them to gather Greens they are for the future strictly prohibited going on any of the Inhabitants Ground unless in the proper Passes to & from the Encampment & the Forts without Orders from some Commission'd Officer. The General desires the Troops not to sully their reputation by any undue Liberty in Speech or Conduct, but behave themselves towards the Inhabitants with that decency & respect that becomes the Character of Troops fighting for the preservation of the Rights & Liberties of America.

The General would have the Troops consider we came here to protect the Inhabitants & their Property from the Ravages of the Enemy but if instead of Support & Protection they meet with nothing but Insult & Outrage we shall be considered as a lawless Banditti & treated as Oppressors & Enemies.

New York Head Quarters 6th May 1776

Parole Virginia — Countersign Lee

The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments are again reminded of the propriety of immediately providing their Men with Cloathing & Necessaries that they may be ready to March or Embark upon the Shortest Notice: The General wishes to impress this strongly upon the

Minds of the Colonels because no Excuse will be taken to delay their departure the moment it becomes necessary. It is recommended to those Corps which are not already supplied with Uniforms to provide Hunting Shirts for their Men. Col Hands & Col Littles Regiments to be Muster'd upon Thursday Morning at Long Island. The Colonels to acquaint Commissary General [Stephen] Moylan with the Places where & the Hour when it is most convenient for the Mustering & to prepare their Rolls accordingly.

N York Head Quarters 7th May 1776

Parole Devonshire — Countersign Cavendish

Every Regiment Encamp'd in the Lines & every Regiment in the Brigade upon Long Island exclusive of their Quarter & Rear Guard are to mount a Picquet every Evening at Retreat Beating at Sun sett Consisting of one Captain, Two Subalterns, three Serjeants, one Drum & one Fife & Fifty Rank & File, they are to lay upon their Arms & be ready to turn out at a Moments Warning.

One Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel & one Major to mount every Evening at Sun sett as Field Officers of the Picquet immediately upon any Alarm or Order from the Brigadier General of the Day the Picquets are to form in the Front of their respective Encampments & their wait the Orders of the Field Officer Commanding the Picquet, The Field Officer Commanding the Picquet instantly to obey the Orders of the Brigadier General of the Day. A Brigadier General to mount every Morning at Ten oClock who will receive all Reports, Visit all the Out Guards in the Day Time & Report all Extraordinaries to the Commander in Chief. One Brigade Major of the Day is constantly to attend Head Quarters to receive all Extraordinary Orders & to distribute them immediately. The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel & Major of the Picquet, the former to go the Grand Rounds & the two latter the Visiting Rounds of the Camp. Brigadier General Green will Order the same Picquet to be Mounted by the Regiments of his Brigade as are Mounted by those in the Grand Camp. He will also direct one Field Officer to Mount daily to Command them. General Green will Report all Extraordinaries to the Commander in Chief. Col Prescott or Officer Commanding upon Nutters or Governours Island & the Officers Commanding at Red Hook to report all Extraordinaries to the Commander in Chief upon any appearance of an Enemy. The Commanding Officer at Red Hook will also dispatch a Messenger to General Green. The Officer Commanding the Rifle Men

upon Long Island will constantly all Extraordinaries to Brigadier General Green and the Officer Commanding upon Statten Island will do the same to the Commander in Chief.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Nixon, Lieutenant Col Tyler &
Major Sprout

Brigade Major for the Day, Henly

Head Quarters 8th May 1776

Parole Manchester — Countersign York

John Fowle Soldier in Captain Winships Company in Col Nixons Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Col Huntington was President for deserting from his Guard & being three Days absent from his Regiment without leave is found Guilty by the Court & Sentenced to receive Twenty Lashes upon the bare Back for said Offence. Timothy Dawney Soldier in Captain Curtis's Company in Colonel Learned's Regiment Try'd by the same General Court Martial for attempting to Stab Joseph Laffin assaulting John Phipps & for Snapping a loaded Musquet at Luther Prouty. The Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge Order him to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes upon the Bare Back & to be Drumm'd out of the Army. John Beling of Captain [Alexander] Hamiltons Company in the New York Artillery try'd by the same General Court Martial for Desertion is found Guilty of breaking from his Confinement & Sentenced to be Confind 6 Days upon Bread & Water. The General approves the Sentences of all the above mention'd Trials & Commands them to be put in Execution at such Time & Place as the Commanding Officers of the several Corps shall direct. The Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are to be answerable that such of their Officers & Soldiers as are seized with the Infection of the Small Pox are instantly to be remov'd to the Island Assign'd for the reception of all those that have that Distemper & the Surgeons of Regiments are carefully to report when any Person is supposed to be infected that he may be removed without Delay.

Lieutenant [Baxter] How & Ensign [John] Kennedy with 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals & Fifty As Men to parade to Morrow Morning at Sunrise at White Hall Slip with 4 Days Provision ready Dress'd—The above Party to be taken entirely from Col Wards Regiment. Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling.

Field Officers for the Picquet, Col Parson, Lieutenant Col [William] Sheppard & Major Smith.

Brigade Major for the Day, Trumbull
 General Greens Orders
 Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins

Head Quarters 9th May 1876

Parole Rockingham — Countersign Saville

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
 Officers for Picquet, Col. Webb, Lieutenant Col Nixon, Major
 [Samuel] Prentice
 Brigade Orders Long Island
 Field Officer for Picquet, Major Angell
 Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Brooklyn Long Island May 10th 1776
 Brigade Orders

The Brigade Majors to regulate the Duty of the Regiments both Officers & Soldiers by their Number & not by Regiments some being much larger than others & to establish a Regular Roster for the regulation of the same—A Subaltern & Twenty one Men to guard the Stores & Ferries. The Officer Commanding the Guard to receive his Orders from Deputy Commissary Brown for the number of Centries necessary for the security of the Stores to be releived Daily. The Colonel Commanding Officers of the 9th, 11th & 12th Regiments to draw as many Cartridges from the Laboratory as will furnish each Man with Twenty Rounds to be Bunch'd up by the Captains of Companies & every Mans Name wrote on the Cartridges that they may be deliver'd out if wanted without Confusion. All the bad Cartridges now in the Regiments to be return'd into the Laboratory. The Brigade Major to send a Party to the Q. M. General to draw some Tents for the Establishment of a Main Guard to Consist of a Subaltern & Twenty one Men.

An Orderly Serjeant from each Regiment to attend at the Generals Quarters daily to bring their Provisions with them. The Commanding Officer of the 9th, 11th, & 12th Regiments to make a Return of the Guns out of Repair & the number wanted to Supply every Non-Com-mision'd Officer and Soldier with a Gun.

Head Quarters 10th May 1776

Parole Nassau — Countersign William

The Colonel of Artillery Constantly to employ the whole of the Officers & Men off of Guard in placing the Guns upon the proper Platforms providing sufficient quantity of fill'd Cartridges & fixed Ammunition for each Gun—seeing the Shot, Rammers, Spunges, & Ladles with all the necessary Atrails brought to the Batteries where they are to be used & continually keeping as many Men as can Work filling up Cannon & Musket Cartridges & doing all the various Duties requird in the Labratory. The heaviest Mortars to be placed in the Batteries to the Sea line & a proper Quantity of Fusees to be drove & Shells fill'd for each Mortar. The light Mortars to be placed in the Forts near the Encampment.

Joseph Childs of the New York Train of Artillery Try'd at a late G.C. Martial whereof Col Huntington was President for defrauding Christopher Stelson of a Dollar & Drinking Damnation to all Whigs & Sons of Liberty & for prophane Cursing & Swearing. The Court finding the Prisoner guilty of Prophane Cursing & Swearing & speaking Contemptuously of the American Army Do sentence him to be Drumm'd out of the Army. Zodiac Piper of Captain [Benjamin] Ledyards Company & Thos Watkins of Captain [David] Lyons Company both in Colonel McDougalls Regiment Try'd by the same G C M for being Concern'd in a Riot on Saturday Night. The Court were of Opinion the Prisoner Piper was Guilty of being from his Quarters at an unreasonable Hour & being concern'd in raising a disturbance in the Streets & do Sentence him to be confin'd Six Days upon Bread & Water for said Offence. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoner Watkins is Guilty of being out of his Quarters at unreasonable Hours & of Prophane Cursing & Swearing & do Sentence him to be Confin'd Six Days upon Bread & Water & be fined one sixth of a Dollar for Swearing. Lost between Beekmans Slip & the Encampment of the first Brigade, a Silver Watch with a China Face Whoever Returns it to the Subscriber shall receive a handsome Reward. George Whipple in Col Reeds Regiment. The General approves the Sentences & Orders them to take place to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

Brigadier General for the Day, Lord Stirling. Field Officers for the Picquet, Col Ward, Lieutenant Colonel [Ebenezer] Clap & Major [Isaac] Sherman.

Brigade Major for the Day, [William] Livingston

Head Quarters 11th May 1776

Parole The Congress — Countersign Hampden

All Officers, Non Commission'd Officers, & Soldiers belonging to the Regiments at present Encamp'd are on no pretence (sickness excepted) to lay out of their present Encampments.

Colonel Wyllis Regiment to March to Morrow Morning at 8 oClock & Encamp on the Ground mark'd out for them in their Brigade. The Regiment & Company of Artillery to be Quarter'd in the Barracks in the Upper & lower Batteries & in the Barracks near the Laboratory as soon as the Guns are placed in the Batteries to which they are appointed. The Colonel of Artillery will Detach the proper Number of Officers & Men to manage them these are to Encamp with the Brigades they are posted with.

The Colonel of Artillery to Order all the Cannon & Musquet Cartridges to be fill'd in a Room appointed for that purpose in the upper Battery near the Bowling Green.

Cannon & Musquet Powder sufficient for the above purpose to be lodg'd in the Magazine prepar'd to receive it in the upper Battery.

All the Boat Builders Carpenters and Painters in the several Regiments & Corps to be sent to Major General Putnams Quarters to Morrow Morning at six oClock to receive his Orders.

His Excellency has been pleas'd to appoint Hugh Hughs Esquire Assistant Q.M. General he is to be obey'd as such. Serjeant John Smith of Capt [Daniel J.] Adams Company in Col Irwines Regiment Try'd at a late G Court Martial whereof Col Huntington was President for forging an Order on the Commissary General in the Name of Colonel Irwine with an intent of Defrauding the Continent in drawing Twenty two shillings & six pence for Rations which were not due.

The Court finding the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do sentence him to be reduced to the Ranks & to be Mulcted two Months pay.

The General approves the above sentence & Orders Colonel Irwine to see it put in Execution.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet, Colonel Wyllis,

Lieutenant Colonel [John] Sedgwick & Major Knowlton

Brigade Orders for the Day, Henely

Brigade Orders by General Green

Field Officer for Picquet to Morrow Night, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment
Regimental Orders

Those Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers belonging to the 12th Regiment that have occasion to pass the Ferry to New York are to apply to Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw for their Permits.

Commission'd Officers for Picquet to Night, Captain [Barnabas] Dodge, Lieutenant Lord & Lieutenant [Amos] Atkinson.

For Fatigue to Morrow, Captain [Gideon] Parker, Lieutenant [Moses] Kent & Lieutenant [John] Burnham.

Head Quarters May 12 1776

Parole Madrid — Countersign Paris

The Carpenters Boat Builders & Painters who were Selected for the Public Service this Morning by Major General Putnam are to Parade to Morrow Morning at Sun rise in the Street opposite to General Putnams where they will receive his Orders.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling

Officers for Picquet, Col Reed, Lieutenant Col [Joel] Clarke & Major [Josiah] Hayden

Brigade Major for the Day, Trumbull

General Greens Orders

Officer for Picquet to Morrow Night, Major Smith

Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 13th May 1776

Parole Holland — Countersign Martinique

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Officers for Picquet, Col Webb, Lieutenant Col [], Major [].

Brigade Major for the Day [Richard] Cary

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Angell

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment. The 12th Regiment exempt from Fatigue to Morrow being to be Muster'd.

After Orders

Major General Putnam with the Brigadiers General Spencer & Lord Sterling to examine & make Report of the proper Places to be fix'd upon for the particular Alarm Posts of each Regiment.

Col Webbs of Col Nixons Regiments to be Mustered on Wednesday Morning 8 oClock upon their Regimental Parades in front of their Encampments.

Head Quarters 14th May 1776

Parole St. Eustatia — Countersigned Amboy

Christopher Mazure of Captain [John] Wileys Company in Col McDougalls Regiment Try'd at a late G. C. Martial whereof Col Huntington was President for Desertion. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge & Sentence him to receive 20 Lashes on his bare Back.

John McFarlin of Captain [Anthony] Sharps Company in Colonel Daytons Regiment Try'd by the above G. C. M for Desertion is acquitted by the Court.

John Cooper of Captain [Richard] Varricks Company in Col McDougalls Regiment Try'd by the above Court Martial for Mutiny. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge do Sentence him to receive fifteen Lashes on his bare Back for said Offence. James McDonald of Captain [Jotham] Hortons Company in Colonel Ritzmas Regiment Try'd by the above G. C. Martial for threatening the Life of Lieutenant [George] Young & others of the said Company is found Guilty by the Court & Sentenc'd to be Confin'd 8 Days on Bread & Water for said Offence.

One Colonel & one Q. Master from each Brigade to attend a Committee from the Congress of this City to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock to take cognizance of the damage done to certain Houses where the Troops have been Quartered; The Chairman of the Committee will meet the Colonels at the Time appointed. The General approves the foregoing Sentences & orders them to be put in Execution at Guard mounting to Morrow Morning. The General C Martial of which Col Huntington was President is Dissolv'd. A General Court Martial of the Lines consisting of one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major & 10 Captains to sit to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock to try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. Brigadier for the Day, Lord Sterling.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 15th May 1776

Parole Annapolis — Countersign Calvert

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
Officers for Picquet, Col Nixon, Lieutenant Col [John] Tyler &
Major [Ebenezer] Sprout

The Continental Congress having Order'd Friday the 17th Instant to be observ'd as a Day of Fasting Prayer & Humiliation humbly to supplicate the Mercy of Almighty God that it would please him to Pardon all our Manifold Sins & Transgressions, to prosper the Arms of the United Colonies & finally to Establish the Peace & Freedom of America upon a lasting & Solid Foundation.

The General Commands all Officers & Soldiers to pay strict Obedience to the Order of the Continental Congress & by their unfeigned & pious Observance of Religious Duties incline the Lord & giver of Victory to prosper our Arms.

The Regiment of Artillery to be Muster'd on Sunday Morning at 8 oClock upon the Common when the Commissary General of the Musters will attend—The Company of Artillery Commanded by Captain Hamilton to be Muster'd at 10 oClock next Sunday Morning upon the Common near the Laboratory. Lieutenant How & Ensign Kennedy of Col Wards Regiment with the same Non Commission'd Officers & Soldiers who are mention'd in the Orders of the 8th Instant for cutting Picquets are to Parade at General Putnams Quarters to Morrow at Sunrise with four Days Provisions ready Dress'd. The Officers of all the Guards to make their Reports to the Colonel of the Picquet by 9 oClock in the Morning. The Colonel of the Picquet is to make a Report of all those Reports Collected in one to the Brigadier of the Day at 11 oClock precisely.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Cray
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 16 May 1776

Parole Barre — Countersign Dublin

Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire is appointed Secretary to the Command in Chief in the Room of Joseph Reed Esquire whose private Concerns will not permit him to continue in that Office. Any Orders deliver'd by Caleb Gibbs & George Lewis Esquire Officers of the General Guard are to be attended to in the same Manner as if an Aid de Camp.

The Congress having given Directions for the Discharge of the Militia & Minute Men in this District, the Battallion of Militia of this City are dismiss'd accordingly & have the Generals Thanks for their good behaviour whilst in Service & for their Masterly manner in Executing the Works on Bayards Hill.

Some errors having happened in drawing the Pay of the Q Masters of several Regiments the mistakes are to be rectify'd & they allow'd their Dues. As the Troops are to be exempt from all Duties of Fatigue to Morrow, the Regiments are to be Paraded on their Regimental Parades at 9 oClock to Morrow Morning & to be March'd from thence a little before 10 to hear Divine Service from their respective Chaplains. For the future there is to be no expence of Ammunition at the Interment of any Officer or Soldier of the Continental Army unless expressly Order'd by the Commander in Chief. Uriah Chamberlain of Captains Hamiltons Company of Artillery Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Col Huntington was President for Desertion. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty of the Charge & do sentence him to receive Thirty Nine Lashes on his bare Back. The General approves the above sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution on Saturday Morning next at Guard Mounting.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Sterling

For Picquet, Col Bayley, Lieutenant Col [John] Jacobs & Major Prentice
Brigade Orders

Col Vernums Regiment to be off Duty to Morrow in the forenoon to be paraded on the Regimental Parade at 8 oClock to be review'd, their Arms Examin'd, every Man in the Regiment that is well to be on the Parade with their Arms & Accoutrements. No Soldier to Borrow either Arms or accoutrements from Soldiers of other Regiments as the true state of the Regiment with respect to Arms is wanted. Col Hitchcocks Regiment will be reviewd next Day after to Morrow, Col Littles the Day after that. No Soldier to Mount the Picquet Guard without Shoes.

Field Officer for Picquet to Morrow Night, Lieutenant Col. Cornell
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 17th May 1776

Parole Annapolis — Countersign Calvert

Captain Walvertons Company of New Jersey to join General Greens Brigade. The Captain to take his Orders from the General respecting his Post. An Exact Return of the Pikes to be made without Delay & of the state of the Arms in each Regiment & Corps specifying the Number of each kind wanting to Compleat.

The damage done to [] House Yesterday by the bursting of One of the Cannon is to be repaired by the Carpenters in the Continental Pay.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
Field Officer for Picquet to Morrow, Col Parsons, Lieutenant Col
Nixon & Major Sprout.

General Greens Orders
Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 18th May 1776

Parole Newcastle — Countersign Wilmington

Lieutenant [Thomas] Grover of the second Regiment Commanded by Col James Reed, having been Tried by a late General Court Martial for insulting Captain [James] Wilkinson disobeying his Orders & giving him insolent & abusive Language was found guilty of the Charge & yet Mulcted of half a Months pay only a punishment so exceedingly disproportionate to the Offence that the General Resolved to lay the whole proceedings before the Congress & know whether they inclin'd to continue an Officer in their Service who has misbehav'd in so Capital a point: but Lieutenant Grover appearing to be thoroughly convincd of the error of his Conduct & having promis'd strict Obedience to the Orders of his Captain & other Superiour Officers for the time to come, The General (before any determination of Congress could be had upon the matter) Order'd him to be releas'd & to join his Regiment.

The General has it now in Command from Congress to the Army that no promotion upon Vacancies shall take place meerly upon Succession without their authority inasmuch as they have reserved & will Exercise the Power of Commissioning Persons of Merit regardless of any claim by succession, of this all Officers are desir'd to take Notice as it may serve on the one hand to prevent the dissatisfaction which have but too frequent arisen from an Idea that all Promotions should be Confin'd to Regiments & go in regular Succession; & because on the other hand it opens a large field for rewarding the Brave & Active which will be a powerful excitement to signalize themselves in the noble Cause they are engag'd in. This determination of Congress the Adjutant General is to communicate to the Officers Commanding in different Departments that it may be published to the different Regiments & Corps under their respective Commands. The General has the pleasure to inform the Recruiting Officers of the Regiments that came from the Eastward (no allowance having been heretofore made them) that upon a representation of their Case, Congress have been pleas'd to allow a Dollar & one

third of a Dollar for each good & able bodied Man that shall be recruited for the purpose of compleating the several Regiments as a compensation for their trouble & Expence & that the same allowance be made those Officers who have heretofore Inlisted Men upon the New Establishment excluding all Boys & such Men as were Inlisted in Camp out of the Old Regiments. The several Officers which have been employed in this Service are to settle this matter under these exceptions with their several Colonels and Commanding Officers, & to give in Rolls of the Mens Names by them respectively Inlisted, the utmost Care & Exactness is recommended to the Officers claiming this allowance as proof will be requir'd agreeable to the above Direction.

Brigadier of the Day, General Lord Stirling

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Reed, Lieutenant Col Shepard &
Major Smith

Brigade Major for the Day, Livingston

Brigade Orders by General Green

Complaint having been made by the Inhabitants situated near the Mill Pond that some of the Soldiers come there to go into Swimming in the open View of the Women & that they come out of the Water & run to the Houses Naked with a design to insult & wound the Modesty of Female Decency. 'Tis with concern that the General finds himself under the disagreeable Necessity of expressing his disapprobation of such a Beastly Conduct, whoever has been so void of Shame as to act such an infamous part let them veil their past disgrace by their future good Behaviour, for they may depend upon it any new Instances of such scandalous Conduct will be punish'd with the utmost severity. This is not meant to prohibit the Troops from going into the Water to bathe, but from going in, in improper places. Where is the Modesty Virtue & Sobriety of the New England People for which they have been remarkable? Is a good Character as a Soldier of no Value when it is esteem'd so great a Blessing as a Citizen? What a miserable Change from a Sober Virtuous & decent people into a loose disorderly and shameless sett of — —. Is there no ambition left alive but that of appearing most abandon'd? Have the Troops no regard for the reputation of the Company or Regiment they belong to or the Colony from whence they came? Have the Troops come abroad for no other purpose but to render themselves obnoxious & Ridiculous? Our Enemies have sought to fix a Stigma upon the New England People as being Rude & Barbarous in their Manners & Unprincipled in their Conduct. For Heavens sake dont let your

Behaviour serve as an Example to confirm these Observations. The General flatters himself notwithstanding the Complaints that have been made the Offenders are but few, but he is determin'd those few shall not have it in their power to bring Disgrace upon the whole Brigade.

The taking Peoples Oysters out of the Beds where they have planted them is also complain'd of. The Troops are forbid to touch any for the future under such circumstances. Is not the Crime of Indecency a sufficient Vice but Robbery must be added to it to qualify it.

All the Armourers in the 9th, 11th & 12th Regiments to Parade at the Generals Quarters to Morrow Morning at 8 oClock.

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Smith; Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment.

Head Quarters 19th May 1776

Parole Albany — Countersign Schuyler

The Brigadier Generals are desir'd to make their respective Brigades perfectly acquainted with the Alarm Posts which have been reported to the Commander in Chief, but in Case of an Alarm the respective Regiments are to draw up opposite to their Encampments or Quarters untill they receive Orders to repair to the Alarm Posts above referr'd to. The following Signals are to give the Alarm to all the Troops (as well Regulars as Militia & the Inhabitants of the City (Viz). In the Day time two Cannon to be fir'd from the Ramparts at Fort George & a Flag hoisted from the Top of General Washingtons Head Quarters. In the Night Time Two Cannon fired as above from Fort George & two lighted Lanthrons hoisted from the Top of Head Quarters as aforesaid. The Colonels & Officers Commanding Corps are immediately to have their Men Compleated with Twenty four Rounds of Powder & Ball properly & compleatly made up into Cartridges: Six Rounds of which each Man is to have in his Pouch or Cartridge Box for Ordinary Duty the remaining eighteen Rounds are to be wrapped up in a Cloth or coarse paper & mark'd with the Name of the Soldier to which they belong & carefully Pack'd into an empty Powder Barrel. The Captains or Officers Commanding Companies are to see that this is done & take into his own possession the Barrel with the Cartridges so packed & to have them deliver'd to the Men as occasion may require & Whatsoever Soldier shall be found waisting or embezeling his Ammunition shall not only be made to pay for it but be punish'd for so base & shameful a neglect & disobedience of Orders. Notwithstanding the Care & pains that have

been taken to provide good Arms for the Troops; on examination they are found in a most shocking situation. The Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments are requested to get the Arms belonging to their respective Regiments put in good Order as soon as possible. The work to be executed at the Continental Armoury or elsewhere so as to have them repair'd in the most expeditious manner; every Man to be furnish'd with a good Bayonet, but all that have had Bayonets heretofore & have lost them to pay for the New Ones. Whenever a Soldier is known to have injur'd his Gun on purpose or suffer'd it to be Injur'd by negligence to be chargeable with the repair, an account to be render'd in of the expence of those repairs: after deducting what each Individual ought to pay a Warrant will be given the Commanding Officer of Regiments for discharge of the same; All repairs done to the Arms hereafter (except unavoidable Accidents) to be paid by the Men & stopp'd out of their Wages by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment an Account to be render'd to him by the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company.

Captain Joseph Butler of Colonel Nixons Regiment is to be furnish'd with a Copy of the accusation Lodg'd against him by Lieutenant Silas Walker & both are to attend the next General Court Martial with their Evidences. The Lads lately pick'd out of Colonel Nixons & Col Webb's Regiments are to be immediately discharg'd & their Accompts settled: in order the better to enable them to return to their respective Homes ten Days Provision & Pay is to be allowed them from this Day. John Lewis of Captain Hornburys Company in Colonel Ritzmas Regiment Try'd by a late General C. Martial whereof Col Ritzmas was President for Insulting & striking Lieutenant Cole of Colonel Wyllis Regiment when on Command. The Court find the Prisoner guilty of the Charge & Breach of the 7th Article of the Continental Rules & Regulations, do Sentence him to be Whip'd Thirty nine Lashes for said Offence. The General approves of the above Sentence and Orders it to be put in Execution to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Huntington, Lieutenant Col [Street] Hall & Major [John] Brooks. Brigade Major for the Day, Henley.

Long Island Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 20th May 1776

Parole Brunswick — Countersign White

The Centries at all the Batteries where Cannon are placed are to be increas'd to the number the Brigadier finds necessary & they are all to be doubled at Night they are not to suffer any Person whatever, Excepting the Rounds or Officer of the Guard to go into the Batteries at Night nor is any Person whatever but the General or Field Officer of the Army: & Officers of the Artillery who have real business there to be permitted even in Day time to go on the Platforms in the Batteries or to approach the Cannon or meddle with the Rammers Spunges or any of the Artillery Stores placed there. The Officers of every Guard are to see that their Men are particularly Alert in Executing this Order. No Person whatsoever belonging to this Army is to be Inoculated for the Small Pox who have already undergone the Operation or who may be seized with any Symptoms of that Disorder are immediately to be removed to the Hospital provided for that purpose on Montresieurs Island. Any disobedience of this Order will be most severely punished as it is at present of the utmost Importance that the spreading of that Distemper in the Army & City should be prevented. The Guards are to be Augmented to the following Numbers:

Main Guard Upper Barracks 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 50 Privates.

Harrisons Brewery 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 60 Privates.

Commissarys Guard 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 24 Privates.

Main Guard lower Barracks 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 50 Privates.

Gen. Putnams Guard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 12 Privates.

North River Guard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 60 Privates.

East River Guard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 12 Privates.

Guard at Fort Spencer 1 Corporal, 8 Privates

Battery at Ship Yard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 24 Privates.

Provost Guard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 24 Privates.

Lord Sterling Guard 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal,
12 Privates.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Ward, Lieutenant Colonel Clapp &
Major Colburn.

Brigadier Major of the Day, Trumbull

General Greens Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Angell

Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 21st May 1776

Parole Campden — Countersign Liberty

That no confusion may ensue when the Troops are called to Action The General has order'd that all the Posts & Guards of the Lines & Redoubts be Mann'd that every Officer & Soldier may know his Alarm Place & Duty which will be explain'd to them by the Brigadier General according to the Orders of Yesterday & further to confirm the Discipline of the Guards of the Army, The General Orders that Officers & Men that are to Mount Guard to Parade every Morning on the Regimental Parade by half past Six oClock where they are by their Adjutant in the presence of a Field Officer to have their Arms & Accoutrements Reviewd according to the Orders of the 19th Instant which mention'd that the Officers are to see that the Ammunition and Accoutrements are compleat & that the Men are Drest in a Soldier like manner. The Adjutants are then to March them to the Parade of the Brigade & then to deliver them over to the Major of their Brigade who are very minutely to Inspect & see that the Guards are compleat in the particulars above-mention'd. The Brigade Major is then to March them on the Grand Parade upon the Common in the front of the Artillery Ground & from thence the Out Guards are to be Reliev'd on the Grand Parade. The Brigadier with the Field Officers of the Day will attend to see the Guards Parade & March to their several Destinations & Districts. The Brigade Majors of the Day is also to attend on Grand Parade & make up the Guards before he repairs to Head Quarters for the purpose of Reporting the same & to receive any Order from the Commander in Chief to the Brigadier General of the Day & to the other Brigadiers of the Line. The Brigadier General of the Day will give his Orders to the Field Officers on the Parade at what time he will have them go the Visiting & Grand Rounds. At Reveille Beating which is to be at the Dawn of Day all the Guards are to be under Arms at their Proper Posts & Visited by

the Field Officer of the Picquet who are all esteemed Field Officers of the Day & are to see that the Guards are properly placed & that every thing is in good Order of Defence in case of an Attack. The Brigadier General will on the Parade assign to the Field Officers of the Day the Post he is to Visit for this purpose. The Artillery Guards to Parade at the same time & place the Matrosses & Gunners necessary to be constant with each Battery with Implements to March off from the Grand Parade at the Head of the Guards to be stationd at each Battery; the Field Officer that goes the Grand Rounds is to Visit the Camp Guards as well as the Guards Station'd in the Town & at the Batteries, the other as Field Officers are to do the like at such hours of the Night as will be assign'd them by the Brigadier of the Day. By the present demand of Flints by some of the Troops, the General has reason to think that care has not been taken of them lately deliver'd to the Soldiers, who has had no extraordinary use for them & it is well known that a good flint will stand the firing of sixty Rounds & after may still be repair'd, & is therefore presum'd that the Men has either lost them through negligence or wasted them by that worst of Practices the snapping of their Guns which not only spoils their Locks, softens their hammers & ruins their Flints but frequently causes the Death of Many a Man by the Guns being unknowingly Loaded. Officers are therefore required to pay strict attention to this particular & have their Mens flints examind when they receive their Ammunition, as the Army being surprized with having bad flints in their Guns may be attended with fatal Consequences. The Officers are also desir'd to be careful when the Men turn out to exercise that their flints be taken out & Wooden Snappers Screw'd in their Guns untill the Exercise is over when their flints is to be screw'd in again & their Arms put in proper fighting Order after which no one is on any account to snap his Gun, one flint a Man will be deliver'd to the Troops & 'tis expected that more care will be taken than has been heretofore. The Centries at Fort George & in the Batteries are to keep a Sharp Look out towards the Narrows, Battins Island & Red Hook to observe if any Signal be given from thence & acquaint the Officers & Men who are strictly enjoin'd to keep close to their Quarters as no excuse will be admitted for either being absent. The Rolls are to be frequently called.

Brigadier General of the Day General Spencer

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Cray

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 22d May 1776

Parole Washington — Countersign Gates

The following are the Names of the different Batteries in & about this City. The Battery at the South Part of the Town The Grand Battery, the one on the left of the Grand Battery, White Hall Battery, the other, Fort George, That behind his Excellency General Washington Head Quarters, The Oyster Battery & Circular Battery—near the Brew house on the North River, The Grenadier Battery, That on the left of Grenadier Battery, Jersey Battery,—that on Bayards Hill, Bayards Hill Redoubt—that one on the Hill where General Spencers Brigade is Encamp'd, Spencers Redoubt, below that Hill on a Wharf is a Fascine Battery called Waterburys Battery, on the Hill directly above it is a Redoubt near the Jews Burying Ground, calld Badlams Redoubt.

Brigadier General for the Day General Lord Stirling

Field Officers for Picquet Col Wyllis, Lieutenant Col Wesson & Major Heyden

Head Quarters May 23 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Sail Makers in the different Regiments are all to Parade in front of the Generals Quarters to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock. A Reinforcement to be immediately made to the Main Guard at the lower Barracks of 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer & 30 Privates the Order for doubling the Centries to be strictly attended to. All those Men of the following Regiments (Viz) Col Parsons, Webbs, Baldwin, Nixon, Wyllis & Reeds who have agreed to serve in the Whaling Boats with Lieutenant Col [Benjamin] Tupper are to repair to him immediately & take their Orders from him Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer.

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Bayleys, Lieutenant Col Nixon & Major Wood

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 24th May 1776

Parole — Countersign

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling

Field Officer for Picquet Major Smith

Head Quarters 25th May 1776

Parole — Countersign

Captain Butler of Colonel Nixons Regiment Try'd at a late General C Martial on the several Charges exhibited against him by Lieutenant Walker (Viz) Defrauding his Company Defrauding the Public absenting himself from his Company when on their March & Inlisting a Man unfit for the Service is acquitted of the several Charges brought against him. The General approves of the proceedings of the above Court Martial & Orders that Captain Butler be releas'd from his Arrest. John More & Joshua Smith both of Col Ritzmas Regiment Try'd by the above Court Martial for absenting themselves from Camp without leave & forging a Pass are found Guilty & Sentenc'd to receive Smith 20 Lashes & More 39 Lashes & both kept confin'd seven Days on Bread & Water The General approves of that part of the punishment inflicting Stripes & Orders it to be put in execution to Morrow Morning. A Working Party of Nine hundred Men to be Order'd to Morrow Morning from the different Brigades & Regiments Viz

General Heaths	{ Learned Reeds Bayleys & Baldwins	To go to Powles Hook
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General Spencers	{ Parsons & Wyllis	To Bayards Hill
	{ Huntingtons	To Red Hook
	{ Arnolds	To Fort Stirling

Wards 50 Men with 4 Days Provision to Cut Picquets—these Men to be provided with Axes this Day & to Parade to Morrow Morning at 5 oClock on the Bowling Green—

The Remainder of the Working party of this Regiment to be at Fort George part of which will be reserv'd to Load Boats—

Lord Stirlings Brigade	{ Nixons Webbs McDougalls & Ritzmas	on Governours Island every Day untill further Orders
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As there is a great complaint of Officers not attending properly—The Majors of Brigade are every Evening to send an Exact Detail of the number of Officers & Men they furnish for Fatigue to Lieutenant Col

Putnam Engineer. They are always to furnish One Field Officer Three Captains Nine Subalterns Twelve Serjeants & Twelve Corporals.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
Field Officer for Picquet, Col Parsons,
Lieutenant Col Shepard & Major Sprout
Brigade Major for the Day, Livingston
Brigade Orders by General Green

Captain [Silas] Talbert of Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment Captain [Persifor] Frazier of Col Wyndes Regiment Lieutenant [Noel] Allen of Colonel Vernums Regiment & Lieutenant Huse of Col Littles Regiment are appointed a Committee to Inspect the Provisions for the Troops of this Brigade. The Commissary & Quarter Masters are to apply to them to determine which is Merchantable & which not & such as they say are good, the Quarter Masters are to receive & such as they condemn are to be refus'd. No Non Commission'd Officer or Soldier to be out of Camp after Retreat Beating any that are Discover'd going out after that time to be taken up & Confin'd in the Main Guard & any that are coming in that have been out without leave from their Officers to be Confin'd. Any Centry that permits them to pass without Examination will be punish'd for disobedience of Orders, Lieutenant Col Cornell having Reported a great Negligence among the Guards. For the future they are to be Visited by Day & Night by the Field Officer of the Day. Every Officer that Commands Guards to be reported that have not their Guards in good Order. No Soldier to be absent from Guard without leave & not more than two from a Commission'd Officer & one from a Non Commission'd Officer that Commands Guards at the same time. All Guards except the Picquet to Mount at 8 oClock in the Morning. The Retreat to beat at half an hour after Sunsett. At Guard Mounting in the Morning, The Field Officer of the Day to attend on the Parade & give to each respective Officer a proper detail of his Guard. One Man of each Detail Guard to be sent to the Grand Parade to Pilot the New Guards to the Relief of the Old ones. No Person to be admitted into any of the Forts where there is Cannon or Ammunition except General Officers Commanding the Guards. And General Officers after Dark not to be admitted without Leave first obtained of the Commanding Officer: The Officer Commanding Guards where there is Cannon or Ammunition to be very Watchful & not to suffer by Day or Night any Person or Persons to enter the Fort unless they have Business there: or are known to belong to the Army. A Subaltern & Twenty four Men to Parade to

Morrow Morning at Sun rise to relieve the Artillery Guard at Red Hook. The Officer commanding the Guard to receive his Orders from Captain [Thomas Waite] Foster—also another Guard to Parade at the same time for Fort Stirling to Consist of a Serjeant & fourteen Men. The Serjeant to receive his Orders from Lieutenant Randall. The Guard for Red Hook & that for Stirling Fort to be at the Forts exactly at 6 oClock, that being the Hour the Artillery is Order'd over to New York to be Muster'd.

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Smith
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 26th May 1776

Parole Hancock — Countersign Trumbull

Mr. John Berrier & Mr. Robert Harpier two of the Members of the General Committee of the City of New York deliver'd in the Report of the said Committee which was read & settled & is in the words following—

Committee Chamber May 1776

Doctor Foster appearing before the Committee says that information was given to General Putnam that several Persons had been Inoculated at the House of one Fisher in Stone Street contrary to the Resolve of the Provincial Congress of this Colony. He the Examinant agreeable to General Putnams Orders immediately went to the House of the above mention'd Fisher where he discover'd that Lieutenant Col Moulton, Captain [Warham] Parkes, Doctor [Josiah] Hart & Lieutenant Brown had been Inoculated by Doctor Azer Betts. Doctor Azer Betts being sent for appear'd before the Committee allowed the charge against him & Offer'd in his Vindication that he had repeatedly been applied to by the Officers of the Continental Army to Inoculate them, that he refused, but being overpersuaded he at last Inoculated the Persons abovemention'd.

Resolved That Doctor Azer Betts be deliver'd to the Goal of this City & there kept in safe Custody untill releas'd by said Provincial Congress.

Extract from the Minutes

Signed Joseph Winter Chairman

Messrs. Berrier & Harpier further informs that the Wife of Doctor Azer Betts on her Examination says that Lieutenant Seymour from L. Island had inform'd her that seven Persons of the Army (Officers as she understood) on Long Island were taking Mercurial Preparations &

as she supposed were Inoculated for the Small Pox. Order'd that a Copy of the Report of the General Committee be deliver'd to Major General Putnam, that he give such Directions to the Continental Army for preventing the Small Pox among them on Long Island as he may think proper.

Extract from the Minutes

Signed John McKellson Secretary

The General presents his Compliments to the Honorable the Provincial Congress & General Committee & is much Obliged to them for their Care in endeavoring to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox by Inoculation or any other Way in this City or the Continental Army which might prove fatal to the Army, if allow'd at this initial time when there is reason to expect they will be soon called into Action & Orders that the Officers take the strictest Care to examine into the state of their respective Corps & thereby prevent Inoculation among them which if any Soldier should presume upon he must expect the severest punishment. Any Officer in the Continental Army who shall suffer himself to be Inoculated will be Cashier'd & turned out of the Army & have his Name published in the News Papers through the Continent as an Enemy & Traitor to his Country. On the first appearance of any Infection, the Officers discovering it in any Soldier is to give information to the Regimental Surgeon, & the Surgeon to make Report of the same to the Director General of the Hospital. The Working Party of Col Nixon Regiment are to be Order'd every Day to Long Island instead of Governors Island as Mention'd in Yesterdays Orders.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Sterling. Field Officers for Picquet, Col Reed, Lieutenant Col Clap & Major Brooks.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 27th May 1776

Parole Killingly — Countersign Pomfret

Captain [Peter] Harwood is not to take any other Men than his own Company at present from Colonel Learneds Regiment to serve on Board the Whale Boats except he has the consent of Lieutenant Colonel Shepard whose consent the General imagind Captain Harwood had obtain'd when he gave him the Order this Morning.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
 Field Officers for Picquet, Col Huntington, Lieutenant Col Jacobs &
 Major Knowlton
 Brigade Major for the Day, Trumbull
 Brigade Orders
 Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Crary
 Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 28th May 1776

Parole Lyn — Countersign Salem

Colonel Prescotts Regiment to be Muster'd at 9 oClock next Thursday Morning on their Regimental Parade Three Men from each Regiment in the three Brigades of General Heath, Spencers, & Lord Stirling together with 2 Subs & 2 Serjeants to Parade at General Putnams Quarters to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock, these Men are to be such as understand Rowing. The G C Martial of which Colonel Ritzmas was President is Dissolv'd—A Wheelwright of each of the Brigades above-mention'd to Parade in the front of the Laboratory at 8 oClock to Morrow Morning & receive their Orders from Mr. Hughes Attention Quarter Master General.

Brigadier of the Day General Spencer—Field Officers for Picquet,
 Colonel Webbs, Lieutenant Col Clarke & Major Haden
 Brigade Major for the Day, Cary
 General Greens Orders
 Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Cornall

General Green's Morning Orders

Camp Brooklyne, Long Island, 29th May 1776

A Garrison Court Martial to sett for the Trial of the Prisoners now in the Main Guard—The Commanding Officer of the Ferry Guard is to permit the Ferry Boats to pass untill ten oClock with common Passengers, but no Soldier to pass after Retreat Beating unless the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Regiment to which he belongs certify the necessity—The Troops to be under Arms at Roll Calling Morning & Evening—Every Soldier detected in snapping his Lock without Orders from his Officers to be immediately sent Prisoner to the Main Guard, there to be confin'd two Days & Nights & nothing allow'd to Eat & Drink but Bread & Water—All Officers are desir'd to be more careful of discovering the C. Sign to Persons that have no Right to know it,

any Soldier on Guard that discovers the C. Sign to any of his Fellow Soldiers that are not on Guard is to be immediately Confin'd—every one that gives the C. Sign to give it softly as possible so that if any Person is listning they may not hear it given—the Centries are not to suffer any Person to stand near them while they are on their Post after Retreat Beating. The General wishes that every part of Duty may be done with as much exactness as if the Enemy was Encamp'd in the Neighbourhood bad habits once contracted are difficult to get over & doing Duty in a slovenly manner is both disgraceful & dangerous to Officers & Men.

Field Officer of the Picquet, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 29th May 1776

Parole Chamblee — Countersign Thompson

One Man from each Regiment to go on Board the Mifflin Arm'd Schooner, these Men are to be such as understand the Business. A General Court Martial Consisting of one Colonel one Lieutenant Colonel one Major & 10 Captains to sett to-Morrow Morning at 9 oClock Colonel Nixon President. All Evidences & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. James Grant of Captain [Abraham] Waterhouses Company in Colonel Parsons Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Colonel Ritzmas was President for destroying his Arms, abusing his Serjeant & insolently affronting his Officers is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to Pay for his Arms & receive Twenty Lashes on his bare Back. The General approves of the Sentence & Orders the Corporal punishment to be inflicted to Morrow at Guard Mounting at the Head of the Regiment to which he belongs. David Ketts of Colonel Wards Regiment & Captain Allens Company Tried at the above Court Martial for stealing a Shirt. The General thinks proper to postpone his sentence untill further Orders. Joseph Lunt of Col McDougalls Regiment & Captain [William] Harts Company Tried at the above Court Martial for disobedience of Orders & striking Ensign Young when in the Execution of his Duty is found Guilty of disobedience of Orders & sentenc'd to be confin'd five Days on Bread & Water in the Provost Dungeon. The General is not a little surpriz'd at the sentence of the Court on the Prisoner Joseph Lunt & thinks the punishment so inadequate to the Crime that he disapproves of the Sentence. The General hopes this kind

of admonition will make future Court Martials more particular & severe on the heinous Crimes of a Soldier striking or attempting to strike his Officer or disobey his Orders.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
Field Officers for Picquet, Col Ward,
Lieutenant Col Wesson & Major Shurman
Brigade Major for the Day Henley

Head Quarters May 30th 1776

Parole — Countersign

Brigade Orders
Field Officer for Picquet to Morrow Night, Major Angell
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 31st May 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Provost Martial to make a Report in writing every Morning at Head Quarters of the Prisoners he has in charge specifying their Names, Regiments, & Company they belong, by whom Confin'd, Crimes, Number of Nights Confin'd, Tried or not Tried. Edward Brett of Captain Butlers Company & Col Nixons Regiment Tried at the General C Martial whereof Colonel Nixon was President for Desertion is found Guilty & Sentenced to receive thirty nine Lashes. The General approves the Sentence of the above Prisoner & orders it to be put into Execution to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting. General Washington has wrote to General Putnam in the most pressing terms to give positive Orders to all the Colonels to have Colours immediately for their respective Regiments.

Brigade Orders
Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters June 1st 1776

Parole — Countersign

Brigadier of the Day General Heath
Field Officers for Picquet, Col Baldwin, Lieutenant Col Hall &
Major Prentice
Brigade Major for the Day, Henley

Camp Long Island June 1st 1776
Brigade Orders
Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Crary
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters June 2d 1776

Parole — Countersign

General Green to Order all the Arms in his Brigade that wants Repair to be immediately brought to the Armourers Shop where they will be fitted up properly after which all Repairs will be stopp'd out of the Mens Wages. Captain Oliver Soper of Colonel Reeds Regiment Try'd at a late General Court Martial whereof Col Nixon was President on Complaint of Lieutenant Thomas Williams of said Company for defrauding the Public in knowingly & willingly drawing Pay for more Men than he had in this Company. The Court are of Opinion that Captain Soper is not Guilty of the Charge brought against him therefore do acquit him.

The General approves of the proceedings of the Court & Orders that Captain Soper be immediately releas'd from his Arrest. Lieutenant Thomas Williams of Captain Sopers Company in Colonel Reeds Regiment Tried by the same Court Martial for impeaching & falsely asserting that Captain Soper of the said Regiment had knowingly & designedly defrauded the Public in making up & Drawing pay for more Men than he had in his Company, Also for signing Returns of the Company expressly against the Orders of the Captain & for refusing to repair to his Tent when Ordered. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of the Charge brought against him & Unanimously adjudge that he be Cashier'd for said Offence.

The General approves of the Sentence of the above Court Martial & Orders that Mr. Williams, Late Lieutenant in Colonel Reeds Regiment, immediately depart the Camp by the way of Kingsbridge or on Board a Vessel going up the Sound.

John Quim of Captain Allens Company in Col Wards Regiment Tried at the above Court Martial for Desertion is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes for said Offence. John Laty & James Johnston both of Captain [William] Kings Company in Col Wards Regiment Tried at the same Court Martial for Desertion are each found Guilty & sentenc'd severally to receive 39 Lashes on their bare Back. The General approves the Sentences above & Orders them to be put in

Execution to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting. Hugh Kilbreath of Captain [James] Rosses Company in Col Hands Regiment Try'd at the above Court Martial for Assaulting, Beating, & Wounding Asa Baker & David Avery of the Artillery is found Guilty of the Charge brought against [him] & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his Bare Back. The General approves of the above sentence & Orders the Prisoner to be sent to his Corps & there receive the Punishment adjudg'd him, at Guard Mounting.

Camp Brooklyne Long Island June 2st 1776
Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 3d June 1776

Parole — Countersign

Colonel Learned & Colonel Webbs Regiment to be Muster'd Wednesday Morning at 9 oClock.

Brigade Orders—by General Green

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Adjutant for the Day, [John Singer] Dexter

One Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Serjeants, four & Fifty Privates from each of Col Vernums, Hitchcocks & Littles Regiments all to have good Arms with Bayonets, every Man to be provided with Twenty Rounds of Cartridges, one spare flint, Two Days Provision Cook'd & half a Pint of Rum, the whole to be ready to March to Morrow Morning by 3 oClock—every Man to take his Blanket & none to go but such as are decently Dressed.

Head Quarters 4th June 1776

Parole — Countersign

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col. Parsons, Lieutenant Col Jacobs, &
Major Knowlton

Brigade Major for the Day, Henley

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Smith
Adjutant of the Day, [William] Bradford

Head Quarters 5th June 1776

Parole — Countersign

Lieutenant John Reggs of Captain [Moses] McFarlins Company & Colonel Nixons Regiment Try'd at a late General C Martial whereof Colonel Nixon was President for counterfeiting & Assuming the Character of a Field Officer & under pretence of Field Officer of the Day Ordering out one of the principle Guards of the Army, imposing upon Captain [Ebenezer] Sumner Commanding the upper Barrack Guard, behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer, & Dealing in Subversion of Military Order. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty of the several Charges exhibited against him & do Sentence him to be Cashier'd. The General approves of the Sentence of the Court and Mr. John Reggs late a Lieutenant in Colonel Nixons Regiment to depart the Army, City & Encampment immediately.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day & Picquet, Major Angell

Adjutant of the Day, [Dudley] Colman

Head Quarters 6th June 1776

Parole Woodstock — Countersign Dudley

The Brigadier of each Brigade are to send to the Q M General to Morrow at ten oClock for the Spears.

The Colonels of each Regiment wanting Arms are to draw on Mr. [Ezekiel] Cheevers, the Commissary of Stores, for 13 & give Receipts for the same. 2 Subalterns, 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals & 50 Men from Col Webbs Regiment to parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock at White Hall Slip, these Men are to be furnish'd with 15 Days Provision & each Man an Axe to cut Picquets; Provisions to be got ready this Day they are not to bring their Arms with them. This Party from the usual Details, A Guard of 1 Subaltern 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal & 24 Privates from the four Brigades with 6 Days provision to be posted at Kings Bridge to prevent any Soldier of the Army passing that way unless they have leave in Writing from his Commanding Officer of their Respective Corps. This Guard to be releiv'd every Wednesday till further Orders. All Masters of Vessels & Ferry Men are strictly enjoin'd not to carry off any Soldier of the Army without leave in Writing from their Commanding Officer. Each of the three Brigades in Camp are to furnish a Patrole every two hours in the day time consisting of a Serjeant & six Men who are to Patrole at least 2 Miles to the Northward of their

respective Camps & to take up all Soldiers whom they find with Fire Arms out of Camp & endeavour to prevent their committing any Disorder whatever; in particular to seize & Confine all who shall fire a Gun. The fourth Brigade is to furnish a Guard of six Subalterns, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 1 Drummer & 20 Privates to guard the Works on Bayards Hill & be Releas'd every Day.

George Edgell of Captain [David] Hobbys Company in Col Ritzmas Regiment Try'd at the late G C M whereof Col Nixon was President for leaving his Guard getting Drunk & Damning his Officer is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to be whipp'd Thirty Nine Lashes on his bare Back. John Obrian of Captain [William A.] Forbes Company & Col McDougalls Regiment Try'd at the above Court Martial for Sleeping on his Post when on Centry is found Guilty & sentenc'd to be Whipp'd Twenty Lashes on his bare Back. Benjamin Richards of Captain [Thomas] Mighells Company in Col Baldwin's Regiment Tried at the above Court Martial for publishing the C Sign & openly proclaiming it in a Public House after Tattoo Beating is found Guilty & sentenc'd to receive 20 Lashes on his bare Back for said offence. John Tennit of Captain Jonothan [Captain John Johnson] Company in Col McDougalls Regiment Try'd at the above C Martial for Desertion in found Guilty of the same & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his Bare Back for said Offence. Jesse Sily of Captain Shepards Company & Colonel McDougalls Regiment try'd at the above C.M. for Desertion is found Guilty of the same & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd twenty Lashes on his bare back for said Offence. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders that they be put in Execution at the usual Time & Place.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins

Head Quarters 7th June 1776

Parole Gates — Countersign Mifflin

The Honorable the Continental Congress has been pleas'd to appoint Horatio Gates Esquire Major General & Thomas Mifflin Esquire Brigadier General in the Army of the united Colonies they are to be Obey'd as such. The Honorable Continental Congress has been pleas'd to appoint Stephen Moylan Esquire to be Quarter Master General in the room of Thomas Mifflin Esquire preferr'd he is to be Obey'd as such.

Walter Stewart & Isaac Pierce Esquires are appointed Aid de Camps to Major General Gates—All Orders written or Verbal deliver'd by

either of them are to be consider'd as coming from the Major General & Obey'd as such.

The Adjutant of each Regiment to give in immediately to Head Quarters a Return of what Pikes are fit for Service & what number wanting to compleat in each Regiment. Brigadier for the Day, General Heath, Field Officers for Picquet, Col Webb, Lieutenant Col Nixon & Major Collins. Brigade Major for the Day, Cary.

Head Quarters June 8th 1776

Parole York — Countersign Hudson

The Q.M.G. is to Return the Number of Spears & Intrenching tools in his Care. The Brigadiers are to see that an exact Return of the Spears in their respective Brigades & Posts are given in & that a Report be forthwith made of the delivery of Arms & Accoutrements wanting in each Regiment distinguishing the Good from the Bad. Their several Returns are expected without delay. The Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are to make out Pay Abstracts for the Months of April, these are to be carefully examin'd by the Brigadier under whom they serve & the Pay Master General before they are brought to the Commander in Chief to sign the Warrant. The Brigadier of the Day is to make a Report to the Commander in Chief in writing as soon as this Tower of Duty is Ended of the state of the Guards & all remarkable Occurrences. The Charges made by Captain Butler against Lieutenant Silas Walker of Colonel Nixons Regiment are to be laid before the General C. Martial now sitting & the Parties to attend with their Evidences when called for by the Court. Lieutenant [Grant] Van Hook of Colonel McDougalls Regiment charged with disobedience of Orders to be Tryed by the General C Martial now sitting, also Lieutenant Ezekiel Oakly of Col McDougalls Regiment Charg'd with beating Sally Patterson Inhabitant of this Town on the Head with a Stick to be Try'd by the G.C.M. The different Charges against the several Persons above mention'd to be given in immediately to the Judge Advocate together with the Names of the Evidences. Col Nixons, Vernums & Parsons have never given Returns of their Arms and Accoutrements, although Order'd near a Month Since. Tis expected they will be more punctual for the future, & as an Alteration in the state of the Arms & Accoutrements &c May have hapned in some of the Regiments who have sent in their Returns by purchase of Arms &c. Since the Regiments are Orderd to

furnish a Return agreeable to the General Orders above specifying the Number of Good Bad & Wanting.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Colonel Cornell
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 9th June 1776

Parole Amboy — Countersign Brunswick

It is strongly recommended to the Officers of the different Regiments to practice the Salute of the Fusee & to fall upon a method of being Uniform therein so as all may acquire one & the same Mode—and the General desires that when the Line is turn'd out at any Encampment all the Officers keep their Arms advanc'd & Salute only by taking of their Hats untill they have attained a more correct method of Saluting with Arms. A Guard of 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal & 10 Men to Mount to Morrow Morning at Moronys Magazine. Mr. Norwood will give directions for placing the Centries. Lieutenant Jacob Zank of Colonel Hands Regiment Try'd at the General C Martial whereof Colonel Nixon was President for Insulting & abusing Mr. [David] Zeigler Adjutant of said Regiment & for behaving in an infamous Scandalous manner unbecoming the Officer & Gentleman. The Court are of Opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of publicly insulting Lieutenant Zeigler on the Regimental Parade & adjudge that Lieutenant Zank ask Pardon of Lieutenant Zeigler in the presence of the Officers of the Battalion & be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

The General approves the above Sentence Giles Burrows of Captain Barns Company & Col Nixons Regiment try'd at the above Court Martial for Desertion & forging a discharge from the Continental Service is found Guilty of the same & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his bare Back. John Murray of Captain Stewards Company & Col McDougalls Regiment try'd at the above Court Martial for Desertion the Court are of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty, but as much unfairness has been in inlisting the Prisoner & his being very Ignorant adjudge him to be Confin'd to Bread & Water 5 Days. Gideon Seely of Captain [William] Hulls Company & Colonel Webbs Regiment Try'd at the above Court Martial for being Drunk disobedience of Orders, Insulting & Striking Mr. [Samuel B.] Webb Aid de Camp to General Putnam is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his

bare back. The General approves of the above sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the usual time & place.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling, Field Officers for Picquet, Col Willis, Lieutenant Col [Frederick] Wysafalse [Weisenfels] & Major Sprout. Brigade Major for the Day, Henley.

Brigade Orders—Long Island

Field Officers for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

The 9th 11th & 12th Regiments to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock upon the Right of the Encampment every Officer & Soldier not on Duty or unwell to join their Respective Regiments. The Fatigue party not to turn out until after the Regiments are paraded. The Officers of the 9th 11th & 12th Regiments are desir'd to Exercise together by Regiments four Days in a Week & the whole of the Officers of the three Regiments to Exercise once a Week to be Exercised by the Col of the Regiments by turn or by some other Person appointed by the Colonel whose turn it is. The Colonel of the 9th 11 & 12 Regiments are Desir'd to make a Return of the State of the Arms &c agreeable to Yesterdays Order to Morrow.

Head Quarters 10th June 1776

Parole Bedford — Countersign Cumberland

The Brigadiers General are requested to make their different Brigades perfectly acquainted with their several Alarm Posts & that they pay particular attention to the Mens Arms & see that they are in good fighting Order. The Colonel or Commanding Officer of Regiments from which Men were taken to compose his Excellency the Commander in Chiefs Guard are not to include them in their future Returns or Abstracts after the Month of March they being consider'd as a distinct Corps. The Pay Master General has remov'd his Office to the House of Leonard Lisenard Esquire near his Excellency General Washington where all who have Business to transact with him are desir'd to attend. The Colonels of the several Regiments are desir'd to make their Abstracts on a whole sheet of Paper that the Q.M. General may have sufficient Room to draw the Warrant & make the necessary endorsements. Brigadier for the Day, General Heath, Field Officers for Picquet, Col Bayley, Lieutenant Col Tyler & Major Smith. Brigade Major for the Day, Trumbull.

General Greens Brigade Orders
 Field Officer for Picquet, Major Smith
 Adjut from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters June 11th 1776

A Working Party of Fifty Men to attend at the Laboratory at 6 oClock—the Assistant Q.M.G. will direct them what is to be done. Daniel Clauffers of Captain Boylston Company in Col Learneds Regiment Try'd at a General C Martial whereof Col Nixon was President for Desertion is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes on his bare Back. Ebenezer Sawyer of Captain Storys Company, Colonel Prescotts Regiment Tryd for Desertion is found Guilty Sentenc'd to be Whip'd 29 Lashes, William Camp of Captain Moreys Company & Col Prescotts Regiment is found Guilty of Desertion & Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes.

The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the time & place appointed.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Angell
 Adjutant from Col. Littles Regiment

Head Quarters June 12th 1776

Parole Dublin — Countersign Essex

Colonel Nixon, Venum & some other Colonels in consequence of the Orders of the 17 Ultimo having given in a Return of their Arms to the Adjutant Generals Office about the time General Gates set off for Philadelphia & the same being lost or overlook'd were called upon the 8th Instant for Neglect in this particular. The mistake therefore being clear'd up, the General does with pleasure acquit them of Breach of Duty in this instance & takes a satisfaction in finding those Gentlemen unwilling to labour under a suspicion of neglect of Duty as nothing but an attentive observance of Orders can enable the Commander in Chief to Govern the Troops & preserve that Regularity & Discipline which is necessary to distinguish a well Conducted Army from an unruly Rabble. It is therefore hoped & expected that Officers of every Denomination will pride themselves in the execution of the Orders which fall within their Department to Obey. No Sick Person is to have leave of Absence from Camp, till the Director General of the Hospital Certifies the Necessity of it (& the length of Time requisite for such absence) to the

Brigadier of the Brigade he belongs to, who in that Case is to grant the permission. All Persons absent other than this will be consider'd as Deserters & those now out to be recall'd.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling, Field Officers for Picquet, Col McDougall, Lieutenant Col Clapp & Major Brooks, Brigade Major for the Day, Livingston.

Brigade Orders by General Green

A Garrison C Martial to Sett to Day to try the Prisoners now in Guard. The Colonel or Commanding Officers of the 9th 11th & 12th Regiments to Certify to the Day Commandery from Day to Day the necessary supplies for the Sick of the Regiments. The Surgeon to report the State & Wards of the Sick every Day. Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins.

Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 13th June 1776

Parole Epsom — Countersign Falmouth

The Party at Kingsbridge to be Reinforc'd with One Sergeant, One Corporal & Twenty Men. A Guard from the above Party to be Mounted over the Cannon beyond Kingsbridge who are to be exceeding careful that no damage be done to them.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Ritzmas, Lieutenant Colonel Durkey & Major Knowlton

Brigade Major for the Day Henly

General Greens Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Cray

Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 14th June 1776

The great extensiveness of the Fortifications & Works require a greater number of Artillery Men than are at present in the Artillery Regiment. The General in order to remedy the deficiency & forward the Service directs that four able Bodied Active Men be pitched upon in each Company of every Battallion now here (the Rifle Corps excepted) for the purpose above mention'd—these Men are to leave their Arms, Ammunition & Accoutrements in the several Regiments they go from to supply the deficiency in each Company. They are to join the Artillery Regiment & do Duty in that Corps under the Command of Colonel

Knox, but are to continued upon the Pay & Muster Rolls of their Respective Regiments. These additional Artillery Men are to be deliver'd to Col Knox with their Necessaries at the Bowling Green on Sunday Morning at 6 oClock, the Adjutants of the different Regiments are to attend with the Men & a Roll of their Names at the hour above-mention'd. The Engineers are to take an exact Account of all the Intrenching Tools (not in the Q.M. Store) in & about New York & Long Island, Governors Island, Powles Hook & Horns Hook, they are to proportion the Tools to the different Works & take the Overlookers Receipt at each Place for the number deliver'd calling upon him regularly once a Week to Account for them. The Overlookers to receive & deliver the Tools regularly every Morning & Evening as he will be made accountable for them. The Engineers are to consider this as a standing Order & invariably persue it. All the Carpenters Ship Carpenters & Joiners in the 1st 2nd & 4th Brigades with a proportion of Officers to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock before the D. Q. M. Generals Office near the Liberty Pole in the Common & there take their Orders from the Q M General.

One Captain & fifty good Axe Men with four Days provision to Parade at the same Time & Place to take their Orders also from the Q. M. G.

Lieutenant [Alpheus] Chapman of Col Webbs Regiment under an Arrest for refusing to do his Duty is to be Tryed by the G C Martial, now sitting the Adjutant of that Regiment & the other Evidences are to attend the Court. The five Companies of Colonel Waynes Regiment on Long Island are to be Musterd to Morrow Afternoon at four oClock near General Greens Head Quarters.

Camp Brooklyn Long Island June 14th 1776
Brigade Orders

A Subaltern, Serjeant & Twenty Men to be Detach'd from the Picquet Guard every Evening to Mount Guard at Red Hook Barbettee Battery to join the Picquet again in the Morning.

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Crary

Head Quarters June 15th 1776
Parole Gibraltar — Countersign Hallifax.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters June 16th 1776

Parole Hanover — Countersign Ireland

The Continental Congress having been pleased to come to the following Resolutions

Philadelphia June 10th 1776 In Congress Resolved that the Pay of the Continental Troops in the Middle Department be hence forward the same as that of the Troops in the Eastern Department. The General therefore directs that when the Pay Abstracts for any of the Corps of the Middle Department are made out the Colonel or Commanding Officer thereof will take care that the Pay of the Men from the 10th of June be the same as those of the Eastern Regiments. The Brigadiers are to make themselves well acquainted with, and Situations of the Ground on the North and East River for some considerable distances above the City, with the best approaches to them, that they may know how to occupy the Ground to the best advantage if occasion should require & they are to cause the same to be done by their respective Officers in turns.

Great & Crying complaints being made against the Armourers not only for their Idleness, but the deceitful manner in which their Work is executed. The General does in explicit terms assure them that if any further Complaints of either should be exhibited he will punish them in a most exemplary manner of this the Superintendant of that branch of Business is desir'd to make them fully acquainted. Lieutenant Walker of Colonel Nixons Regiment Try'd at the G.C.M. whereof Colonel Parsons was President on a Charge exhibited against him by Captain Butler of said Regiment for Maliciously & falsely accusing him of high Crimes & Misdemeanours & in consequence of which procuring him said Captain Butler to be Arrested & Tryed at a late General Court Martial by which he was honorably acquitted. The Court after Mature Considerations are of Opinion that Lieutenant Walker had sufficient Ground for Exhibiting a Complaint against Captain Butler & that he is not Guilty of Maliciously & falsely Accusing Captain Butler & therefore do acquit the Prisoner of the Charge against him. The General approves of the Sentence of the Court Martial & Orders Lieutenant Walker to be Releas'd from his Arrest. Lieutenant Elijah Oakley of Captain [Cornelius] Steelrods Company in Colonel McDougalls Regiment Try'd at the G C M whereof Colonel Nixon was President for Assaulting & beating without Provocation one Mr. Patterson an Inhabitant of the City of New York. The Court are unanimously of Opinion that Lieutenant

Oakley is Guilty of the Charge brought against him & that he has behaved unworthy the Character of an Officer & Gentleman, & the Court adjudge that Lieutenant Oakley be Cashier'd for said Offence & further Order that Twenty Dollars be stopp'd out of the Prisoner Lieutenant Oakleys Pay (if so much be due to him) & be pay'd by way of Damage to M. Patterson. The General approves the sentence of the Court Martial & Orders that the late Lieutenant Oakley do immediately the Camp. Lieutenant Chapman of Captain [Nathan] Hales Company & Colonel Webbs Regiment Try'd at the G.C.M. whereof Col Parsons was President for disobedience of Orders & refusing his Duty. The Court are of Opinion that the Charge is fully supported against the Prisoner, Lieutenant Chapman, & adjudge that he be dismiss'd the Continental Service for said Offence. The General approves of the sentence of the Court Martial against Lieutenant Chapman & Orders that he be dismiss'd from the Continental Service & depart the Camp.

Brigadier for the Day General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Huntington, Lieutenant Col Nixon & Major Colburn

Brigade Major for the Day Livingston

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Smith, Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters June 17th 1776

Parole Philadelphia — Countersign Lancaster

A Detachment consisting of one Major, three Captains, Six Subalterns, Nine Serjeants, 9 Corporals, 3 Drums & Fifes & One Hundred & twenty Privates to Parade this Evening at 6 oClock at the Bowling Green, there to receive further Orders from Major Brooks of Colonel Webbs Regiment who is to take Command of this Party. Especial care is to be taken that the Mens Arms & Ammunition are in good Order each Man to have his Twenty four Rounds of Powder & to be furnish'd with seven Days Provision.

General Spencer 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 0 Fifers, 40 Privates.

General Heath 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 0 Fifers, 40 Privates.

General Lord Stirling 1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 0 Fifers, 40 Privates.

Head Quarters June 18th 1776

Parole Hancock — Countersign Johnson

Joseph Reed Esquire is appointed by Congress Adjutant General of the Continental Army with the Rank of Colonel & is to be regarded & Obeyed accordingly. Captain [Anthony] Post & Captain [Benjamin] Pollard are to make Returns every Evening to Col Putnam of the Service of the Men under their Command when & how they are employ'd & on Saturday in every Week to make a Return of the State & Condition of their respective Companies. Colonels of every Regiment to see their Drums put in good Order at the Public expence after which they are to be kept so at the Expence of the Drummers from whose pay deduction will be made, except in case of unavoidable Accidents. Peter Meredith & Peter Burks both of Captain Ledyards Company in Colonel McDougalls Regiment having been Tryed by a G.C.M. whereof Colonel Parsons was President for Desertion are found Guilty & sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes each which Sentence the General confirms & Orders to be executed at the usual time & place. In Addition to the Orders of the 14th Instant made to prevent the Embezzlement of the Public Tools of every kind belonging to the United Colonies or at any time purchas'd for them to be Mark'd with the following brand or Stamp

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The Engineers to provide Stores for preserving the Tools under their Care & such Centries placed over them as they shall find necessary. All Officers Commanding a Party or Detachment from any Regiment on the Works to be accountable for the Tools he receives from the Overseers as he will be Oblig'd to pay for all Lost while under his Care—& the Soldiers who shall loose or purposely destroy any of the Tools deliver'd them to work with shall not only have the price thereof Stopp'd out of his next pay but be punish'd according to the Nature of the Offence, & in Order that the Public Works may not be retarded by the several Overseers attending to deliver the Tools to every Regiment before they sett any of them to Work which may be the Case in some Instances, therefore the Chief Engineer has leave when he finds the Case requisite to take suitable Persons from any of the Battalions to attend the Stores & deliver & Receive the Tools & when any Tools are out of repair or become useless they must be Chang'd at the Q.M.Generals Store for other which are good & in case the Tools are not wanted or not to be had in the Store, the Q M G shall receive the defective Tools & discharge

the Engineer of so many Tools as they do receive. Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling; Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins.

Head Quarters 19th June 1776

Parole London — Countersign Montgomery

A Working Party Consisting of 900 Men properly Officered to parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock near the Artillery Park.

Those of Bayleys & Reeds to go to Powles Hook—Wyllis's to Governours Island. All the other Regiments to Parade at the Laboratory & their receive Orders from the Chief Engineer. The whole of the above Men to be furnish'd with one Days Provision, Except Parson's and Arnolds who will return to their respective Encampments to Dinner. Brigadier General Green & Col Prescott will furnish One Hundred & Fifty Men each as a Working Party at Governours Island on the present Emergency all Working Parties to Work till 6 oClock in the Afternoon except such as go by Water who will be allow'd to leave Work sooner if the Wind & Tide make it necessary.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Wyllis, Lieutenant Col Tyler, &
Major Sprout

Brigade Major for the Day, Cary

Head Quarters 20th June 1776

Parole Gates — Countersign Canada

One Captain, 2 Subalterns, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 1 Drum & Fifty Men to Parade to Morrow at 9 oClock at the Assistant Q M General with one Weeks Provision & there Receive their Orders from him 3 Carpenters to be nominated by the Q M General out of Col Reeds, Col Bayleys, & Col Learned's Regiments to be sent to assist the Wheel-rights. The Attorney General Office is remov'd to the same House with the Q M Generals for the present. Lost or Stolen on the Evening of the 18th Instant between the Grenadier Battery & the General Hospital a Red Pocket book containing about 20 Dollars in Continental Bills & a number of Valuable Papers of no use to any but the Owner whoever discovers the same & will bring it to the owner of the General Hospital shall be reasonably rewarded by Samuel Blanchard.

Brigade Orders, Long Island 20 June, Field Officer for Picquet,
Lieutenant Col Cornall

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters June 21st 1776

Parole Albany — Countersign Bedford

All Officers or Soldiers belonging to either of the Regiments serving in Canada are to apply immediately to Major General Gates who will give them Orders for repairing to their respective Detachments. The General has been pleas'd to appoint Richard Cary & Samuel Webb Esquires his Aid de Camps & Alexander Counter Harrison Esquire Assistant Secretary who are to be obeyed and regarded as such. The Honorable Continental Congress having resolved that no Officer shall suttle or sell the Soldiers on penalty of being Fin'd one Months pay & being dismiss'd the Service with Infamy, also resolv'd that all Sales of Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing & Accoutrements made by any Soldier of the Continental Army shall be void, also that the Baggage of Officers & Soldiers shall be regulated conformably to the Rules & Customs of the British Army, the General requires & expects most exact & punctual Obedience to each of the above Resolves.

Brigade Orders, Field Officer of the Day Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 22d June 1776

Parole Brunswick — Countersign Cumberland

Aaron Burr Esquire is appointed Aid de Camp to General Putnam in the Room of Major Webb—promoted he is to be Obey'd as such. The Quarter Master having in many Instances neglect to see Detachments & Working Parties furnish'd with the necessary Quantities of Provisions—The General requires greater punctuality in future & if any further neglect appears in this respect such Quarter Masters will be severely punish'd.

Brigade Orders

Lieutenant [Samuel] Huse of Col Littles Regiment is requested to take the oversight of the Well that is digging in Fort Green & carry on the same untill it is compleated—110 Men for Governours Island to Morrow & 40 for Red Hook the latter to receive Orders from Captain Foster the whole to get ready as soon as they have Breakfasted, those that are to go on Governours Island to be at St. Georges Ferry by 8 oClock the others to March immediately to Red Hook as soon as they have got their Breakfast.

Field Officer of the Day, Major Smith
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 23d June 1776

Parole Cambridge — Countersign Dorchester

Mutual Complaints having been made by the Armourers & Soldiers respecting the repairing of Arms. The Officers of the several Regiments are earnestly called upon to examine their Men & turn out all those that can Work to any advantage in the Armourers Shop, though they should not be compleat Workmen. And to prevent further uneasiness the several Captains are to inspect the Arms of the Companies & either themselves or by some other person for whom they will be answerable, have the defective Arms sent to the Armourers, where the Master Workmen will give a receipt for them, the same Officers likewise attending to the Return of the Arms & to make Report if the Armourers fail in their Work the honour & safety of the Army depends so much upon a strict attention to the state of the Arms that the General hopes no pains will be spared upon that head. A Detachment, consisting of one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, 6 Captains, 12 Subalterns, 18 Serjeants, 18 Corporals, 6 Drums & Fifes & 300 Privates to parade to Morrow at the Grand Parade at 1 oClock with their Arms Ammunition & Accoutrements to have 4 Days Provision. They are to receive their Orders from General Putnam—Lieutenant Col Jacobs, and Major Colburn to be Field Officer for this Detachment. The Guard House of the Provost Martial is remov'd to a Brick House near Colonel McDougalls Encampment. The Centries at the Laboratory of Artillery Park to be doubled every Night till further Orders. The Brigade Majors will strengthen their Guard with an Addition of Men for that purpose. Major [John] Trumbull being promoted, Adjutant [William] Peck of Colonel Huntingtons Regiment to act as Brigade Major to General Spencers Brigade till further Orders.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Major Angell
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 24th June 1776

Parole Dedham — Countersign Dorchester

The Guard over the Prisoners at the City Hall is to be strengthened every Night as the last so as to make up an 100 Men, 40 being acquired from the several Brigades.

The General Court Martial now sitting to assemble at the House where the Provost Martial is kept till further Orders.

Brigadier General for the Day, Lord Stirling. Field Officers for Picquet, Col Nixon, Lieutenant Wesson & Major Prentice.

Brigade Major for the Day, Henley
Brigade Orders

Field Officer for Picquet, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 25th June 1776

Parole Epsom — Countersign Falkland

The Militia Officers of the adjoining Provinces who are to reinforce the Army are upon their Arrival with their Troops to make Report immediately to the Brigadier General. The Commanding Officers of these Corps who is to make Report once in two Days to the Commander in Chief.

The Adjutant Generals Office will be remov'd this Afternoon to a small Brick house, belonging to Head Quarters. The Brigade Majors are requested to attend there punctually hereafter at 11 oClock except those at a distance who may send an Adjutant but the Orders will not be given to any Person of less Rank in future. Stolen from Trinity Church on Sunday in the afternoon a pair of Pistols with screw'd Barrels, silver Mounted much larger than usual. Any Person Bringing them to Head Quarters shall have 5 Dollars reward & no questions asked.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath. Field Officer for Picquet, Col Parsons, Lieutenant Col Nixon & Major Sprout.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Cornell

Head Quarters June 26th 1776

Parole Falmouth — Countersign Georgia

Agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable Continental Congress, no Certificates of Expences are to be given in future by any but Brigadiers, Q. Masters & their Deputies, or a Field Officer on a March, or Officer Commanding at a Detach'd Post.

The remainder of Colonel Waynes Regiment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel [Francis] Johnson [Johnston] are to embark for Albany on Saturday next. The Q M General is to provide Vessels & Commissary General Provisions for their Passage. Colonel Johnson will apply to the Adjutant General for particular instructions & for an Order on General Schuyler for Arms when he arrives at Albany. Colonel

Johnson is to appoint one or more (as the case may require) diligent Officers of his Corps to take charge of such Men as are now here belonging to the Regiments in Canada who are to take & deliver them to their Commanding Officers Passage & Provisions to be furnish'd as above. The Commanding Officers of the several Regiments; whether in Camp or Detach'd Posts are as soon as possible to return into the Adjutant Generals Office the Names of their several Officers their Rank & the dates of their respective Commissions in order that the same may be forwarded to Congress.

Joseph Hulbert of Captain Parks Company & late Col Learneds Regiment and Nathaniel Thompson of Captain (Andrew] Peters Company Colonel Reeds Regiment having been tried by a Court Martial whereof Colonel Parsons was President & found guilty of Desertion are sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes each on their bare Back which sentence the General Confirms & Orders to be executed at the usual time & place.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer. Field Officers for the Picquet, Colonel Huntington, Lieutenant Col [Herman] Zedwitz & Major Smith.

Brigade Major for the Day Livingston

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Adjutant from Colonel Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 27th June 1776

Parole Hallifax — Countersign Ireland

Several Persons having been detain'd by Centries notwithstanding their having given the Countersign at Night and others in the Day time on the Wharves on a pretence of their not having passes. The General forbids such practices & any Soldier convicted of them in future will be punish'd.

Officers on Guard to be careful in posting their Centries to make them acquainted with this Order.

After Orders

Thomas Hickey belonging to the Generals Guard having been convicted by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Parsons was President of the Crimes of Sedition & Mutiny & also of holding for the most horrid & detestable purposes a treacherous Correspondence with the Enemy, is sentenc'd to suffer Death. The General approves the Sentence & Orders that he be hanged to Morrow at Eleven oClock. All the Officers & Men off Duty belonging to General Heaths, Spencers, Lord Stirlings

& General [John M.] Scotts Brigades to be under Arms on their respective Brigades at Ten oClock to Morrow Morning to March from thence to the Ground between General Spencers & Lord Stirlings Encampments to attend the Execution of the above sentence, The Provost Martial immediately to make the necessary preparations & to attend on that Duty to Morrow. A Detachment of 30 Men properly Officer'd with Axes to attend Captain [Peter B.] Bruin at the Ship Yards this to be furnish'd out of the present Fatigue Party of 900 Men.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Major Smith

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

After General Orders

Each of the Brigade Majors to furnish the Provost Martial with 20 Men from each Brigade with good Arms & Bayonets as a Guard on the Prisoner, to be at the place of Execution.

Head Quarters 28th June 1776

Parole Kendall — Countersign Lebanon

The unhappy Fate of Thomas Hickey executed this Day for Mutiny, Sedition & Treachery—The General hopes will be a Warning to every Soldier in the Army to avoid those Crimes & all others so disgraceful to a Soldier and pernicious to his Country, whose pay he receives & Bread he eats. And in Order to avoid those Crimes the most certain method is to keep out of the Temptation of them—particularly to avoid lewd Women who by the dying Confession of this poor Criminal first led him into practices which ended in an untimely & Ignominious Death.

Officers are without Delay to inspect the state of the Ammunition which the Men have & get their Arms in good Order for Service & strongly to inculcate upon all Centries especially upon Night Duty the greatest Vigilance and attention. The Soldiers on their part to be very attentive & obedient to these Orders as Carelessness & neglect may be of the most fatal Consequenes.

No Person to be admitted to inspect the Works without leave in Writing.

The General requests the Colonels of the several Regiments not to depend upon their Officers in complying with this Order respecting the Arms & Ammunition of the Soldiers, but to pay a particular attention to this matter themselves it being at this juncture of the greatest importance.

Head Quarters After Order

It is not from any distrust of the Vigilance or Spirit of the Inferior Officers (as he has the greatest Confidence in them, that the General recommends to the Colonels an attention to the Arms & Ammunition of their respective Regiments but that every Officer from the highest to the lowest when the hour of Attack seems fast approaching may exert himself in this necessary Duty, & it is particularly recommended from the Brigadier General to the Ensigns to give it the utmost attention.

Head Quarters 29th June 1776

Parole Manchester — Countersign Norfolk

Ensign [Charles] Miller of Colonel Wyllis Regiment under Arrest for leaving his Guard at the City Hall and suffering a Prisoner to be absent from thence to be immediately Tried by a General C Martial Notice to be given to Witnesses to attend.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Wyllis, Lieutenant Col Hall & Major Sherman

Brigade Major for the Day, Peck

After Orders

Brigadier General Mifflin is to have Charge of the two Battallions from Pennsylvania commanded by Colonels [John] Shee & McGaw but is to remain in the City of New York till further Order. Before him all Prisoners & all Deserters are to be carried for Examination the former he will order to be escorted to such places as the Provincial Congress or Committee of Safety of New York shall assign. And the latter to have remov'd to a distance from the Army reporting to the General all Extraordinaries. General Mifflin will also turn his attention in a particular to the Gundalo's, Fire Rafts & carrying the Works with all possible dispatch & see that nothing is wanted which can forward or compleat them. Jonathan Mifflin Esquire is appointed Brigade Major to General Mifflin he is to be obey'd as such.

The Commanding Officers of Militia from the several Counties are to see that each Private is furnish'd with 24 Rounds of Powder & Ball as fast as they arrive by applying to Commissary Cheevers & to form them into Battalions as early as possible.

Brigade Orders by General Green

A Picquet Guard to Mount to Night from the 9th, 11th & 12 Regiments of a Subaltern Officer, one Serjeant, one Corporal & 20 Privates from each Regiment. The 9th & 11th to lye in the Regimental Alarm Posts & the 12th to lye in the Oblong Redoubt.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters Evening Orders June 29 1776

As many Useful Men belonging to the Army have been hired for the different Works of the Camps & as their Assistance may be wanted to repel the Enemy, such Carpenters, Armourers, Smiths & other Artificers as are now under the direction of Captain Post, Pollard, Bruin, Fort & [William] Bacon are forthwith to be formed into a distinct Corps under the Command of Col Jonathan Brewer & Major Park, Assistant Q M General, who are to act Pro Tempore as their Colonel & Lieutenant Col. Mr. Park to parade them on the Common near the Park of Artillery at 10 oClock to Morrow Morning he is to Order an Account to be taken of their Arms & Accoutrements & to form them into Companys of Fifty & then report to the General who will Nominate such Temporary Officers as will be necessary to compleat the several Companies. This Corps to continue during the present Exigency after which they will return to their former Employemnt at the same time they are not to be Exempted from their Ordinary Duty while under the present Arrangement except while they are Arranging or called out to Action. The Quarter M. General to deliver to General Putnams Order all the sand Bags in his possession, he is also to engage such a Number of Cart Horses in this City as Colonel Knox shall think sufficient for the Train of Artillery & with the Assistance of Col Knox to Arrange them in such a Manner as will prevent Confusion in time of Service & best answer the design of employing them. He is to procure as many empty sound Hogsheads as he can & deliver them to General Putnams Order. He is to procure all the Row Boats & light Petty Augers in & near this City & is to station them with all other Boats belonging to the Army & not in use in the Dock between the Exchange slip & Albany Pier. The Commissary Generals to lodge a Fortnights Provision on Governours Island, Powles Hook & in all the Detach'd Posts. To unable him to do this General Putnam will furnish him with a list of the Men in the several Posts. The General expects that all Soldiers who are entrusted with the defence of

any Work will behave with great Coolness & Bravery & will not be particularly careful not to throw away their Fire. He recommends to them to load for their first Fire with one Musquet Ball & four or eight Buck shott according to the size & strength of their Peices If the Enemy is Receiv'd with such a Fire at not more than Twenty or Thirty Yards Distance, he has no Doubt of their being repuls'd. The Brigadiers General to Order Cheveaux de Frizes sufficient to shut up the Sally posts of their respective Works.

Head Quarters June 30th 1776

Parole Philadelphia — Countersign Holland

The Brigadiers are to Order the Officers & Men belonging to their several Brigades (not on Duty) to March from their respective Regimental Parades to their Alarm Posts at least once a Day that they may become well acquainted therewith. They are to March by such Routs as are least expos'd to a Fire from the Shipping & it is expected that all Officers from the highest to the lowest will make themselves well acquainted with the Ground that they may at any time be able to make advantage of it. Upon the Signal for the Enemys approach or upon any Alarm all Fatigue Parties are immediately to repair to their respective Corps with their Arms Ammunition & Accoutrements ready for instant Action. The Working Parties in no other instance are to be interrupted. The Finishing of Out Lines of Defence & other Works expeditiously is a matter of so much consequence that the General is persuaded from the known zeal of the Troops that Officers & Men will stand in no Need of Arguments to stimulate them to an uncommon Exertion upon the occasion; His anxiety for the Honour of the American Arms & the Noble Cause we are engag'd in, not a distrust of the Officers Care induces once more & while time will allow it to recommend a thorough inspection into the Mens Arms & Ammunition to see that every Soldier is compleated to Twenty four Rounds & has a good Flint well fixed in the Lock in short to be well prepar'd for an Engagement is under God (whose divine Aid it behoves us to supplicate) one half the Battle. The General desires that each Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Establish'd Regiments will furnish Him with a List of the Vacancies therein, & that the Field Officers of each Regiment would recommend proper Persons to fill them. The Commanding Officers for the Time being of such Militia as shall arrive in this City from New Jersey, Connecticut & Massachusetts-Bay is to give in Return to the Adjutant General of the Parties as they

arrive. He is immediately to discharge every Man who comes without Arms & is to see all the others compleated to 24 Rounds per Man & that they do their proportion of all Duties as well Fatigue as other Duty. Captain Josiah Fay of Colonel Wards Regiment is to Act as Major of the said Regiment till further Orders he is to be Obey'd as such. Lost Yesterday between Head Quarters & the Fly Market, wrap'd in a piece of Writing Paper Fifty five Dollars in Continental Currency & a Receipt from Mr. Charles Green to the Subscriber Whoever has found the same & will Return it to Lieutenant George Whipple of Colonel Reeds Regiment or the Subscriber on Long-Island shall receive fifteen Dollars reward. Sign'd Jonathan Singer Dexter of Col Vernums Regiment.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Colonel Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters July 1st 1776

Parole — Countersign

The General C. Martial whereof Col. Parsons is President is Dissolv'd. A General Court Martial of the Lines to sit to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock Consisting of One Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major & Ten Captains to Try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before them all Witnesses & Persons concern'd to attend the Court. Field Officers for the above Court Martial Col Reed President, Lieutenant Col Clarke & Major Sprout. Jonathan Lynch of Captain Banigals Company in Colonel McGaws Regiment convicted by a General Court Martial for Striking & Wounding an Officer of Colonel Sheas Regiment & Richard Steel & James Higgins of Captain Stevens Independant Company of Rifle Men being convicted by the same Court Martial whereof Colonel Parsons was President of Striking & Abusing several Officers of the 20 Regiment are Sentenc'd by the Court to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in Execution. A Working Party of 900 Men from General Heaths, Spencers & Lord Stirlings Brigades & the same proportion from General Scotts to turn out at 5 oClock A.M. Huntington, Wards, Nixons & Webbs Regiments to Work at the Redoubt on Jews Hill plain and Bayards Hill. They are to be allow'd one hour at Breakfast, 3 for Dinner & to Work till Sunsett—Parsons Regiment to Work on the Hill under Captain Chapmans Direction—Learneds, Wyllis & Baileys Regiments to go to

Governours Island—Learneds to take Axes from the Labaratory—Prescotts Regiment to Work as Huntington & to turn out the whole off Duty—The Picquet not excepted. Prescotts Regiment is required to be more attentive to Duty not having furnish'd their Complement at the Works for two Weeks past till Yesterday. Baldwins Regiment to Work at the Hook & take Tools from the Labaratory in the Morning. All Working Parties to Work till Sunsett & those Regiments otherwise directed to Parade at 6 oClock A.M. The Troops in rotation to be allow'd to Fire two Cartridges a Man in such Manner as the respective Brigadiers may direct. The Brigadiers to give Notice to the General of their several determination on the Head. 50 Men with the Officers from the Fatigue are to attend the Deputy Q M General when he calls for them in order to clean & fill the Water Casks 100 Men from the Fatigue are daily till further Order to attend Captain Brewer at the Ship Yards.

Camp Brooklyn Long Island 1st July 1776

Brigade Orders by General Green

The Colonel or Commanding Officer of the 9th 11th & 12th Regiments are desir'd to Mark a line round each of the Forts & Fortifications for the Troops to begin a Fire upon the Enemy if they should attempt to Storm the Works & the Troops are to be made acquainted that they are by no means to begin a Fire sooner than at the Enemys Arrival at these Lines unless Order'd by the Commanding Officer at the Works. This Line should be at about eighty Yards from the Parapet. The Commanding Officer of the Guards at Fort Green & Fort Putnam to send a Patrolling party every Hour round the Works for about a quarter of a Mile to detect the Enemy if they should attempt to get possession of the Works by surprize with a Partizan party. The General thanks both Officers & Soldiers that turn'd out Voluntarily Yesterday to Work upon Cobble Hill—such an instance of Public Spirit is truly laudable & shall not go unrewarded if the General ever has it in his power to make a more suitable Acknowledgment. No Officer below the Rank of a Field Officer to lodge out of Camp from their Companies on any pretence whatever Sickness excepted. The General recommends the strictest discipline & daily attention to the Arms & Ammunition that we may be prepar'd for Action at a Moments Warning.

The Troops of this Brigade being very Sickly, the General recommends a daily attention to the Cookery of the Provision & that Broiling & Frying Meat so destructive to Health be prohibited & that the Officers of

each Company take it in turn daily to attend the Messes for that purpose.

A Picquet of 100 Men to go to Red Hook to Night by Order of a private Message from the General.

Field Officer of the Day, Major Smith
Adjutant from Colonel Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 2d July 1776

Parole — Countersign

General Mifflin is to repair to the Posts near Kings Bridge & use his utmost endeavours to forward the Works there. General Scott in the mean time to perform the Duty requir'd of General Mifflin in the Orders of the 29 Instant. No Centries are to stop or Molest the Country People coming to Market or going from it but to be very Vigilant in preventing Soldiers leaving the Army. Colonel Catherland of the New Jersey Brigade is to send over 500 of the Militia under his Command to reinforce General Greens Brigade. These Troops are to be Distinguish'd from the Old Militia in future by being called New Levies. The Q M General to furnish them with Tents. The Detachment from General Spencers Brigade to Return when they get over. The Militia not under the immediate Command of General Heard are to Under that of General [Hugh] Mercer until the arrival of their own General Officer.

The Time is now at Hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be Freemen or Slaves. Whether they are to have any Property they can call their Own. Whether their Houses & Farms are to be Pillaged & Distress'd & they Consign'd to a State of Wretchedness from which no human efforts will probably deliver them. The Fate of Unborn Millions will now depend under God on the Courage & Conduct of this Army. Our Cruel & Unrelenting Enemy leaves us no Choice but bare Resistance or the most Abject Submission. This is all we can expect, Therefore to Resolve to Conquer or Die. Our own Our Country Honour all call upon us for a Vigorous & Manly Exertion & if we now shamefully fail, we shall become Infamous to the whole World, let us therefore rely upon the goodness of our Cause & the Aid of the Supreme being in whose Hands Victory is, to Animate & Encourage us to Great and Noble Actions. The Eyes of all our Countrymen are now upon us & we shall have their Blessings & Praises if happily we are the Instruments of saving them from the Tyranny meditated against them, let us therefore Animate & encourage each other & shew the whole World that a Freeman Contending on his own Ground is superior to any Slavish Mercenary

on Earth. The General recommends to the Officers great Coolness in time of Action & to the Soldiers a strict Attention & Obedience with a becoming Firmness & Spirit. Any Officer or Soldier or any particular Corps distinguishing themselves by any Act of Bravery or Courage will assuredly meet with Notice & Rewards. And on the other Hand those who behave ill will as certainly be exposed & punished. The General being Resolved as well for the Honour & Safety of the Country as the Army to shew no favour to such as refuse or neglect their Duty at such an important Crisis, The General expressly Orders that no Officer or Soldier on any pretence whatsoever without leave in Writing from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment do leave the Parade so as to be out of Drum Call In Case of an Alarm which may be hourly expected the Regiments are immediately to be under Arms on their respective Parades & should any be absent they will be severely punish'd. The whole Army to be at their Alarm Posts compleatly equipp'd to Morrow a little before Day. Charles Miller of Captain [Samuel] Wrights Company in Colonel Wyllis Regiment Charg'd with absenting himself from the Guard Tried by a General C. Martial is Acquitted. The General approves the Sentence & Orders him to be releas'd from his Confinement. Working Parties to Morrow the same as to Day. As there is a probability of Rain The General strongly recommends to the Officers to pay a particular Attention to the Arms & Ammunition of the Men that they may neither be Damaged.

Lieutenant Col Clarke who was to set on a G. C. Martial in the Orders of Yesterday being absent on Command Lieutenant Colonel Tyler is to Set in Court.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Baldwin, Lieutenant Col Durkee & Major Livingston

Brigade Major for the Day, Livingston

Camp Long Island 2d July 1776

Brigade Orders

A Picquet of Fifty Men in Fort Putnam 25 in Fort Box, A Serjeant & 12 at the Mill Dam these are to be furnish'd from the 9th 11th & 12th Regiments. A Picquet of 20 Men at Fort Stirling 20 at Cobble Hill. Those of Col Wards Regiment of New Jersey Militia upon an Alarm to form in the Rear of Fort Green. Centries to be posted at the Redoubts.

The Major of Brigade to see to the Posting them. Patroles to be kept up from Fort Putnam once an Hour.

Field Officer of the Day, Major Angell
Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 3d July 1776

Parole Brunswick — Countersign Princetown

The Director General of the Hospital having laid before the General a plan of conduct for the Surgeons & Mates of the Regiments by which in case of Action they may do their Duty with greater ease & benefit to the Service. The General much approves thereof. They are to attend the Director General & each to take a Copy of the Plan to which they are strictly to Comply. The Adjutants of the several Regiments to make this Order particularly known to each Surgeon & Mate without delay. A Working Party to Morrow consisting of 800 Men properly Officer'd from General Heaths, Spencers, Lord Stirlings & Scotts Brigades, Spencers to Work at Bayards Hill Plain & Gannes Hill, Captain Chapman to direct them. The others to apply to the Engineers Store for Tools & directions at the West End of the upper Barracks, Scotts Brigade in particular not to depart the Store till they have a director they being unacquainted did not find the Place destin'd for them Yesterday by which means the Work at the Bomb Battery were intirely omitted.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters July 4th 1776

Parole Alexandria — Countersign Brunswick

The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments are to make out Pay Abstracts for the Month of May. These are to be carefully examin'd by the Brigadier under whom they serve & by the Pay Master General before the Warrants are brought to be sign'd by the General they are then to deliver them in & receive Payment. Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling.

Extract from Brigade Orders Long Island July 4th 1776

The General recommends to the Captains & Subaltern Officers a close Application to the Duties of their Offices & desires they will not suffer the Pleasures & Amusements of Life to divert them therefrom.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Henshaw who is to go with the Picquet this Night to Red Hook.

Adjutant from Colonel Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters July 5th 1776

Parole Cambridge — Countersign Durham

The Regiments who have not made a Return of the Names of their Officers their Ranks & Dates of their Commissions agreeable to former Orders are now Called on to do it without Delay & to mention in such Returns the Colony in which such Regiments was raised, the Time when & the Period for which they Inlisted together with the Vacancies in their respective Regiments. Lost this Morning a Pocket Book containing seven Guineas, two 8 Dollar Bills Continental Currency, one 1 Dollar Bill, one half Dollar & One shilling Bill New York Currency with a few Papers of no Value to any but the Owner. Any Person that delivers the same at Captain Hamiltons Quarters in Chapple Street shall receive a reward of five pounds. Tis Orderd for the future that no Advertizements be sent to Head Quarters to be inserted in the General Orders except very extraordinary.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Major Smith

Head Quarters July 6th 1776

Parole Essex — Countersign France

The Q.M.G. to have all the empty Casks which have been collected fill'd with fresh Water & to be changed occasionally.

The General hopes the Officers & Soldiers will improve this Opportunity to get their Arms in the best Order for Service, as they cannot tell how soon or suddenly they may be called into Action. For Fatigue to Morrow in Camp the same as this Day, Two hundred Men properly Officer'd (exclusive of the Number Order'd the 3d Instant) to Parade to Morrow Morning at 5 oClock at the Laboratory with four Days Provisions. They will receive Tools & directions from the Chief Engineer.

Brigade Order

Camp Brooklyn, Long Island, July 6 1776

The Ferry Guard upon an Alarm in the Night to repair to Fort Stirling & support that Post.

The Camp Colour Men of Col Hitchcocks Regiment to level the Ground where the Regiment lately moved from & bury all the filth left on the Ground.

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Vernum
 Field Officer for Picquet to Night, Major Angell
 Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 7th July 1776

Parole — Countersign

A Working Party of 150 Men properly Officer'd to go to Kings Bridge to Morrow, to March at 6 oClock from the Parade—they are to take two Days provisions with them after which they will Draw out of the Stores there. They will take their Arms & Tents, with them & when they get there General Mifflin will give them Orders. As the Enemy may make an attempt early in the Morning when there may not be time enough for the Soldiers to fill their Canteens. The General directs them to be fill'd every Evening, The Officers to take care that it is not neglected as it is a matter of much consequence at this time. Some Persons having Barbarously Wounded & Maimed some Cattle belonging to Leonard Lispernard Esquire on Friday Last—The General hopes no Soldier in the Army is concern'd in so base & scandalous an Action—but if it should appear otherwise such Person may depend on the severest punishment. Any Person who will give information in the matter will be well rewarded.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Camp Long Island July 7th 1776

The Guard at Red Hook to be releivd immediately & for the future to be releiv'd in the Morning. Field Officer for the above Command Major Collins.

Field Officer of the Day, Col Hitchcock. Field Officer for Red Hook to Morrow, Lieutenant Col Cray
 Adjutant from Col Vernums Regiment

Head Quarters 8th July 1776

Parole Johnston — Countersign Lebanon

The New rais'd Levies from Connecticut & New Jersey daily arriving a Report is to be made every Day to the General the number arriving by the Commanding Officer of each Corps in Order that proper Arrangements may be made All Officers are requir'd to be careful that their Men are acquainted with the Orders that they may not plead Ignorance.

Brigade Orders

Col Vernums Regiment to remove their Encampment to Red Hook & to do Duty at that Post. The Tents to be struck at 8 oClock in the Morning & March at 10. The Q Master of the Regiment to apply at Mr. Champney for Waggons to remove their Baggage. The New Jersey Regiment Commanded by Col [David] Forman being Order'd to Reinforce this Post. They are to Encamp on the Ground lately occupied by Col Hitchcocks Regiment.

Field Officer for the Day, Col Little

Head Quarters July 9th 1776

Parole Manchester — Countersign Norfolk

John Lewis of Captain Ledyards Company in Colonel McDougalls Regiment, Hopkins Rice of Captain Ponders Company in Colonel Ritztmass Regiment having been Tried by a G C Martial whereof Col Reed was President is found Guilty of Desertion & Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes.

The General approves the Sentences & Orders them to be Executed at the usual Time & Place.

Passes to go from the City are hereafter to be granted by John Reynier, Henry Wilmot & John Ray, Junior, Committee of the City for that purpose. Officers of the Guards at Ferries & Wharves to be careful to make their Regulations known to the Centries who are to see that the Passes are Sign'd by one of the above Persons & to be careful that no Soldier go over the Ferry without a Pass from a General Officer. The North River Guard to be remov'd to the Market House near the Ferry Stairs as soon as it is fitted up. The Honorable the Continental Congress having been pleas'd to allow a Chaplain to each Regiment with the Pay of 33 1/3 Dollars per Month. The Colonels or Commanding Officers of each Regiment are directed to procure Chaplains accordingly Persons of a good Character & Exemplary Lives. To see that all Inferior Officers & Soldiers pay them suitable Respect & attend carefully upon Religious Exercises. Blessings & Protection of Heaven are att all Times Necessary, but especially so in Times of publick Distress & Danger. The General hopes that all Officers & Men will endeavour to Live & Act as become a Christian & Soldier defending the dearest Rights & Liberties of his Country. One Sub, two Serjeants, 2 Corporals, & 20 Men to Mount Guard at the City Hall to Morrow Morning on the Grand Parade. The Honorable the Continental Congress (Impell'd by the Dictates of

Duty, Policy & Necessity) having been pleas'd to dissolve the Connection which subsisted between this Country & Great Britain & to Declare the United Colonies of North America Free and Independant States, The Several Brigades are to be drawn up this Evening on their respective Parades at 6 oClock, when the Declaration of Congress shewing the Grounds & Reasons of this Measure is to be read with an Audible Voice. The General hopes that this important Point will serve as a fresh incitement to every Officer & Soldier to Act with Fidelity & Courage as knowing that now the Peace & Safety of this Country depends (under God) solely on the Success of our Arms & that he is now in the Service of a State possess'd of sufficient Power to reward his Merit & Advance him to the highest Honour of a Free Country. The Brigade Majors are to receive at the Adjutant Generals Office several of the Declarations to be deliver'd to the Brigadiers & Colonels of Regiments. The Brigade Majors are excus'd from further Attendance at Head-Quarters except to receive the Orders of the Day, that their Time and Attention may be drawn as little as possible from the duties of their respective Brigades.

Camp Long-Island 9th July 1776

Brigade Orders

The Adjutant of the Day to carry the Parole & Countersign to the following Guards Viz. The Guard at Red Hook, Smiths Barbette on Cobble Hill, Fort Box, Fort Green, Fort Putnam, Fort Stirling, & the Ferry Guard which are to be deliver'd seasonably. An Orderly Serjeant to attend the Field Officer of the Day. The Commanding Officer of every Guard to see to the Posting of the Centries & give to each his Charge in the presence of the Serjeants of the Guard who at every relief is to give the same Centries coming on that those had who go off. The Officer Commanding the Guards will be answerable for every Neglect of the Serjeants & the Serjeants for the Centries. All Guards that are Releivd first to collect all the Out Centries before the Guard Marches off—then the Guard is to be March'd to the Grand Parade and there dismiss'd. The Field Officer of the Day is requested to attend to the Marching off the New Guards & the dismissing the Old Ones and report the State of them. Serjeant Ketcham of Col Vernums Regiment having reflected upon the whole Corps of Officers belonging to that Regiment. Upon the Trial of the Serjeant the President of the Court now in being to dismiss all the Members belonging to Col Vernums Regiment & make up the

Court out of Col Foremans Regiment of the same Rank as those dismiss'd. A Fatigue party to Morrow consisting of One Hundred Men for Cobble Hill or Smiths Barbette.

Field Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Col. Cornell
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 10th July 1776

Parole Ogden — Countersign Philadelphia

A Working Party of 150 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning with their Arms near the Laboratory at 6 oClock to take three Days Provisions with them. The Commanding Officer to come to Head Quarters for his Orders. The Quater Master General to provide Tents.

General Heaths Brigade instead of repairing to their Alarm Post to Morrow Morning to hold themselves in readiness to March as they will receive their Orders from the Brigadier General on the Parade at 4 oClock. The Brigadier will attend at Head Quarters this Afternoon for Orders. John Butler of Capt [John] Bridghams Company Colonel Bayleys Regiment having been Tried by a G. C. Martial whereof Colonel Reed was President found Guilty of Desertion & Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General confirms the Sentence & Orders it to be executed at the usual Time & Place. The General doubts not the Persons who took down & Mutilated the Statute in the Broad Way last Night were Actuated by zeal in the Public Cause. Yet it has so much the appearance of Riot & want of Order in the Army that he disapproves the manner & directs that in future these Things shall be avoided by the Soldiery & left to be executed by proper Authority.

Brigadier for the Day, General [James] Wadsworth

Brigade Orders Long Island 10th July

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Adjutant of the Day from Colonel Foremans Regiment

The Deputy Commissary Mr. Browne to issue Provision three Times a Week, on Tuesdays Thursdays & Saturdays.

The Quarter Masters of the several Regiments to give their attendance accordingly. It hath been represented to the General that the Putrid Fever now prevailing among the Troops is partly owing to their going into the Water in the heat of the Day—for the future they are forbid going into Swimming only in the Mornings & Evenings. A Fatigue Party to Morrow of One hundred & fifty Men to begin at five in the Morning & Work till Eight then at four in the Afternoon & Work till Sunset. This

Fatigue Party to be continued until Smiths Barbette is compleated to be furnish'd from the 11th & 12 Regiments & Colonel Foremans Regiment of the New Jersey Levies.

Head Quarters 11th July 1776

Parole Quebec — Countersign Roxborough

General Spencers Brigade instead of repairing to their Alarm Posts to hold themselves in readiness to March to Morrow Morning at 4 oClock— The Brigadier General will attend at Head Quarters for Orders which he will deliver on the Parade to Morrow Morning to the Brigade. As the Weather is very Warm there will be the greatest Danger of the Troops growing unhealthy unless both Officers & Men are attentive to Cleanliness both in their Persons & Quarters. The Officers are requir'd to Visit the Men frequently in their Quarters to impress on them the necessity of frequently changing their Linnen, cleaning their Rooms & wherever it can be avoided not to Cook their Victuals in the same Room where they Sleep. If any of the Officers apprehend themselves Crouded in their Quarters they are to represent it to the Barrack Master who is Order'd to accomodate them in such a Manner as to be conducive to Health & Convenience.

The Good of the Service the comfort of the Men & the Merit of the Officers will be so much advanced by keeping the Troops as Neat & Clean as possible that the General hopes there will be an Emulation upon this Head & as a scrutiny will soon be made those who shall be found negligent will be punished and the deserving rewarded—40 Men properly Officer'd to attend Col Mason & work under his direction those Men not to changed any Day as has been the Case but to continue with him till the Service is compleated.

Camp Long Island July 11th 1776

Brigade Orders

The Sick being very numerous in the Hospitals & very few Women Nurses to be had, the Regimental Surgeons must Report the Number necessary for the Sick of the Regiment & the Colonels are requested to supply accordingly. A daily Report to be made to the Commanding Officers of Corps by the Surgeons of the Watchers wanting in the Hospital which are to be supplied accordingly. The Serjeant Commanding the Guard at Fort Stirling to be put under Confinement for not having his Guard Paraded at the entry of the Grand Rounds.

The Commanding Officers of the several Posts are requested to examine & Report the best Method for Covering the Picquet Guards in the several Works. The Fatigue Parties to be turn'd out in Time so as to be at Work on the Hill by five in the Morning no excuse will be taken for the future for any neglect of this kind. The Adjutants will be answerable if their Men are not brought to the Grand Parade punctually at the time appointed.

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Major Angell
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 12th July 1776

Parole Somerest — Countersign Tunbridge

Thomas Blunfield of Captain [Christopher] Darrows Company & Colonel Parsons Regiment Try'd by a G. C. M. whereof Colonel Reed was President was found Guilty of Desertion & Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes.

The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be executed at the Usual Time & Place.

Lord Stirlings Brigade is to be on the Parade to Morrow Morning at 4 oClock with their Arms & Accoutrements ready to March they will receive Orders from the Brigadier at the Parade.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath
Field Officers for Piquet, Colonel McDougall,
Lieutenant Col Hall & Major [Joseph] Phillips
Brigade Order
Field Officer of the Day, Major Collins
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 13th July 1776

Parole Ulster — Countersign Winchester

The Guard at Fort George to be Reinforc'd with a Field Officer, 2 Captains, 4 Subalterns, 6 Serjeants, 6 Corporals & 70 Men. The General was sorry to Observe Yesterday that many of the Officers & a number of the Men instead of attending to their Duty on the Beating of the Drum continued along the Banks of the North River gazing at the Ships, such unsoldiery conduct must Grieve every good Officer & give the Enemy a mean Opinion of the Army as nothing shews the Brave & good Soldier

more than in case of an Alarm coolly & calmly repairing to his Post & there waiting his Orders—whereas the indulgence of such a weak Curiosity at such a times makes Man look mean & contemptible.

A well Dress'd Serjeant from General Scotts, General Wadsworth & General [Nathaniel] Hears Brigade to attend Head Quarters every Day. The Majors of the New Brigades & all Officers of these Corps are directed to look over the Orderly Books before they come into Camp and acquaint themselves with the former Orders. They are also to be careful that the Daily Orders are deliverd so that neither Officer or Soldier may plead ignorance as in that case they will be deemed Answerable. A Working Party of 800 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock. Learneds & Wyllis Regiments to receive Tools for making Fascines they are to take their Dinners with them, Ensign [Ebenezer] Field of Learneds Regiment to attend at the Engineers Store for Tools & Orders. Three hours allow'd for Dinner & work till 7 oClock & so continue till further Orders. All who have Tools belonging to the Engineers Store to return them immediately. If any Regiment or Brigade are exempted from Fatigue at any Time The Brigade Major to inform the Engineer thereof that he may proportion what are sent accordingly. The safety & Success of the Army depends so much upon having the Works in all possible forwardness, that the General is much concern'd to find the Brigade Majors represented as deficient in that part of their Duty. Only five Regiments have turn'd out their Working Parties to Day. The General hopes this is the last time he shall have occasion to take notice of such neglect. Lost Yesterday either between General Heaths Brigade & Deans Distillery or about Head Quarters an Old Gold Watch the Case very thin, the dial plate gold grain'd, A Steel Watch Chain without a Seal, a Brass Key. Any Person bringing the same to the Adjutant Generals Office shall receive 8 Dollars Reward.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Foreman
Adjutant from Colonel Foremans Regiment

Head Quarters July 14th 1776

A Court of enquiry to set to Morrow Morning to examine into the Conduct of Col Ritzma who stands Charg'd with Practices contrary to the Rules & Discipline of the Army. Brigadier General Heath President Colonel Wyllis, Colonel [William] Malcom, Lieutenant Col Johnston,

Lieutenant Colonel [David] Brearly, Advocate General & Witnesses to attend the Court at Montaignes Tavern in the Fields at 10 oClock. The Regiment of Artificers under the Command of Colonel Park to join Lord Stirlings Brigade they will receive Orders from the Brigadiers with respect to their Alarm Post Arrangement & Duty in Case of Action. The Regular Surgeons to meet on Tuesday next at 9 oClock at the Coffee House on business of importance. The Adjutants of the several Regiments to give them special Notice. The Majors of Brigades & Adjutants of General Scotts, Wadsworths & Heard's Brigades are to send into the A General Office a Daily Report of every Regiment or Company belonging to their several Brigades as they join the Army in Order that proper Arrangements may be made while Time will admit. The Majors of Brigade are to be answerable for Disobedience of this Order, And if the Adjutants refuse or neglect there Duty they are to be put under Arrest immediately. All the Brigade Majors & Adjutants are again reminded that the Weekly Returns as well Brigade as Regimental ones are to be brought in every Saturday at Orderly Time into the Adjutant General Office. Inaccuracy & Neglect in there Returns will create difficulties in the payment of the Men. The Colonel or Commanding Officers should carefully examine the Returns, compare them with those of the proceeding Week & have all the Alterations accounted for. The General strongly recommends it to the Soldiers to be careful of their Arms & Ammunition at all Times but especially in Rainy Weather, An Enterprizing Enemy depending upon Neglect in this particular Often makes an Attack & too frequently with Success. Officers also will be very attentive to this Order & see it comply'd with. John Andrew, Jeremiah Willard & William Cary late belonging to General Lees Guard to join Captain Fords Company of Artificers. The Chief Engineer was Mistaking in the Report of Yesterday as to Col. Baldwin, Col Ward & Huntingtons Regiments neglecting their Fatigue & take the first Opportunity to Rectify it.

Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling

Field Officers for Picquet, Col. [John] Chester, Lieutenant Col Clapp
& Major [Cornelius?] Ludlow

Brigade Major for the Day, [Nicholas] Fish

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Col Little

Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

LIST OF THE FIELD OFFICERS ESTABLISH'D IN THE YEAR 1766
it should be 76

Colonels	Lieutenant Colonels	Majors
Thompson	Hand	McGaw
Reed	[Israel] Gilman	Hall
Learned	Shepard	Sprout
Nixon	Nixon	Coburn
Starks	Poor	[John] Moor
Whitcomb	[William] Buckminster	Cudworth
Prescott	Moulton	H[enry] Woods
Poor	[John] McDurfey	Suilly
Vernum	Green	Crary
Parsons	Tyler	Prentice
Hitchcock	Cornell	Angell
Little	Henshaw	Collins
Reed	Clapp	Smith
Glover	[Gabriel] Jhonnot	[William R.] Lee
Patterson	Reed	Sherburne
Sargeant	Enos	[Jonathan W.] Austin
Huntington	Clarke	[Elihu] Humphrey
Phinney	March	[Jacob] Brown
Webb	Hall	Brooks
Arnold	Durkee	Knowlton
Ward	Tupper	[Timothy] Bigelow
Willis	Putnam	Meggs
Bayley	Jacobs	Hayden
Greaton	Vose	[Jotham] Loring
Bond	Alden	Jackson
Baldwin	Weston [Wesson]	D Wood
Hutchinson	[Nahum] Eager	[Ezra] Putnam
Irvine	Hartley	
McDougall		
Wynde		
Dayton		
Wayne		
Ritzmas		

Head Quarters 15th July 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Pay Abstract for the Month of June are immediately to be made up carefully examin'd by the Colonel or Commanding Officers of Regiments & then Certified by the Brigadier after which they are to be Lodg'd with the Pay Master General.

A Working Party of 150 Men with a Field Officer, 3 Captains, 6 Subalterns, 12 Serjeants, & 3 Drums to Parade to Morrow on the Grand Parade & go up to Kings Bridge to Relieve the Party sent up there the 7th of July to take their Arms & 2 Days. They are to apply to General Putnam for Boats for Transportation & when at Kings Bridge apply to General Mifflin for Orders. It is intended that all those Detach'd Parties at Kings Bridge shall be relieved once a Week in future.

Brigadier for the Day, General Scott

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Sergeant, Lieutenant Col Hardenber & Major Sherman

Brigade Major for the Day, [Robert] Hoops

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Henshaw

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters July 16th 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Honorable the Continental Congress have been pleas'd to increase the Pay of Regimental Surgeons to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ Dollars per Month to take place from the 3d June last & that the Pay of the Troops in the Middle Department shall be 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ Dollars per Month from the 10th of June last. The Pay Abstracts are to be made out accordingly & Care taken to prevent Confusion or Delay. The hurry of Business often preventing particular Invitation being given to Officers to Dine with the General, He presents his Compliments to the Brigadiers & Field Officers of the Day & requests while the Camp continues settled in this City they will favour him with their Company to Dinner without any further or special Invitation. The Officers under whose Care & Direction the Cartridges are made up, having neglected to make daily Returns to Head Quarters, they may depend upon it after this Day any Officer omitting to send a daily Return of the Number of Cartridges made will be put under an Arrest for disobedience of Orders.

Colonel Reed President of the present setting Court Martial being unable to attend Colonel Webb is to succeed him as President of said Court Martial to assemble to Morrow Morning at 9 oClock at the Brick House near Colonel McDougalls Encampment.

Camp Long Island July 16th 1776
Brigade Orders

All Prisoners that are sent to the Main Guard by the Field Officer of the Day with or without Crimes are to be kept Prisoners till the New Guard comes on, unless sooner releas'd by him or the General. At the Mounting of the New Guard every Person under Confinement are to be Released unless a Crime be deliver'd unto the Captain of the Guard in Writing against them by the Persons that committed them with his Name to the Charge. Lieutenant Colonel Cornell & Captain [Nathaniel] Warner are appointed to oversee the Works at Smiths Barbett and to compleat the same. They are to be excus'd from all other Duty. Fatigue Parties for the future are to Work every cool Day as long as the Colonel thinks adviseable. The General wishes the Troops to be as industrious as possible least the Enemy make their Attack before the Works are compleated. A Subalterns Guard to Mount at Repaljee's Mill, on the Point every Night they are to continue there untill Sunrise in the Morning. The Major of Brigade & the Field Officer of the Day are desir'd to fix the Guard & Post the Centries for the first Time & to give the Commanding Officer his Charge in Writing Sign'd by the Field Officer of the Day, which instructions are to be deliverd by the Officer of the Old Guard to the Officer of the New, & the Officer of the Old Guard is directed to go down with the Officer of the New Guard at Guard Mounting & shew him where to place the Guard & plant the Centries. This is only a Night Guard & dismiss'd in the Morning.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Cornell
Adjutant from Colonel Formans Regiment

Head Quarters 17th July 1776

Parole — Countersign

A Working Party of 50 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock with their Arms near the Laboratory there Captain Anderson will attend from whom they will receive directions. The Q M General will supply such Tools as they may want. John Bergen, Henry Wilmot & John Rhea Junior a Committee of the Town are

appointed to give Passes to Citizens going over the Ferry. Officers & Soldiers who want Passes are to apply to their own Brigadier General & the General desires that they will give no Passes to Officers or Soldiers of another Brigade. The Officers at the Ferry Guard to attend to this Order particularly & Make it known to the Centries. The two Companies of Captain Van-Cortlands Company on Long-Island to join their Regiment in New York. Captain Kelseys Company & the Company under the Command of Lieutenant Burdon of Col [Silas] Newcombs Regiment is to replace them to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock. The Court of Enquiry upon Colonel Ritzmas Conduct having Reported that no other of the Charges made against him was supported, except that of using disrespectful Expressions of Brigadier General Lord Stirling & his Lordship generously overlooking the Personal Affront offer'd him, The General Orders that all further proceedings cease & Colonel Ritzmas be discharg'd from his Arrest. Yesterday the Detachment of 150 Order'd for Kings Bridge to March from the Parade at 6 oClock did not leave it till 9 oClock by which they lost the Tide—& much short of the Proportion of Officers was sent with the Party, an evil which is every Day increasing. The Brigade Majors will hereafter be deemed answerable for such neglect, unless they Report to the Adjutant General the same Day what Adjutant fails in bringing his Quota on the Parade in Time or put such Adjutants under an Arrest & Report it at Head Quarters. The Adjutants & Colonels of the New Troops arriving are to take Notice that Weekly Returns of their Regiments are to be sent in at Orderly Time every Saturday. Blank Returns will be given out at the Adjutant General Office to those who apply for them & Orderly Books for each Company. A Working Party of Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock with their Arms near the Laboratory to take One Days Provision to releive the Party that went up the 10th of July this Party to stay one Week & then be releiv'd.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for to Morrow, Major Collins
Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters July 18th 1776

Parole Italy — Countersign Kent

Although the General is sensible that the great Fatigue Duty of the Army (which he is highly pleased to see the Officers & Men go through with so much Chearfulness & Zeal) does not allow much Time for

Manuvering & Exercising the Troops yet it is a matter of so much importance to have them well practiced as time & Circumstances will allow That he earnestly recommends to the Brigadier Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments to take Time for that purpose & particularly to have the Men instructed & practised in the Evolutions Maneuvering & so much of the Manual Exercise as respects Loading & Firing not only with quickness but coolness. John Paint of Captain [Hugh] Maxwells Company in Colonel Prescotts Regiment, Duncan Grant of Captain McFarlands Company & Colonel Nixons Regiment, Jason Kemp of Captain Boulsters Company Colonel Learneds Regiment; William Baker of Captain Waterhouses Company Colonel Parsons Regiment; all Try'd by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Webb was President for Desertion is found Guilty & are Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes each. Baker to receive his punishment at three different Times 13 Lashes at each Time. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the Usual time & place. Two Guns fired from Cobble Hill on Long Island are to be a Signal that the Enemy have Landed on that Island. Complaints having been frequently made that the Centries especially those along the River, Fire wantonly at the Boats & Persons passing. Officers of Guards are to be careful upon this Head & acquaint the Centries that they are not to Fire upon Boats coming to the Town & that they are not to Molest or interrupt the Army Boats. The present number of Fatigue to be Augmented with 100 Men properly Officer'd the whole to Parade precisely at 6 oClock in the Morning to continue so till further Orders. Colonel Maylem of General Scotts Brigade to have the Superintendance of the Works laid out near that Encampment & to be excused from all other Duty. The General Invites the Brigade Majors of the Day to Dine with him in Course with the other Officers of the Day.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Arthur Smith Tried by a General C. Martial whereof Colonel Little was President for Cursing & Swearing and refusing to do his Duty & getting a sleep on his Post, is Sentenc'd to be reprimanded by the Colonel of the Regiment. The Captain of the Guard to send the Prisoner down to Col Vernums at Red Hook who is requested to Reprimand the Prisoner agreeable to the Sentence. Serjeant Ketchum of Col Vernums Regiment Try'd by the above Court Martial for Scandalizing the Officers of the

Regiment. The Court report him innocent of the Charge, he is therefore Order'd to Releas'd immediately. The Commanding Officer of each Guard to send out Patrolling Parties every Hour who are to advance as silent as possible & once in a few Rods to stop & listen with attention to discover any that may be lurking round the Works as Spies.

Head Quarters July 19th 1776

Parole Lewis — Countersign Maryland

A Detachment of 300 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock on the Grand Parade with two Days Provisions to go in Boats by the way of East River to Kings Bridge to execute such Works as shall be laid out by the Engineer. Lieutenant [Henry] Champion of Colonel Wyllis Regiment to Oversee said Works. Major Reed to furnish this Party with such Tools as Colonel Putnam shall direct. A Working Party of 30 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock on the Grand Parade without Arms to receive Orders from Captain Anderson & Tools from the Laboratory. William Harriden of Captain [Samuel] Warrens Company Colonel Reeds Regiment & David Ludlow of Captain Ludlows Company in Col McDougalls Regiment both Try'd by a G. C. Martial whereof Col Webb was President for Desertion & found Guilty were Sentenc'd to receive the former 39 Lashes the latter 20. The General approves of the Sentence & Orders them to be Executed at the usual Time & Place. The Field Officers of the Picquet are directed to attend on the Grand Parade punctually at a quarter after 8 oClock in the Morning & continue there till the Guards are March'd off, as there has been great remissness lately of that kind.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heard

Field Officers of the Picquet Col Ward, Lieutenant Col [Joseph] Hart & Major Fay. Brigade Major for the Day, Peck.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day Lieutenant Colonel Henderson
Adjutant from Colonel Formans Regiment

Head Quarters July 20th 1776

Parole Philadelphia — Countersign Quebec

Daniel Grimes of Captain Shaws Company, Colonel McFields Regiment, Tried by a General C. M. whereof Col Webb was President was

found Guilty of Desertion but some favourable Circumstances appear'd in the Prisoners behalf his punishment is omitted. The Prevost Martial is Order'd to deliver him to Captain Filton in order to be put into some Regiment to do Duty there until a good Opportunity offers to send him to his own.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Hitchcock
Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

Regimental Orders

At a late Regimental Court Martial whereof Captain Dodge was President, Abraham Buswell was Try'd for abusing Serjeant Haskell & thratning to Break his Head with the Brich of his Gun & refusing to Obey Colonel Little & Major Collins. The Prisoner was found Guilty & sentenc'd to receive fifteen Lashes on his Naked Back. Also Henry Walton of Captain Warners Company & Samuel Wilham of Captain [Jacob] Gerrish's Company were Try'd by the same Court Martial for Playing & Gambling contrary to General Orders is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to receive such a Reprimand as the Colonel shall give them at the Head of the Regiment & ask pardon of the Major likewise dig the two first Vaults that the Regiment shall want. The Colonel approves of the foregoing Sentences & Orders the Sentence of Wolton & Wilham to be Executed to Morrow Morning when the Regiment comes from their Alarm Posts but for special Reasons Orders the Execution of Buswell sentence till further Orders that all of them be taken from their Confinement & put upon Duty.

Head Quarters July 21st 1776

Parole Newington — Countersign Ormond

Serjeant Ballard late of General Lees Guard now in Custody for having presumed to give a Person a Pass to cross the East River— appearing to have done it more through Ignorance than design. The General is pleas'd to discharge him, but if any inferiour Officer hereafter shall take a Liberty he will be severely punish'd. It being again Declard that Passes to Citizens & Country People are only to be granted by John Beaman, Henry Wilmot & John Ray Junior or one of them, Passes to Officers & Soldiers only by a Major General, Brigadier General of the

Brigade to which they belong, The Adjutant General or his Secretary, or Aid de Camps.

The General has great pleasure in communicating to the Officers & Soldiers the Signal success of the American Army under General Lee at South Carolina. The Enemy having attempted to Land at the same Time a furious Cannonade for 12 hours was made upon the Fortifications near Charles Town—both Fleet & Army have been Repuls'd with great Loss by a small number of Gallant Troops just Arriv'd. The Enemy had 172 Killed & Wounded among whom are several Officers. Two Capital Ships much damag'd One Frigate of 28 Guns intirely lost being abandoned & burnt by their own Crew, & others so hurt they will want great Repairs before they can be fit for Service & all with the Loss on our part of Ten Kill'd & Twenty two Wounded. The Firmness, Courage and Bravery of our Troops have Crown'd them with immortal Honour. The Dying Heroes conjured their Brethren never to abandon the Standard of Liberty & even those who lost their Limbs continued at their Posts. Their Gallantry and Spirit extorted applause from their Enemies who Dejected & Defeated have return'd to their former Stations out of the reach of our Troops. This Glorious example of Troops under the like Curcumstances with us, the General hopes will Animate every Officer & Soldier to imitate & even Out do them when the Enemy shall make the same attempt on us—with such a bright example before us of what can be done by Brave & Spirited Men Fighting in defence of their Country we shall be loaded with a double share of shame and Infamy if we do not acquit ourselves with Courage & a determin'd Resolution to Conquer or Die—with this hope & Confidence & that this Army may have its equal share of Honour & Success the General most earnestly exhorts every Officer & Soldier to pay the utmost attention to his Arms & Health To have the former in the best Order for Action & by Cleanliness & care to preserve the Latter. To be exact in their Discipline, Obedient to their Superiours & Vigilant on Duty—with such preparations & a suitable Spirit there can be no doubt but by the Blessing of Heaven we shall Repel our Cruel Invaders, preserve our Country & gain the greater Honour. A Working Party of 150 Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock with their Arms & one Days provision to go up to Kings Bridge by Water to relieve the Party which went up the 15th Instant. They are to apply to General Putnam for Boats. The General is much Pleas'd with the alacrity of the Men in doing Fatigue Duty & he is Resolv'd to ease them as much as the Service will Admit,

directs that until further Orders the Men who are to go upon Fatigue Duty shall be Excus'd from turning out to the Alarm Post for that Day except in Case of real Alarm. A Working Party of 150 Men properly Officer'd to attend Captain Anderson when & as long as he shall direct.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Little
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 22d July 1776

Parole Richmond — Countersign Savory

The Orderly Serjeants to attend at Head Quarters are hereafter to bring their Dinners & wait till they are Reliev'd. As it is much to be feared the state of the Necessary Houses in this City may endanger the Health of Troops Quarterd here. It is recommended to Officers & Men to guard against it as much as possible & if any method can be fallen upon to remove or lessen the Inconveniences to apply to the Barrack Master for that purpose. The General has Noticed with pleasure the Care of the Troops in this Encampment on this subject he hopes they will continue it for the sake of their own Health & the Credit of the Army. It being represented to the General that many Regiments would at this season choose to lessen their Rations of Meat & supply themselves with Vegetables if they could be permitted. His Concern for the Health of the Troops & desire to gratify them in every reasonable Request, Induces him to direct the Colonels of such Regiments as choose to Adopt this Plan to signify it to the Commissary General & in two Days afterwards the Q. Master of such Regiment be allow'd to draw one Quarter part of the usual Ration in Money to be laid out in Vegetables for the Regiment. Passes from Col Knox for the Officers & Soldiers of the Artillery only to be sufficient to pass the Ferry.

Brigade Orders

Field Officers for the Day, Colonel Foreman
Adjutant from Col Foremans Regiment

Head Quarters 23d July 1776

Parole Trenton — Countersign Upton

Charles Bradley of Captain Richardsons Company of Colonel Ritzmas Regiment Tried by a General Court Martial whereof Col Webb was

President for absenting himself & Inlisting into another Corps is Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. Patrick Leonard, Richard Crary, James Crary of Captain Clags Company & Col Hands Regiment—Try'd by the same Court Martial & Convicted of leaving the Camp without leavé & of Riotous Behaviour were Sentenced, Leonard & Crary 30 Lashes & Crary 39. Jonathan Davis of Captain [Cornelius] Hardenburghs Company in Colonel Ritzmas Regiment Tryed by the same Court Martial & Convicted of Desertion is sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be Executed at the usual Time & Place. Lieutenant Josiah Fuller of Captain [John] Keys Company of the 20th Regiment now Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Durkee having been Tried by a G. C. M whereof Colonel [Thomas] Hobby was President for being absent from the Company & Regiment to which he belong'd for more than a Month & being Inoculated for the Small Pox contrary to General Orders is acquitted of the Charge. The General approves thereof & Orders Lieutenant Fuller to be immediately Discharg'd. It is with great Astonishment & Surprize the General learns that the Soldiers Inlist from One Corps to another & frequently receive a Bounty & that some Officers have knowingly received such Men—so glaring a Fraud upon the Public & Injury to the Service will be punish'd in the most exemplary manner. And the General most earnestly requests & expects of every good Officer who loves his Country not only to disapprove such practises but to make the Offenders known that they may be brought to justice. The Guard of the Ship Yard to be Reinforc'd with a Captain & 20 Men.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Major Angell

Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

The Colonel of the 9th, 11th, & 12 Regiments are requested to send in a Return of the Vacancies in the Regiments to gather with a List of the Names they propose should fill them This Return is wanted by 9 oClock The 11th & 12 & Col Foremans Regiments are to Parade on their Regimental Parades instead of going to their Alarm Posts to Morrow Morning. The Commanding Officers of each Regiments will receive Orders on the Spot when & where to March. The Duty being exceeding hard on the Men The General thinks proper to lessen the Fatigue one half & Reduce the Guards in the Forts Putnam one third, A Serjeant Guard of 12 Men to Mount in the Fort Box instead of the present Guard.

Head Quarters 24th July 1776

Parole Virginia — Countersign Wales

Three Hundred Men properly Officer'd to Parade to Morrow Morning at 6 oClock on the Grand Parade with their Arms & Ammunition to relieve the Party that went to Kings Bridge on the seventeenth Instant—to take one Days Provisions & go up by Water attending to the Tide. General Wadsworths Brigade to furnish 50 Carpenters with a Captain, 2 Subalterns, 4 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, 1 Drum & 1 fife to proceed to Kings Bridge to Build Stores for the Commissary & Quarter Master General. This Detachment to be allowed for in the Detail & to proceed by Water, To Apply to General Putnam for Boats. They are to Parade to Morrow Morning at the Assistant Q M General & take his directions. Each Brigadier with the Colonels & Commanding Officers of the several Regiments in his Brigade are to meet & Estimate the Quantity of Paper necessary to serve a Regiment for Returns & other Public Uses for a Month & make Report thereof to the General at Orderly Time on Friday Next that the Q. M. General may be directed to provide & deliver the same Monthly to the Colonels for the use of the Regiments. The General being sensible of the Difficulty & Expence of providing Cloaths of almost any kind for the Troops, feels an unwillingness to recommend, much more to Order any kind of Uniform; but as it is absolutely necessary that Men should have Cloaths & appear decent & light, he earnestly encourages the use of Hunting Shirts with long Breeches made of the same Cloath & Gater Fashion about the Leg, to all those who are yet unprovided. No Dress can be had Cheaper none more Convenient as they are Cool in Warm Weather & may be Warm in Cool Weather by putting on under Cloaths which will not change the outward dress Winter or Summer besides which it is a Dress which is justly suppos'd to Carry no small Terror to the Enemy who thinks every such Person a compleat Marksman. Some difficulties having Intervened so that the Commissary General cannot comply with the Order of the 22d Instant respecting the lessening the Rations of Meat & Paying Money in Lieu that the Men may increase their Vegetables in the Time allotted them for that purpose. The Colonels are desir'd not to draw for such Money till further Orders & directions be taken in the matter which will be done Immediately.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Major Collins

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters July 25th 1776

Parole — Countersign Bedford

The Countersign to be deliver'd by the proper Officers to the Prevost Guard as well as the other Guards & Care to be taken in future that the Prevost Martial Guard be properly Officer'd there having been a complaint made upon that head. Henry Davis of Captain Johnstons Company in Colonel McDougalls Regiment Try'd by a General C Martial whereof Colonel Webb was President & found Guilty of Desertion is sentenc'd to receive 20 Lashes. Patrick Lyons of Captain [Samuel] Curtis Company in late Colonel Learneds Regiment Try'd by the same C Martial & found Guilty of being in Liquor & Sleeping on his Post was sentenc'd to receive 20 Lashes. The General approves each of the above Sentences & Orders them to be executed at the Uusal Time & Place. It is with inexpressible Concern the General sees Soldiers fighting in the Cause of Liberty & their Country committing Crimes most destructive to the Army & which in all Armies are punish'd with Death—what a Shame & Reproach will it be if Soldiers fighting to Enslave us for *2d* or *3d* per Day should be more Regular Watchful & Sober than Men who are contending for every thing that is dear & Valuable in Life. William Baker of Captain Johnstons Company in Col McDougalls Regiment having been sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 20 Lashes for absenting himself several Days from Camp is Pardoned by the General on some favourable Circumstances appearing—But is to be publickly Reprimanded at the head of the Regiment. The Honorable Continental Congress in consideration of the Serjeant Major, Q.M Serjeant, Drum & Fife Major not having Pay adequate to their Service And hoping it will excite them to Vigilance & Industry have been pleas'd to increase the Pay of those Officers having no other appointment one Dollar per Month to commence the 16th Instant.

Peter Griden is appointed Brigade Major to General Heards Brigade & is to be Obey'd and Respected as such. Stolen out of the House of Brigadier Lord Stirling a neat pair of Silver Mounted Pocket Pistols, Screw Barrels with the Name S. Hake engrav'd on the Lock. Whoever will discover the Thief & Pistols shall have six Dollars reward or four Dollars for the Pistols only by conveying them to Brigadier General Lord Stirlings Quarters.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heath

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Ritzma, Lieutenant Col Clapp & Major Ludlow.

Brigade Major for the Day, Wyllis
Brigade Orders
Field Officer of the Day, Col Foreman
Adjutant from Col Foremans Regiment

Head Quarters 26th July 1776

Parole Cambridge — Countersign Derby

The Soldiers who have Enter'd on Board the Row Galley Commanded by Captain Cook are to repair immediately on Board—& the Officers of the Regiment to which they belong are to forward them as much as possible as the same is of the most Important kind. The G. C. Martial to set to Morrow for the Trial of Ensign [Job] Bryant now under Arrest for sending some Soldiers to take some Old Iron away & other Materials from the Ships now fitting out for Public Use.

The Q. M General to take the Rigging Stores & other Articles belonging to the Vessels to be safely secured in some Ware house or Store & any Officer or Soldier who shall hereafter be found meddling improperly with any part of them may depend upon being punish'd with severity. The Guards at Hamsons Brewery to be Mounted Consisting of 1 Sub, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, & 24 Privates every Evening & Centries to be Posted at proper Distances from the Air Furnace along the Shore till they come up opposite to Colonel Baldwins Quarters. General Green being particularly Engag'd at present, Passes sign'd by Lieutenant [Samuel] Blodget are allow'd sufficient to enable Persons to Cross the Ferry. Agreeable to the Order of the 22d Instant it is now settled that such Regiments as choose to lessen their allowance of Meat & receive Money instead thereof to be laid out by the Quarter Masters in Vegetables do it upon the following Regulation—instead of One pound & a half of Meat each Soldier to draw One Pound & one penny Lawful Money of New England to be allow'd for difference to be paid to the Colonels Order & laid out by the Q. Master for the purchase of Vegetables—Two Days notice to be given to the Commissary General. Complaints having been made that some of the Soldiers ill Treat the Country People who come to Market The General most positively forbids such Behaviour & hopes the Officers will exert themselves to prevent it—good Policy as well as justice demand that they should have all possible Encouragement as the Health of the Soldiers much depends upon the supplies of Vegetables those who have been guilty of such Practices will do well to consider what will be our situation at this

season if we drive off the Country People & break up the Market the Healthy will soon be Sick & must Perish for want of Necessaries. No favour will be shown to any Offender hereafter. The Person who supplies the Camp with Beer has represented that he must stop his Business if his Barrels are not return'd. The General therefore Orders that the Colonels of the several Regiments do strictly charge the Q Master to take Care of these Barrels & prevent their being Cut for Tubs as heretofore. An Account will be kept with every Regiment & the deficient Barrels Charg'd to such Regiment or the Q Master if he does attend to it. The Commissary General will deliver Pork Barrels to any Regiment who will apply to him to be Cut up into Tubs.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer
Field Officers for Picquet, Colonel Chester
Lieutenant Colonel Munster & Major [Levi] Wells

Brigade Orders Long Island 26th July 1776

The Main Guard at Fort Green to Consist of 1 Sub, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal & 27 Privates to be Reinforc'd at Night with a Picquet of a Serjeant & ten Men. Col Little is desir'd to attend to the Posting the Centries. Centries to be Posted in Fort Box from the Main Guard by Day & Night as there will no Guard Mount there for the future until further Order. A Corporal & six Men to Mount Guard at Fort Putnam in the Morning to be reinforc'd with a Sub, Serjeant & 24 Privates as a Picquet at Night. Col Hitchcock is desir'd to attend to the Posting the Centries; after the first Posting the Centries, The Officers that Commanded the Old Picquet to acquaint the Officer that Commands the New Picquet the next Night where to Post the Centires this Mode to continue until further Orders.

The Artillery to Mount a Guard at Fort Stirling of 1 Gunner & 6 Matrosses at Fort Putnam, 1 Gunner & 3 Matrosses at Fort Green, 1 Gunner & 3 Matrosses at Cobble Hill, 1 Gunner & three Matrosses— These several Guards to Parade on the Grand Parade & to be Detachd Regularly with the other Guards by the Brigade Major. The Guards to continue on Duty and at the Posts they are Station'd until Regularly reliev'd the next Day. The Guard at Fort Stirling to keep the Fort by Day & furnish the Centries, a Picquet to Mount there at Night to Consist of 1 Serjeant 1 Corporal & 12 Privates. The Ferry Guard to furnish the Centries for the Hospital. The Guard at Repaljees Mill, at Cobble Hill & at the two Mill Dams to consist of the same Number as

heretofore. Mr. Champney the Waggon Master General is directed to deliver the proper Quantity of Wood for the Use of the Regiment at the Encampments & to furnish the several Q Masters with Teams to Transport the Provisions for the Regiments. This to be consider'd as a standing Order.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col [Thomas] Henderson
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 27 July 1776

Parole Effingham — Countersign France

Complaints are made that Officers who are to attend the Men upon Fatigue & other Duty grow remiss. The General hopes they will consider what the Effects of so bad an example might be to the Men & as he believes it proceeds from inattention than design flatters himself there will be no occasion to remind them of their Duty hereafter. John Betsey of Captain [Dimond] Moretons [Morton] Company in the Train of Artillery try'd by a General Court Martial, whereof Col Webb was President, for Drunkenness—absenting himself from Guard without leave threatening to desert & take a Mans life away & for abusive Language is found guilty & sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. James Steel of Captain Peirces Company Col Ritzmas Regiment try'd at the above Court Martial for sleeping on his Post is found Guilty & Sentenc'd to receive Twenty Lashes. The General approves of each of the above Sentences & Orders that they be put in Execution at the usual time & place.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Major [Samuel F.] Parker
Adjutant for the Day from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 28th July 1776

Parole Gravisent — Countersign Hungary

Peck Esquire who has for some time past done the Duty of a Brigade Major to General Spencer is appointed to that Office & to be Obey'd & respected accordingly.

Some of the Adjutants have of late been very remiss in making up their Returns by 11 oClock on Saturday—not sending their Detachments properly Officer'd or relieving their Orderly Serjeants at Head Quarters. Those Gentlemen will in future be pointed out in General Orders & after that put under arrest if they are not more attentive to Duty. The General finding the number of Sick to Increase & being desirous to have

them as well accomodated as possible directs that the Barrack Master under the Directions of the Colonel or Commanding Officer of each Regiment Fix on some House convenient for the Regiment to be improved as a Hospital for the reception of Patients just taken down or whose disorders do not require any special assistance beyond that of their own Regimental Surgeons. One of the Serjeants of the Hospital will occasionally visit their Hospitals & determine where the nature of the Cure require the Patient to be remov'd to the General Hospital which will hereafter be kept in different Houses contiguous to each Brigade. The Regimental Surgeons are to receive directions from & be responsible to the Director General so far as respects the furnishing their Regimental Hospitals with conveniences for the Sick. The Regimental Surgeons are also to keep a Register of their Sick & make a weekly Return to the Director & Commissary General severally of the Sick in their respective Regiments—as the Rations issued for Men in Health are very improper for those who are Sick—the following Regulation is to take place—whenever a Person is taken Sick he is not to be borne on the Provision Return but the Value of his Rations to be obtained in suitable supplies from the Gen. Hospital to be drawn by the Regimental Surgeon who is to conform to the Rules of Diet establish'd in the General Hospital & to Act with the Director General. The Q Master of each Regiment to apply at the Q M General Office for Slaw[sic]-Bunks¹ for their Regimental Hospitals. The Detachments for Guards to be on the Grand Parade every Morning before 8 oClock. General Heards & General Wadsworths Brigades is requir'd particularly to attend to this Order. The Fatigue Men to be dismiss'd from Work one hour sooner than they have been as the Weather is so very Hot & the number reduc'd from 900 to six hundred—this alteration only to affect the Men employ'd in the Works—the full compliment to be kept up at the Ship Yards & about the Shipping.

Brigadier for the Day, General Heard

Field Officers for Picquet, Colonel [Samuel] Sheldon, Lieutenant Col Arnold & Major Tuttle—for Main Guard, Major Fay

Brigade Major for the Day, Peck

Brigade Orders by General Green

Field Officer for the Day, Col Hitchcock

Adjutant from Colonel Formans Regiment

¹Possibly open-bottomed, like slaw-boxes.

The Success of the Campaign must in great measure depend upon the Health of the Troops, nothing therefore should be neglected that contributes to that End—good policy as well as humanity claims every Officers attention to this important object upon this depends our honour as well as our success. The Good Officer is not Characterized for discharging his duty on One but in every respect. Tis a mistaken notion that the Minutia of Military Matters is only an employment for little Minds; such an Officer betrays a want of Understanding & shews the Person Ignorant of the necessary dependence & Connection of one thing upon another, for what signifies knowledge without power to Execute he who studies only those Branches of Military Knowledge that relates to dispositions & Neglects to preserve the Health of the Troops will find himself in that disagreeable situation. Tis with pain the General has of late discover'd too much inattention to the digging & filling the necessary Vaults for the Regiments to the burying all the Filth & Putrid Matter brought into Camp not consum'd. The General directs in the most positive Manner that the Camp Colour Men of the respective Regiments dig new Vaults & fill up the Old Ones every once in three Days & that there be some fresh Dirt thrown in upon the Face of the Vault every Day & that all the Filth in and about Camp be daily buried. The General requests the Officers of every Rank to pay particular attention to the Execution of this Order & to the Mens repairing to the proper Vaults to ease themselves. Let no Man go unpunish'd that neglects it. The General also forbids in the most positive Terms the Troops easing themselves in the Ditches of the Fortifications, a practise that is disgraceful to the last degree, if these matters are not attended to the Stench arising from such places will soon breed a pestilence in the Camp. The sickly season now coming on & putrid Feavers prevailing the General recommends a free use of Vegetables & desires the Men may keep themselves & Cloaths clean & Cook their provisions properly & little injury is to be dreaded from the approaching Season but a neglect in attending to these matters at this critical season may be attended with dreadful Consequences.

Many Complaints are made of the Troops stealing the Peoples Water-Mellons in & about the Camp. Such Practises if continued will be punish'd in a most Exemplary Manner. The General desires the Officers to bring every Offender to Justice. Altho' the General is taking every Measure in his Power to lessen the Duty of the Troops, he nevertheless will oblige the Troops to guard the Peoples property if it cannot be

preserv'd any other way—& as a few unprinciple'd Rascals may have it in their power to ruin the Reputation of a whole Corps of Virtuous Men the General desires the Virtuous part to complain of every Offender that may be detected in Invading Peoples Property in an Unlawful way that a stop may be put to a practice that cannot fail (if continued) of rendering both Officers & Men Obnoxious to the Inhabitants.

Head Quarters 29th July 1776

Parole — Countersign

The two Companys of Colonel Newcombs Regiment on Long Island to join their Regiments immediately.

The Chief Engineer finding great difficulty in sinking the Well at Bayards Hill for want of proper Workmen is allow'd to select such Men from any Regiment first applying to the Colonel or Commanding Officer & these Men are to be excused from all other Duties while on this Service. The Q.M. General is directed to furnish 12 Quires of Paper to each Regiment per Month to be distributed as follows, 1 Quire to the Commanding Officer of each Regiment, 1 Quire to each Company, 1 Quire to the Adjutant. The Remaining two Quires to be deliverd the Colonel as a Reserve for special Occasions. Orderly Books & Blank Returns as usual.

Some Difficulties having arisen respecting the Men who Engaged to go on Board the Row Gallies out of the Regiments. The General directs that in future when Men are wanted for that Service or of the like kind application be made to General Putnam who will call upon the Commanding Officer of Regiments for such Men as are fit for that Service having respect to the Strength of such Regiments & what it may have furnish'd heretofore on the like Service. And as the General flatters himself every Officer will only attend to what may best serve the general good he doubts not they will encourage their Men to turn out as Volunteers such only being required & that they be Men of approved Fidelity & Courage.

Colonel Baldwin & Colonel Bayleys Regiments to be Muster'd next Thursday the former at 7 oClock in the Morning & the latter at 3 oClock in the Afternoon. These Corps to off Duty one Day previous to being Muster'd.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Little
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters July 30th 1776

Parole Lancaster — Countersign Medford

The Q.M. General is to provide a number of Canteens as soon as possible & to have the Water in the several Works in Casks Examined that they may have a fresh supply if necessary.

It is represented to the General that the Pump Water in the City is extremely unhealthy.

The Officers & Soldiers are therefore Cautioned against & the Quarter Master & Commissary General are to consult together & fix upon one Mode of Supply of fresh Water for the Troops in this City. All the Detachments from Kings Bridge & the Adjoining Posts from this Army to join their respective Corps here except that at Burdets Ferry & the Carpenters Order'd on the 24th Instant. A Field Officer, 3 Subs, 6 Serjeants, 6 Corpoals, 6 Drums & Fifes & 150 Privates to Parade to Morrow at 6 oClock in the morning on the Grand Parade with Arms to go up by Water & relieve the Party stationd at Burdets Ferry—when there to take Orders from General Mifflin & take one Days Provision.

Baldwin & Baileys Regiments to be omitted in this detail on Account of their being Muster'd on Thursday. Major [John] Ripley to Command the Guard Orderd the 26 Instant are to be remov'd from Harrisons Brewery & Mounted at Mr. Lisenards where a Guard Room is provided for them.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Huntington

Lieutenant Colonel [George] Latimer & Major Smith

For Main Guard, Lieutenant Col [Giles] Russel

Brigade Major for the Day, Henley

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw

Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

For Main Guard Lieutenant Jenkins

Head Quarters 31st July 1776

Parole Norwalk — Countersign Oxford

Ensign Bryant Charged with Embezzling private Property having been Tried by a G.C. Martial whereof Colonel Webb was President is acquitted of any fraudulent Intentions, but Censur'd by the Court for Indiscretion in permitting some of the Soldiers taking away Old Iron. The General approves the Sentence & Orders him to be discharg'd from

Arrest. Jabez Palmer & Frederick Dulhager both of Captain Johnsons Company & Colonel McDougalls Regiment Try'd by the same Court Martial for Desertion & Convicted were Sentenc'd to receive Palmer 30 Lashes, Dulhager 39 Lashes—13 each Day for three Days successively. Joseph Dennis of Captain [Theophilus] Beekmans Company, Colonel [John] Lashes Regiment, Try'd by the same Court Martial for a breach of the 5th & 30th Article of War is found Guilty of a Breach of the 5th Article to Wit Joining in Meeting & Sedition, Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes three Days successively & to be Confin'd for one Month. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be Executed at the Usual Time & Place—Dennis to be deliver'd over to the Officer on Guard at the City Hall and closely imprison'd one Month. It is with Astonishment & Concern the General finds the precautions used to prevent the Countersign being made known to any not Intitled to it are defeated by the Ignorance & Misconduct of those to whom it is intrusted, in Order that none may plead Ignorance hereafter the Officers & Soldiers are to know that the following Rule is Establish'd. The Adjutant General at 6 oClock P.M. will deliver the Parole and Countersign to the Majors of Brigade & Adjutants of Artillery. Adjutants at Retreat Beating & not before are to deliver them to the Field Officers of their respective Brigades if required, then to the Officers of the Advanc'd Guards, then to the Officers of every other Guard in & about the Camp or City And the General flatters himself that when the Importance & Necessity of Secresy upon this Head is consider'd every Officer & Soldier will Pride himself in his Fidelity Prudence and Discipline. Brigadier for the Day, General Lord Stirling. Field Officers for Picquet, Col [Ephraim] Martin, Lieutenant Colonel Reed & Major [Ellis] Buel—for Main Guard, Lieutenant Colonel [William] Shepard.

Brigade Major for the Day, [William S.] Livingston

General Greens Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Major Angell

Adjutant from Colonel Formans Regiment

All the Slaw Bunks & Dulays in the different Regiments that are occupied by the well People to Lodge in to be collected for the Sick of Col Formans Regiment. The Colonel is requested to make a Search in his own Regiment & apply to the Commanding Officers of the other Regiments to do the like in theirs. A Serjeant & 10 Men to Parade at 10 oClock this Forenoon to be employ'd in Cutting Wood for a Coal Pit for the Armourers Shop. The Serjeants to apply for an Order at the

General Quarters to Draw Axes which the Party are to put in Order fit for Use this Evening & be ready to March at 4 oClock to Morrow Morning with a Weeks Provision. They are to apply to the Master Armour for Orders.

Head Quarters August 1st 1776

Parole Paris — Countersign Reading

Colonel Grays Regiment of General Wadsworths Brigade to go over to Long Island to Morrow Morning. They are to take their Orders from General Green.

It is with great Concern the General understands that jealousies have arisen among the Troops from the different Provinces & Reflections frequently thrown out which can only tend to Irritate each other & Injure the Noble Cause we are engaged in, and which we ought to support with one hand & one heart. The General most earnestly intreats the Officers & Soldiers to consider the consequences—that they can no way Assist our cruel Enemies more effectually then making Divisions among ourselves That the Honour & success of the Army & safety of our Bleeding Country depends upon Harmony & good Agreement with each other that the Provinces are all United to oppose the common Enemy & all distinction sunk in the Name of an American, to make this Honourable & preserve the Liberty of our Country ought to be our only Emulation & he will be the best Soldier & the best Patriot who contributes most to this Glorious Work whatsoever his Station or from whatever part of the Continent he may come. Let all distinction of Nations Countries & Provinces therefore be Lost in the generous Contest who shall behave with the most Courage against the Enemy & the most kindness & good humour to each other. If there are any Officers & Soldiers so lost to Virtue & a Love of their Country as to continue in such Practices after these Orders The General assures them & is directed by Congress to declare to the whole Army that such Person shall be severely punish'd & dismiss'd the Service with disgrace.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Major Collins
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Barney McMarran of Captain Coggeshel Company & Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment Try'd at a Garrison Court Martial whereof Col Little was President for sleeping on his Post & Insulting & Abusing the Captain of the Guard is Sentenc'd to be Whipp'd 39 Lashes & Drumm'd out of

the Regiment Camp & Army. The General approves of the Sentence & Orders the Punishment to take Place at 5 oClock this Afternoon. The Brigade to be under Arms to see the Execution of the Sentence. The Brigade Major is directed to have a Serjeant & 6 Men Ready after the Prisoner has receiv'd his punishment to carry him over to the Provost Guard with a Copy of his Crime & Punishment & the Temper & disposition of the Man & request of him to send the Guard out beyond Kings Bridge with the Prisoner that he may not have it in his Power to Desert to the Enemy.

Head Quarters 2d August 1776

Parole Salem — Countersign Taunton

The Colonels of the several Regiments are to be particularly careful that the Damag'd Cartridges are preserv'd & sent in to Mr. Commissary Chevers at Laboratory as it will be a great publick saving. The Court Martials are often detain'd by the Non attendance of Witnesses. All Officers & Soldiers Notified to attend as Witnesses on any Court Martial are to be particular & in future any neglect of this kind will be punish'd as disobedience of Orders. Notwithstanding the great Abuses of Regimental Hospitals last year the General has out of Indulgence & kindness to the Troops who seem to like them permitted them to be again opened with a full persuasion that the Regimental Surgeons will fully Conform to the Rules & Orders which have been made & particularly that they Act with the strictest Honour & Candour in their Draughts on the several Stores, & Accounting with the Director General of the Hospital when requir'd Making him regular Reports of the Sick & applying what they receive to their Patients only. The Colonels & Field Officers would do well to Visit the Regimental Hospitals frequently & see these Regulations Observ'd And in all Cases except Slight or Putrid disorders have the sick remov'd to the General Hospitals near the Brigade or the General must in justice to the Publick break them up again.

Richard Lawrence of Captain [Joseph] Gilberts Company & Colonel Prescotts Regiment having been Tryed by a General C. Martial whereof Col Webb was President and Convicted of Desertion was Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves the Sentences & Orders it to be Executed at the Usual Time & Place.

The New Troops upon their coming in are upon their Arrival to apply to Captain Felton at the Q M General Store in the Broad Way who will give them all necessary Directions.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel Forman
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 3d August 1776

Parole Uxbridge — Countersign Virginia

That the Troops may have an Opportunity to attend Publick Worship as well as take some rest after the great Fatigue they have gone through— The General excuses them from Fatigue Duty on Sundays except at the Ship Yards or special occasions untill further Order. The General is sorry to be inform'd that the foolish & Wicked practise of Prophane Cursing & swearing, A vice heretofore little known in an American Army is grown into fashion. He hopes the Officers will by Example as well as Influence endeavour to Check it & that both they & the Men will reflect that we can have but little hopes of the Blessing of Heaven on our Arms if we Insult it by our Impiety & Folly. Add to this it is a Vice so mean & Low without any Temptation that every Man of Sense & Character detest & despises it. Clarkson & Chace under Confinement for Desertion & Reinlisting into the Artillery from another Corps to return to Captain Bowmans Company untill Colonel [Samuel] Elmores Regiment which claims them comes into Camp.

Brigadier for the Day, General Spencer

Field Officers for Picquet Col Wyllis, Lieutenant Col [David] Breatly
& Major Ludlow.

Brigade Major for the Day, Henley

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Col Henderson
Adjutant for the Day from Colonel Formans Regiment

Head Quarters 4th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

Passes sign'd by the Q. M. General or his Assistant Mr. Hughes for persons in that Department to Cross the Ferries to be admitted as sufficient. Thomas Hubbard of Captain Wyllis Company, Col Sergeants Regiment, Try'd by a Regimental Court Martial & Convicted of Theft sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes but having Appeal'd to G. C. Martial

whereof Col Webb was President, the Sentence of the Regimental C. Martial was Revers'd & the Prisoner Acquitted. The General approves the Acquittment & Orders him to be Discharged. Daniel McGwin of Captain Scotts Company & Colonel Tayers Regiment, Samuel Weaver of Captain McFarringtons Company & same Regiment both Try'd by the same Court Martial & Convicted. McGwin for Deserting Inlisting himself into another Corps & taking a second Bounty is Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. Weaver for Desertion only Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes. William McStrain of Captain Wyllis Company of the above Regiment Try'd by the same Court Martial is Convicted of Desertion & Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes. William Digs of Captain [John] Woods Company & Col Baldwins Regiment Try'd by the same Court Martial Convicted of Desertion & Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the Usual Time & Place. The Court to set to Morrow for the Trial of Lieutenant [Caleb] Hobby of Colonel McDougalls Regiment now under Arrest for Misconduct in leaving the Vessels under his Care at the East River on Friday Evening last. Witnesses to attend the Court. All Persons are strictly forbid meddling with the Flat Bottom'd Boats without leave from General Putnam or some special Business & those Persons who have any of them are to be careful to return them safely. The Guards at the Wharves to attend this Order.

General Greens Brigade Orders Long Island 4th August

Field Officer of the Day Col Little

Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

Four Companys of Col [Fisher] Gays Regiment to take Fort Stirling for their Alarm Posts & four Cobble-Hill. The Commanding Officers of the Regiments to appoint a Regimental Parade where the Troops are to repair upon an Alarm to Form & then the Officers to March them to their proper Alarm Posts. The Countersign being by some Means or other spread Generally through the Camp & amongst many that dont belong to the Army—the General Orders every Person punish'd in the severest Manner who is base enough to discover it to those who have no right to it. No Person to be allow'd to pass after ten oClock with or without the Countersign within the Limits of the Camp or Circle of Centries, except General or Field Officers, the Brigade Major & Expresses—this Order is to extend to the Inhabitants as well as the Army. If any Person is taken up after this Order later then ten oClock they are to be sent to the Captain of the Guard, if a Private to be Confin'd until

Morning, If a Commanding Officer, The Captain of the Guard is directed to send an Officer to Escort him home—& likewise an Inhabitant if they belong within the limits of the Camp, if not he is to be continued a Prisoner untill Morning. From Dark until Ten oClock the People are to Pass as Usual but Troops are not to be out after Tattoo. A Fatigue Party to-Morrow from Colonel Hitchcocks, Colonel Littles, Col Forman & Col Gays Regiments, to consist of Two Hundred Men properly Officer'd to Work at Fort Stirling. Lieutenant Colonel Cornell & Captain Warner will give the necessary Orders.

Col Gay or the Commanding Officer of the Regiment is directed to lead his Troops into their Alarm Posts at 5 oClock this Afternoon. The General desires all the Officers to make themselves acquainted with the Ground for Miles round the Camp that they may be able to Command a Detachment if it should be necessary.

Head Quarters 5th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

The General has nothing more at heart than the Health of the Troops & as the change of Ground for Encamping on has been found very Salutary by such Regiments as have shifted—it is recommended to the several Brigadier Generals to have it more generally Adopted. And the General once more calls upon the Officers & Men who are Quarterd in Houses to have them kept clean & wholesome. Brigadier Scott having inform'd the General that some difficulties had arisen in his Brigade on Account of the first Battallion who had receiv'd some Assurances from the Committee of Convention of their State that they should not be remov'd out of Town unless the Army March'd in general. The General at the same Time being of Opinion that from their knowledge of the City they can be more serviceable than any other equal Number of Men who are strangers, Orderd that on Wednesday General Scotts Brigade March into the City & General Fellows with his Brigade take their Place, he also directs that no Officer or Soldier of General Fellows Brigade take up their Quarters in dwelling Houses in or near their Encampments except they are placed there by the Q M General. The General cannot dismiss this Matter without assuring the first Battalion of General Scotts Brigade that he will have the grounds of their claim particularly enquir'd into of the Provincial Congress of the State of New York as well because they may rest assured that at the same time Publick Faith is preserved with them he expects & will require that they observe their

Engagements with the Publick. The Arrival of New Troops requiring some Change in the Arrangement & particularly with Respect to the Alarm Posts, Major General Putnam with the several Brigadiers are desird to meet to Morrow Morning at 10 oClock at the City Hall to consider thereof & make Report to the General. The Adjutant General will attend at the same time.

Brigade Order

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Henshaw
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 6th August 1776

Parole Canterbury — Countersign Durham

One Field Officer, 3 Captains, 6 Subalterns, 6 Serjeants, 6 Corporals, 6 Drums, 150 Privates to proceed to Burdells Ferry opposite to Mount Washington to relieve the Party now there For this purpose to Parade to Morrow with Arms on the Grand Parade at 7 oClock to apply to General Putnam for Boats and attend to the Tide, every Commanding Officer of a Regiment or Corps in future is to account on the Book or at the bottom of his Return for all the Officers & Men Returned to be on Command expressing the place & Service in which they are Engag'd. Notwithstanding the Orders Issued & the Interest the Troops have in it Complaints are made of the bad Behaviour of the Troops to the People at Market Taking & Destroying their things. The General declares for the last Time that he will punish such Offenders most severely, & in order that they may be detected an Officer from each of the Guards nearest the Markets where the Country People come in to attend from Sunrise till 12 oClock & he is strictly Conjured to prevent any abuse of this kind. To seize any Offender & send him immediately to the Guard-House. Reporting him also at Head Quarters. The Officers of Guard for the future will be answerable if there are any more Complaints unless they apprehend the Offender. A Copy of this Order to be put up in every Guard House in this City. James McCornick of Captain Farringtons Company, Colonel Sergeants Regiment, Thomas Williams of Captain [Asa] Barnes Company & the same Regiment, Peter Bourse of Captain Ledyards Company, John Green of Captain Johnsons Company, both of McDougalls Regiment—all tryed by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Webb was President & Convicted of Desertion sentenced to Receive 39 Lashes each. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it put in Execution at the Usual Time & Place. Hugh Lacey of Captain

Stewards Company of Highlanders try'd by the same General Court Martial & found Guilty of Impudence & disobedience to the Orders of his Captain was Sentenc'd to receive 20 Lashes. The General is pleas'd to Pardon him on Condition he makes a suitable Acknowledgment to his Captain. Henry Clent, Jacob Lent, Elias Lent, Peter Brown, Jeremiah Hewson, Onesimus Oakman all of Captain [Benjamin] Hicks Company in Colonel McDougalls Regiment having been Confin'd some time for Desertion & no Evidences appearing against them are Order'd to be Discharg'd for want of Prosecution. Major Prentice to take Command of the Detachment Order'd up to Burdells Ferry. Brigadier for the Day, General Heath. Field Officers for Picquet, Col Douglass, Lieutenant Col [John] Chandler & Major Fay.

Brigade Major for the Day, Wyllis
General Greens Orders

Colonel Gays Regiment to furnish an equal Number of Men with the Rest of the Regiments in this Brigade according to their Strength for Guard & Picquet each Day & be very punctual in bringing their Men on the Grand Parade both Night & Morning at the time appointed as no excuse will be taken for any Neglect of this kind.

Field Officer for the Day to Morrow, Major Angell
Adjutant from Col Formans Regiment

Brooklyn Camp Long Island August 7th 1776
Brigade Orders by General Green

The Commanding Officers of the respective Fortifications are directed to pay particular Attention to the Provisions Lodg'd at Each Alarm Post for the support of the Troops in case of a Siege & see that they are in good Order and also that the Water Casks & Cisterns be fill'd & whenever the Water gets bad to have it Pump'd out & fresh put in. By a Deserter from Sir Peter Parkers Fleet we learn the Hessians from England & Clintons Troops from South Carolina have arrived & that the Enemy are Meditating an Attack on this Island & the City of New York. The General wishes to have the Troops provided with every Necessary to give them a proper Reception. The Captain of every Company are directed to Examine the Arms of his Company immediately.

Head Quarters 7th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Orders of the 28 of July respecting the Removal of the Sick from the Regimental to the General Hospital having been misunderstood by

some The General Orders that it be taken by the following Explanation. The Regimental Surgeons are to send at any Time with the Usual Ticket any Patient to the General Hospital who scarce require it (Putrid & Infectious Disorders always excepted) whenever the Director General or any Surgeons of the Hospital by his Direction Visit the Regimental Hospitals, he will consult the Regimental Surgeons & if they should differ in Opinion they will refer it to the Director who has by the Resolution of Congress, a superintending over the whole. The General most Earnestly Recommends to the [sic] of both Departments to Cultivate Harmony & good Agreement with each other as conducive to their own Honour & the good of the Service. A Sub & 20 Men to be plac'd at Hoe-buck Ferry for Examination of Passengers, The Officer to receive Orders from the Adjutant General at Head Quarters. The Pay Master having Received a supply of Cash, The Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments are to apply for their June Pay & make up Pay Rolls for July & deliver them to their respective Brigadiers for Examination. As many Soldiers discharge their Peices under pretence of Ignorance of General Orders and others having leave to do so from their Officers because they cannot draw them, The General directs that the Colonels of the Regiments or Commanding Officers cause a daily inspection to be made of the State of the Arms & when any are found Loaded which cannot be drawn they are to cause such Men to Assemble on the Regimental Parade or some other convenient Place, but at the same Time Namely Retreat-Beating, & there discharge their Peices, No Alarm will then be given. Officers will see there is no unnecessary Firing—Tis the Duty of the Colonel—& the Reputation of the Regiment so much depend on the good Order of their Arms that the General hopes he as well as any other Officer & the Men will pay a special attention to it. John Paul Greaves Willis Esquire is appointed Brigade Major to General Wadsworth & Mark Hopkins Esquire to General [John] Fellows, they are to be Obey'd as such.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day for to Morrow, Major Collins. Adjutant of the Day from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment.

Head Quarters 8th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

Passes Sign'd by the President of the Conventions of New York are to be deemed Authentick and Notic'd as such by the Officers attending at the Ferries.

As the Movements of the Enemy & Intelligence by Deserters give the utmost reason to beleive that the great Struggle in which we are Contending for every thing Dear to us & our Posterity is nearest at Hand—The General most earnestly Recommends the closest Attention to the State of the Arms, Ammunition & Flints that if we should suddenly be called to Action nothing of this Kind may be to provide & he does most Anxiously Exhort both Officers & Soldiers not to be out of their Quarters or Encampments especially Early in the Morning or the Tide of Flood. A Flag in the Day Time or Light at Night in the Fort on Bayards Hill with three Guns from the same Place fired quick but distinct is to be a Signal for the Troops to repair to their Alarm Posts & prepare for Action, & that the Alarm may more effectually be given the Drums are Immediately to Beat to Arms upon the Signal being given upon Bayards Hill—this Order is not to be consider'd as Countermanding the Firing Two Guns at Fort George as formerly Order'd, That is also to be done upon an Alarm but the Flag will not be hoisted at the Old Head Quarters in Broadway. Colonel Parsons, Colonel Reed, Colonel Huntington, Colonel Webb, Col Bailey, Colonel Baldwin, Colonel Wyllis, Colonel Ritzma, Colonel McDougall & Colonel Shepard to attend at Head Quarters this Evening at 6 oClock.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Col Forman
Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters 9th August 1776

Parole Lexington — Countersign Maryland

Captain Lieutenant [Winthrop] Sergeant of the Artillery to Attach himself with two Field Peices to General Heaths Brigade with the Ammunition Carts, as Order'd by Colonel Knox—while Time will permit he must Maneuvre with the Regiments of the Brigade & practise as much as possible. The Horses not to be taken away from the Carts but kept with the Drivers in some convenient Place contiguous to the Brigade so as to be ready at a Moments Warning. Captain Lieutenant [Benajah] Carpenter to do the same with Lord Stirlings Brigade. Captain Lieutenant [William] Johnson to do the same with General Spencers Brigade. Captain Lieutenant [Joseph] Crane do the same with General Fellows Brigade. An Ammunition Cart is provided for each Regiment with spare Cartridges. The Carts are immediately to join the several Regiments to

which they belong and keep with them in some safe Place near the Regiment. The Q.M. General to have the Water Casks replenish'd. The Commissary General to deliver to the Colonel of each Regiment Rum in the Proportion of half a Pint to a Man. The Colonels to make a Return of the Number of his Men for this purpose & see that it is properly dealt out by putting it under the Care of a very discreet Officer. As there are some Regiments yet Deficient in Arms the General directs that the Colonels or Commanders of Regiments see what good Arms there are belonging to the Sick & put them into the Hands of those who are well, & if there should still be a Deficiency they are to apply to the Adjutant General. The General Officers to be at Head Quarters at 6 oClock precisely. The General exhorts every Man both Officers & Soldiers to be prepar'd for Action to have his Arms in the best Order not to Wander from his Quarters, to remember what their Country expects of them, what a few Brave Men have lately done in South Carolina against a powerful Fleet & Army—to Acquit themselves like Men & with the Blessing of Heaven on so just a Cause we cannot doubt Success. Col Glover & Colonel [William] Smallwoods Regiments are to be under the Immediate Direction of Brigadier General Sullivan till some further Arrangement is made of the Brigades. Nicholas Fish Esquire is appointed Brigade Major to General Scott he is to be Obey'd & Respected Accordingly.

Camp Long Island August 9th 1776

Brigade Orders

The Garrison Court Martial whereof Col Little was President is Dissolv'd & a New One Order'd to Sit immediately for the Trial of all the Prisoners now under Guard. Upon an Alarm in the Night all the Troops are Instantly to Repair to their Alarm Posts, but if an Alarm happens in the Day Time, Col Hitchcocks Regiment, Colonel Littles, Colonel Foremans & Col Gays Regiments are to Parade upon the Brigade Parade near Fort Green. None of the Troops upon Guard are to Load their Peices without Order from the Captain of the Guard except those that are out Centries & hail a Person & he Refuses to Stand & give an Account of himself in that Case the Centries may Load & Fire.

Field Officer of the Day, Major [Edward] Mott. Adjutant from Col Formans Regiment.

Head Quarters 10th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

Great Complaints are made of the Soldiers taking away the flat bottom'd Boats which may now be wanted for the most Important Purposes. The General absolutely forbids any Person Medling with them at the place where they are Station'd but by Order of General Putnam in Writing or one of his Aid de Camps. The Officer of the Main Guard is to Detach a Subaltern & 30 Men who are to Mount Guard over them taking further Orders from General Putnam. The General will be oblig'd to every Officer or Soldier who seeing them out of their places will bring them to their Station.

Camp on Long Island August 10th 1776

Brigade Orders

A Report from Colonel Hand mentions a large Number of Regulars drawn up at Staten Island—Ferry & Boats to Embark in. No Officer or Soldier to stir from his Quarters that we may be in readiness to March at a moments Warning if necessary.

Field Officer of the Day, Col Little

Adjutant for the Day from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters 11th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

No Furloughs or Discharges are after this Day to be given to Officers or Soldiers without the knowledge or Consent of the Commander in Chief—when an Action is hourly expected a Case must be very extraordinary which can want an Application of this kind but it such should happen the Colonels are to satisfy their Brigadier in it first, the Brigadiers if they concur in it are to apply to Head Quarters from whence only furloughs are to be issued till further Orders.

The Honorable the Continental Congress having been pleased to allow a Paymaster to each of the Establish'd Regiments & Directed the General to appoint them—he desires the Field Officers of each Regiment to recommend to him suitable Persons they are to be Persons of Integrity & Fidelity, good Accomptants & fair Writers. Their Pay is 26 2/3 Dollars per Callendar Month. When a Prisoner is put under Guard the Officer sending him is not only to put down the Crime he stands Charg'd with but the Regiment & Company to which he belongs & he should also Note the Witnesses Names to prove the Charge.

The Court Martial to Sit to Morrow as a Court of Inquiry upon Lieutenant Messier of Colonel Lashers Regiment for Misbehaviour to his Superior Officers. Joseph Martin of Captain Heards Company, Colonel [Gold S.] Scillimans [Silliman] Regiment Tried by a General C Martial of which Col Wyllis was President for abusing & Robbing a Woman in the Market acquitted for want of Evidence.

Hugh Cahagan a Transient Person, Richard Kief belonging to Colonel Nickersons [Col. John Nicholson?] Regiment Convicted by the same Court Martial of Stealing a Coat & several Firelocks from Captain [Joel] Dickensons Company was Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes each. The General approves of the above Sentences, Orders Martin to be Discharged & the Sentence upon Cahagan & Kief to be Executed to Morrow Morning at Guard Mounting. A Drummer from each Regiment in the Brigade to attend the Executing the Sentence upon Cahagan & then he is to be turned out of the Camp & taken up if ever found in it again.

The Practice of Centries Sitting down while on their Posts is so Un-soldierly that the General is ashamed to see it so much prevail in Camp—at Night especially it is of the most dangerous Consequences as it occasions a Centinels sleeping on his Post when otherways he would be watchful. The General requests the Officers especially those of Guards & Visiting Rounds to caution the Soldiers against it & have all Conveniences for that purpose removed. Officers & Soldiers will be very careful in Damp Weather to have their Arms kept Dry & fit for Action.

Brigade Orders

The Court Martial Order'd the 9th Instant to sit immediately. Colonel Forman, President, Two Captains, & one Sub from The Colonels Hitchcocks, Littles, Forman & Gays Regiment Members.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Col Cornall
Adjutant from Col Littles Regiment

Head Quarters August 12 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Business of granting Passes proving burthensome to Messrs. Berrier, Ray & Wilmot three others are added to them Viz William Goforth, John Campbell & Samuel Copperthwait, any Passes sign'd by either of them are to be allow'd. The Honorable Continental Congress have been pleas'd to appoint the following Gentlemen Major Generals of the Army of the United States: William Heath, Joseph Spencer, John

Sullivan & Nathaniel Green Esquires & the following Gentlemen Brigadier Generals, James Reed, John Nixon, Alexander McDougall, Samuel Holden Parsons, Arthur St. Clair & James Clinton Esquires. They are to be respected & Obey'd accordingly—Jacob Jones in Captain Steenrods Company late Col McDougalls Regiment Try'd by a Court Martial whereof Col Wyllis was President for Sleeping on his Post Sentenced to receive Thirty Stripes. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be executed at the usual Time & Place. A Quantity of Spears being Arrivd, the General Officers Commanding Posts where they may be wanted are to make Report & Draw for them thro' the Adjutant General. That as little shifting of Regiments & Change of Alarm Posts may take place as possible at a Time when an Attack may be hourly expected, The General Orders & directs that the following Arrangement of the Army in consequence of the late promotions shall take place till some New Disposition can be made—Viz. Glovers, Smallwood, [Samuel] Miles, & [Col. Sam. J.] Atlees Regiment to compose one Brigade & be under the Command of Brigadier Lord Stirling. The Regiment late Nixons, Prescots, Vernums, Littles & Hands to form another Brigade & be Commanded by Brigadier General Nixon. The Regiment lately Commanded by Col McDougall, Ritzmas, Webb & the Artificers to be another Brigade & under Brigadier General McDougall. The Regiment late Parsons, Huntingtons, Wards, Wyllis & Durgees [Durkee] to be another Brigade Commanded by Brigadier General Parsons & the Regiment late Clintons, Reeds, Baileys, Baldwins & Learneds to be another Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General James Clinton. Sergeants, Hutchinsons & Hitchcocks Regiments to be added to General Miffins Brigade. General Hurds whole Brigade is to move over to Long Island. Colonel Gays Regiment is to join his Brigade in the City of New York. Col Hitchcocks Regiment is to relieve the Detachments at Burdetts Ferry where it is to remain & receive Orders from Brigadier Miffin. Lord Sterling & the Colonels of the several Regiments in his Brigade are to fix upon a Brigade Parade convenient to the several Encampments thereof. General McDougall is to do the same with his Colonels all the other Brigade Parades & Alarm Posts are to be as last Settled. The Brigades of General James Clinton, Scott & Fellows are to be under the immediate Command of Major Gen. Putnam. Brigadier Miffin & George Clintons Brigades to be Commanded by Major General Heath. Brigadiers Parsons & Wadsworth Brigades to be under the Command of Major General Spencer, Brigadier. Lord Sterling &

McDougall Brigades to be Commanded by Major General Sullivan and consider'd as a Corps de Reserve. And Brigadier Nixons & Hurds Brigades to be Commanded by Major General Green. Till General James Clinton can join his Brigade at this Place Colonel Reed is to Command it—under this Disposition formed as well as time will allow the united efforts of the Officers of every Rank & the Soldiers with the smiles of Providence the General hopes to render a favourable Account to his Country & Posterity of the Enemy whenever they choose to make the Appeal to the great Arbiter of the Universe. Lieutenant Colonel Tyler is appointed Colonel of the Regiment late Parsons's—& Major Prentice Lieutenant Col thereof—Lieutenant Colonel Durgee is also appointed Colonel of the Regiment late Arnolds & Major Knowlton Lieutenant Col thereof—The Congress have likewise been pleas'd to appoint Rufus Putnam Esquire an Engineer & have given him the Rank of Colonel in the Army. Major Henley (for the present) is to do Duty as Brigade Major in General James Clintons Brigade—Major Box in General Nixons—Major Livingston in Lord Sterlings, Major Peck in General Parsons & Richard Platt Esquire is to do the Duty of Brigade Major in General McDougalls Regiment all of whom are to be consider'd & Obeyd as such.

Brigade Orders

Officer for the Day, Lieutenant Colonel Henshaw
Adjutant for the Day from Colonel Formans Regiment

Head Quarters August 13th 1776

Parole Weymouth — Countersign York

Thomas Henley & Israel Keith Esquires are appointed Aid de Camps to Major General Heath they are to be respected & Obeyed accordingly. The Court Martial to sit to Morrow for the Trial of Lieutenant Holcomb of Captain [John] Andersons Company in Colonel [Philip] Johnstons Regiment under Arrest for assuming the Rank of a Captain & Mounting Guard as such. The Colonels of the several Regiments or Commanding Officers are to send their Quarter Master to the Laboratory for Ammunition Carts to be Attach'd to each Regiment with spare Ammunition to have it posted in some safe & proper Place near the Regiment so as to be ready at a Moments Warning. The Horses & Drivers also to be kept near the Regiment. It is the Q Masters Duty to attend to this & in case of Action to see the Cartridges deliver'd as they are wanted. The Enemys whole Reinforcement is now Arriv'd so that an Attack must &

soon will be made. The General therefore again repeats his Earnest request that every Officer & Soldier will have his Arms & Ammunition in good Order & keep within their Quarters & Encampments as much as possible to be Ready for Action at a moments Warning, & when called to it to remember that Liberty, Property, Life & Honour are all at Stake, that upon their Courage & Conduct rest the Hopes of their Bleeding & Insulted Country—that their Wives, Children & Parents expects safety from them only & that we have very reason to expect that Heaven will Crown with Success so good a Cause. The Enemy will endeavour to intimidate us by Show & Apperance—but remember how they have been Repulsed by a few brave Americans. Their Cause is Bad & their Men are Conscious of it & if Oppos'd with firmness & Coolness at their first Onset with our Advantages of Works & knowledge of the Ground the Victory is surely ours. Every good Soldier will be silent & attentive wait for Orders & Reserve his Fire till he is sure of doing Execution. The Officers to be particularly careful of this—the Colonel or Commanding Officer are to see that their Supernumerary Officers so Posted as to keep their Men to their Duty, & it may not be amiss for the Men to know that if any infamous Rascal in time of Action shall attempt to Skulk or hide himself or Retreat from the Enemy without the Order of his Commanding Officer he will instantly be Shot Down as an example of Cowardice, on the other hand the General solemnly promises that he will reward those who shall distinguish themselves by Bravery & Noble Actions & he desires every Officer to be attentive to this Particular that such Men may be afterwards suitably rewarded. General Green to send for ten Flatbottom'd Boats which are to be kept under Guard at Long Island no Body to Meddle with them but by a special Order. Thirty seven Sailors are wanted for the Gallies. 80 Men properly Officer'd & used to the Sea are wanted to go up to Kings Bridge with the Ships & Rafts, they are to be furnish'd immediately & parade with Blankets & Provisions, without Arms at General Putnams at two oClock & take Orders from him. John Gardner of Captain Probys Company Colonel Huntingtons Regiment Tried by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President & Convicted of Desertion is sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. John Morgan of Captain Johnstons Company Colonel McDougalls Regiment being Convicted of Sleeping on his Post sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes. Frances Clarrriage of Captain [Gilbert W.] Speakmans Company in Colonel Glovers Regiment Tried by the same Court Martial, Convicted of Desertion & Reinlisting into another

Regiment Sentenc'd to receive 13 Lashes three Days successively. The Gen. approves the above Sentences & Orders them to be Executed at the Usual Time & Place. The Court of Enquiry having Reported that Lieutenant Merrier had behaved unbecoming an Officer to one of Superior Rank, The Court direct a Court Martial unless he asks Pardon of the Officer he affronted but that Officer having Represented to the General that he is willing to pass it over—The General at his Request Orders Lieutenant Murrier to be Discharged.

Brigadier for the Day, General Scott

Field Officers for Picquet, Colonel Huntington,

Lieutenant Colonel [John] Hulbert & Major Hartwell

For Main Guard, Major [Phineas] Porter

General Greens Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Major Angell

Adjutant from Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters August 14th 1776

Parole America — Countersign Liberty

Alexander Samuel & Lewis Morris Esquires are appointed Aid de Camps to Major General Sullivan, they are to be Obedyed & Respected accordingly. The Division of the Army under Major General Putnam & Sullivan having undertaken some special Works are to be omitted out of the general Detail of Guards & Fatigue for the present. The General Orders three Days Provision to be Cook'd immediately that the Soldiers have their Canteens fill'd & be ready to meet the Enemy on the shortest Notice. Such Colonels of Regiments as have not sent for their Ammunition—Carts or drawn Rum for the refreshment of their Men in time of Action as per Order of the 9th Instant are to do it immediately & the Quarter Master must take care that it is used properly—the allowance is to be a half pint per Man. The Brigadier Generals will please to recollect that there are a number of Spears at the Laboratory which will be of great use at the Posts & are waiting to be distributed. In Case of an Alarm the Men are immediately to repair to their several Parades when the Rolls is to be called and then join Battallion & March to their respective Alarm Posts. Absentees will be consider'd as Cowards & treated as such. The General flatters himself that every Mans Mind & arms are now prepar'd for the Glorious Contest upon which so much

depends. The time is too precious nor does the General think it necessary in Exhorting his Brave Countrymen & Fellow soldiers to behave like Men Fighting for every thing that can be Dear to Yeomen we must resolve to Conquer or Die—with this Resolution & the Blessing of Heaven Victory & Success will certainly attend us, there will then be a Glorious Issue to this Campaign & the General will reward his Brave Fellow Soldiers with every Indulgence in his Power. The whole Line to turn out to Morrow Morning at all points ready for Action & continue till 9 oClock or further Orders. William Peck & Charles Whiting Esquires are appointed Aid de Camps to Major General Spencer they are to be Obey'd as such. Major General Greens Orders.

A Captain & Twenty Men to Parade immediately to fetch over the Flat Bottom'd Boats mention'd in Yesterdays Orders. A Serjeant & eight Men to be Establish'd at Myfords Ferry as a Guard over the Boats. All the Troops that are off Duty to turn out & Exercise twice a Day in the Morning & Afternoon. The General desires that the most Essential Manoeuvres may be taught the Troops as early as possible & that the Arms be daily examined.

Head Quarters 15th August 1776

Henry Williams of Captain [Warham] Parks Company Col Shepards Regiment Convicted by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President of Desertion is Sentenced to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves it & Orders it to be executed at the usual time & Place. Lieutenant Holcomb of Captain Andersons Company & Colonel Johnstons Regiment tried by the same Court Martial for Assuming the Rank of a Captain and wearing a yellow Cockade & mounting Guard in that Capacity. It appearing to be done thro' Misinformation & want of Experience the Court are of Opinion he should be Cautiond by his Colonel & make himself acquainted with his Duty & that he be releas'd from his Arrest. The General approves thereof & Orders that he be discharged. Mr. William Caldwell is appointed Pay Master to Colonel Baldwins Regiment—Mr. John Lawrence to the Regiment late McDougalls. The General directs & requests that every Officer will see the Mens Arms and Ammunition put in Order as soon as it clears up & for that purpose have them Paraded and carefully Inspected, An Enemy often presumes upon a neglect at such a time to make an Attack.

Mr. Robert Provost Junior is appointed Pay Master to Colonel Ritzmas Regiment. Colonel Glovers Regiment to move to Morrow to Greenwich & Join General Fellows Brigade.

Brigade Orders

Field Officer of the Day Major Collins

Head Quarters August 16th 1776

Parole — Countersign

In Recommending Pay Masters it is to be observed that no Commission'd Officer can be appointed unless he resigns his former Commission which he is to do in Person at Head Quarters. Major Livingston & William Blodget is appointed Aid de Camps to Major General Green they are to be obey'd & respected accordingly. Austin Soldier in Captain [Abraham] Meads Company Col Sillemans Regiment Convicted by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President for Breaking open a Store & Stealing Rum, Molasses & Fish Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes, John McAlpin & John Hooper of Captain [Robert] Smiths Company & Col [William] Malcombs Regiment Convicted by the same Court Martial of being Drunk on their Posts Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes each. The General approves of the above sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the usual time & place. The Orders of the 6th Instant respecting Soldiers abusing People at Market & taking their things not being known to the Troops who have come in since; it is now repeated that the General will punish such Offenders severely & he requires of the Officers who Visit the Guards to see whether the former Orders is put up in each Guard House & whether an Officer attends at the Market conformable to former Orders & make report to their Brigadier. Captain Andrew Billings to do Duty as a Major in Colonel Ritzmas Regiment till further Orders. Unless Orders are attended to they are of no consequence & the greatest disorders will ensue. The General therefore requests that the Officers would be very careful not only that the Orders may be known to the Men but that they see themselves they are executed. If every one in his own department would exert himself for this purpose it would have the most happy effect. The badness of the Weather has undoubtedly prevented an Attack as the Enemy's Troops have been Embarked some time. The General therefore directs that two days Victuals be kept ready Dress'd by the Troops & their Canteens fill'd with Water so that the Men may be prepar'd—otherwise in Case of an Attack they will suffer very much. All Tents to

be struck immediately on the Alarms being given Viz Two Guns from Fort George Three from Bayards or Bunkers Hill with a Flag in the Day & a light in the Night. The Divisions in the Army or Brigades doing seperate Duty proving very inconvenient the whole are to be brought in the general Detail to Morrow. The Brigade Majors are to be at Head Quarters at 6 oClock to settle the Detail & the Major & Brigadier Generals are requested to send at the same Time a Note of the Number of Men each may want for Fatigue or direct the Engineer having the Care of the Works so to do.

General Greens Orders Long Island August 16 1776

Colonel Smith is to appoint an Adjutant Quarter Master, Sergeant Major & Q M Serjeant to his Regiment. The General desires Colonel Smith will take care to have the Troops in his Regiment (not on Duty) Exercis'd Daily & Learn the Necessary Manoeuvres & Evolutions. General Nixon & General Hurd are to furnish a Fatigue Party from their respective Brigades to form the necessary Lines from Fort Box to Fort Putnam. The Gin Shops & other Houses where Liquors have been heretofore Retailled within or near the Lines (except the House at the Two Ferries) are strictly forbidden to sell any for the future to any Soldier in the Army & the Inhabitants of said Houses near the Lines are immediately to move out of them they are to be appropriated to the use of the Troops. If any Soldier of the Army shall be found disguis'd with Liquor as has been too much the practice heretofore the General is determin'd to have him punish'd with the utmost severity, as no Soldier in such situation can be either fit for defence or Attack. The General Orders that no Sutler in the Army shall sell to any Soldier more than one half pint of Spirit per Day If the above Orders are not strictly Adher'd to he is determin'd that there shall be no more Retailled at all. The Colonel of the respective Regiments lately come in are immediately to make Returns to the General of the number of Men in their respective Regiments & where they are Quarter'd. Colonel Hitchcocks & Col Smiths Regiments are to do Duty in General Nixons Brigade. Col [Richard] Van Brunts & Col Gays Regiments to do Duty in General Heards Brigade. The Captains of the two Brigades are to be particularly careful that the Rolls of their respective Companies are called at least three Times a Day & that the Troops do not stroll from their Encampments or Quarters.

Field Officer of the Day, Colonel [Philip] Van Cortland
Adjutant from Colonel Van Cortlands Regiment

Head Quarters 17th August 1776

Parole Falmouth — Countersign Essex

Benjamin Durant of Captain Wadsworth Company of Colonel Baileys Regiment Convicted by a G C Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President of getting Drunk on Guard Sentenc'd to receive 30 Lashes. Patrick Lyon of Captain Curtis Company late Colonel Learned Regiment Convicted by the same Court of Sleeping on his Post Sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves of the above Sentences & Orders them to be put in Execution at the usual time & place. The General recommends to all Commanding Officers of Divisions, Brigades & Regiments in issuing their several Orders to be careful they dont interfere with General Orders which have been or may be Issued—& those Gentlemen who have not had an opportunity from their late arrival in Camp to know what have been Issued will do well to inform themselves & especially before any special Orders may have a General Effect. The Guard Order'd to Mount at Lisenards Brewery in the Evening to Mount in the Day also & March of the Parades with the other Guards.

General Greens Orders

Field Officer for the Day, Colonel Johnston
Adjutant from Col Johnstons Regiment

Head Quarters 18th August 1776

Parole Grantham — Countersign Fairfield

As nothing Contributes so much to the good Order & Government of Troops as an exactness in Discipline and a strict Observance of Orders & as the Army is now Arrang'd into different Divisions, Those Divisions form'd into Brigades & the Brigades Compos'd of Regiments the General hopes & Expects that the several Duties of the Army will go on with Regularity Chearfulness & Alacrity as a Means of accomplishing this he desires that no Regiments Brigades or Divisions will Interfere with the Duties of another but walk in their own proper Lines. The Colonels are to take care not to contravene the Orders of their Brigadiers, The Brigadiers of their Major Generals & that the whole pay due attention to General Orders which can only be set aside or dispensed with by Orders of equal Dignity. The Army under such a Regulation will soon become respectable in itself & formidable to the Enemy. It is an incumbent Duty therefore upon every Officer of every Rank to be Alert and Attentive to the discharge of the several Duties annexed to his Office. His Honor

his own Person & Safety & for ought he knows the Salvation of his Country & its dearest Priviledges may depend upon his Exertions. Particular Cases may & doubtless will happen to necessary for the good of the Service that a change of Officers should be made from one Brigade to another but whenever there appears cause of this it will be Notified by General or Special Orders. The General cannot quit this Subject as this may possibly be the last Opportunity previous to an Attack without Addressing the Private Men & Exhorting the Troops in general to be profoundly Silent & Strictly Obedient to Orders before they come to & whilst they are in Action as nothing can contribute more to their Success than a Cool & Deliberate Behaviour nothing add more to the discouragement of the Enemy than to find New Troops Cool & Determined in their manner. The General has no doubt but that every good Soldier & all the Officers are sufficiently Impress'd with the Necessity of examining the State & Condition of the Arms, but his own Anxiety on this Head impells him to remind them of it after every spell of wet Weather least we should be Caught with Arms unfit for immediate Service. The Regiments of Militia from Connecticut are to be form'd into a Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General [Oliver] Wolcott who is hourly expected & in the mean time is to be under the Command of Colonel [Benjamin] Hinman the oldest Colonel of the Militia.

Though the Fire-Ships which went up the North River last Friday were not so successfull as to destroy either of the Men of War—Yet the General Thanks the Officers & Men for the Spirit & Resolution which they shew'd in Grapling the Vessell before they quitted the Fire Ships & as a Reward of their Merit presents each of those which stay'd last on Board & are somewhat burnt with Fifty Dollars & the others with Forty Dollars each. Had the Enterprize Succeeded so as to have destroyed either of the Ships of War The General would have been Generous in proportion to the Service.

Brigadier General for the Day, General Scott

Field Officers for Picquet, Col Chester, Lieutenant Col Prentice & Major Brooks. For Main Guard, Lieutenant Colonel [Andrew] Stockholm.

Brigade Major for the Day, Fish

General Greens Orders

Field Officer of the Day, Col Martin

Adjutant from Colonel Newcombs Regiment

Head Quarters 19th August 1776

Parole Georgia — Countersign Hartford

John Green of Captain Johnstons Company Colonel McDougalls Regiment Convicted by a G C Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President of breaking out of his Quarter Guard & being absent two Days Order'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves of the above Sentence & Orders it to be executed at the Usual Time & Place. The Prisoner then to be Return'd to the Quarter Guard. The Court Martial to sit to Morrow for the Trial of Lieutenant Hobby of the Regiment late McDougalls. The Judge Advocate to be Inform'd of the Witnesses by General Putnam. A Subaltern Guard to relieve the Guard at Hoebucks Ferry to Morrow. Colonel Hitchcocks Regiment to Move to Morrow to Burdetts Ferry & Relieve the Party now there—& there to join General Mifflins Brigade & receive Orders from Major General Heath agreeable to General Orders of the 12th Instant. General Putnam Boats necessary for that purpose. The Adjutants who have lately come in to apply to the Adjutant General Office for Blank Returns which they are to fill up & bring in at Orderly Time (Vizt) 11 oClock every Saturday Morning.

General Greens Orders

Field Officers of the Day, Colonel Newcomb
Adjutant from Colonel Newcombs Regiment

Head Quarters August 20th 1776

Parole Hampton — Countersign Gates

Nathaniel Munn of Captain Butlers Company Colonel [Gilbert] Budds Regiment Convicted by a General Court Martial whereof Col Wyllis was President of Deserting & Reinlisting into another Corps. James Munford of Captain Ledyards Company in the late Colonel McDougalls Regiment Convicted by the same Court Martial for the same Crime. Alexander Moore Serjeant in Captain [John] Conways Company Colonel Wyndes Battallion Convicted by the same Court Martial for Desertion. Christopher Harper of the same Company & Battallion Convicted by the same Court Martial of the same Crime, each of the above Prisoners were sentenc'd to receive 39 Lashes. The General approves the Sentences & Orders them to be Executed at Guard Mounting to Morrow Morning at the Usual Place. The Troops lately Arriv'd are Inform'd it is Contrary to General Orders to Fire in

Camp. Such Firelocks as are Loaded & the Charge cannot be Drawn are to be Discharg'd at Retreats Beating in a Volley under the Inspection of an Officer. The Officers of such Troops are desired & Required to prevent all other Firing in the Camp as it tends to great disorder. The Regiments of Militia now under Command of Colonel Hinman from Connecticut are upon an Alarm to Parade at the Grand Parade & there wait for Orders. The Officers who have lately come into Camp are also inform'd that it has been found necessary amidst such frequent Change of Troops to introduce some distinction by which their several Ranks can be known, Vizt Field Officers are to wear a Pink or Red Cockade, Captains White or Buff—Subalterns Green. The General flatters himself every Gentleman will conform to the Regulations which he has found infinitely necessary to prevent Mistakes & Confusion.

The Trial of Lieutenant Hobby is postponed till to Morrow. The General Court Martial is to set on Thursday as a Court of Inquiry into the Conduct of Adjutant Bruce of Colonel Smalls Battallion Charg'd with disobedience of Orders & disrespectful Behaviour towards his Superior Officers. The General being inform'd to his great Surprise that a Report prevails & Industriously spread far & wide that Lord How had made Propositions of Peace. Calculated by designing Persons most probably to lull us into a fatal Security—his Duty obliges him to declare that no such offer has been made by Lord Howe but on the Contrary from the best Intelligence he can procure the Army may expect an Attack as soon as the Wind & Tide may prove favorable. He hopes therefore every Mans Mind & Arms will be prepar'd for Action & when called to it, shew to our Enemies & the whole World, that those Men Contending on their own Land, are Superior to any Mercenaries on Earth. The Brigadiers are to see that the Spears in the different Works under their Command are kept greased & Clean. General Sullivan is to take the Command on Long Island untill General Greens State of Health will Admit him to reassume it & Brigardier Lord Stirling is to take Charge of General Sullivans Division till he returns to it again. Edward Fillman Esquire is appointed Assistant Brigade Major to Lord Stirling the Duty of the whole Division being too great for one Officer, he is to be Obeyed & Respected Accordingly.

Major General Sullivans Orders

Field Officer of the Day to Morrow, Colonel [Joseph] Phillips

Adjutant from Colonel Littles Regiment

Head Quarters August 21st 1776

Parole — Countersign

Adjutant [Andrew] Taylor to do the Duty of Brigade Major to General McDougalls Brigade during Major Platts illness, he is to be obey'd & respected accordingly. Lieutenant Hobby of Captain Hyatts Company Regiment late General McDougalls Tried by a General Court Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President for Misbehaviour in leaving one of the Hulks in the North River was acquitted & the Complaint reported groundless. Order'd that he be discharg'd from his Arrest.

A Court of Inquiry to sit on Friday at Mrs. Montagnes upon Captains McCleave, Stanton & Tinker Charged with Backwardness in Duty up the North River last Week & Misbehaviour on Sunday last when the Men of War came down the River. The Court to Consist of the following Persons & to Meet at 10 oClock to Morrow.

General McDougall President

Colonel Malcom	} Members	{ Captain Peters
Lieutenant Colonel Shepard		
Lieutenant Col Wesson		
Major Brooks		

The Judge Advocate & all Witnesses to Attend. 50 Men Properly Officer'd to Parade every Morning at 6 oClock at General Putnams there to take Orders from him not to bring Arms, they are to be continued every Day till further Orders. 50 Men also for Fatigue to Parade to Morrow Morning properly Officer'd on the Grand Parade without Arms to take Orders from Captain Post. 10 Men with One Sub who have been used to the Sea to Parade at General Putnams this Afternoon at two oClock to proceed to Kings Bridge up the North River with three Days Provisions. The like number for the same Service to Parade to Morrow Morning 6 oClock at General Putnams Quarters to take 3 Days Provision, both Parties to Parade without Arms. 20 Men with a Subb to Parade for Fatigue to Morrow Morning without Arms on the Grand Parade to proceed to Bayards Hill & work upon the Hill to take Orders from the Person who has the direction for diggin the Well.

General Sullivans Orders

500 Men to be on Fatigue to Morrow they are to take their Breakfasts & be on the Works by 8 oClock leave Work at 12 & begin at 2 in the Afternoon & Work Till half past 6. Nothing can be more disagreeable

to the General than to call upon the Men to be so constant upon Fatigue. But their own Salvation & the Safety of the Country requires it. He hopes in two or three days more to have the Encampment so secure as to enable him to release the Men from their Fatigue & give them an Opportunity of resting from their Labour. An Adjutant of the Day to attend at the Generals Quarters every Morning at 8 oClock. An Orderly from each Brigade to attend daily—four Men to be draughted out to Row the Generals Boat who are to do no other Duty. The Brigade Majors are immediately upon receiving their Orders from Head Quarters to call at General Sullivans Quarters for his Orders or send Adjutants to take them off. Colonel Johnson & Colonel Newcombs Regiments are to consider the Woods on the West side of the Creek as their Alarm Posts till further Orders & to repair their in case of an Alarm. Gen. Nixon will shew the Ground this Evening at 6 oClock to the Commission'd Officers of the Regiments.

Field Officer of the Day, Lieutenant Colonel [John] Munson
Adjutant from Col Formans Regiment

Head Quarters August 22d 1776

Parole — Countersign

General Sullivans Orders August 23d 1776

The Men not to Turn out to their Alarm Posts this Afternoon unless an Alarm is given. They are to get two Days Provisions ready Cook'd to be at their Alarm Posts at 3 oClock to Morrow Morning with every thing in Order for Action. Colonel Miles & Colonel Ramsens Regiments to take Possession of Bedford Road this Night. Colonel Ramsen to March at five oClock to join Colonel Miles who is now on the Spot. Colonel Hitchcocks and Colonel Littles to possess Flat Bush Road & Colonel Johnsons & Colonel Martins to take possession of the Road next the River, all these Regiments to be at their Posts by 6 oClock & upon their Arrival the Troops now there to Return to their Encampments & get two Days Provisions ready Dress'd & hold themselves in readiness for Action.

The General will never make a Third Requisition to the Majors of Brigade to attend for Orders.

Head Quarters August 23 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Commissary General is directed to have five Days Hard Bread kept Baked & ready to be deliver'd; If the Commissary should apply

to the Commanding Officers of Regiments for Bakers they are to supply them without waiting for a special Order. The General was very sorry to find that some Troops when they were Order'd to March had no Provisions notwithstanding the Orders which had been issued. The Men must March if the Service require it & will suffer very much if not provided. The General therefore directs all Troops to have two Days Hard Bread & Pork ready by them & desires that the Officers will go through the Encampments & Quarters & see that it be got & kept.

The General would be Oblig'd to any Officer to recommend to him a careful Sober Person who understands taking Care of Horses & Waiting occasionally—such Person being a Soldier will have his pay continued & receive 20/ per Month he must be neat in his Person & to be depended on for his Sobriety & Honesty. The Officers of Militia are informed that 24 Rounds are allowed to a Man & Two Flints that the Captains of each Company should see that the Cartridges fit the Bore of the Gun.

In drawing for Ammunition the Commanding Officer should upon the Regimental Parade examine the State of their Regiments & then draw for Cartridges & Flints. Captain Filton will assist them in this Business & unless in Case of an Alarm they are desired not to draw for every small Number of Men who may be Coming in. The Enemy have now Landed on Long Island & the hour is fast approaching on which the Honour & Success of this Army & the Safety of our Bleeding Country depends. Remember Officers & Soldiers that you are Freemen fighting—Fighting for the Blessings of Liberty—that Slavery will be your Portion & that of your Posterity if you do not acquit yourselves like Men. Remember how your Courage & Spirits have been despised and Traduced by your cruel Invaders, though they have found by dear Experience at Boston, Charlestown & other Places what a few brave Men Contending on their own Land & in the best of Causes can do against bare Hirelings & Mercenaries, be cool but determined, do not fire at a distance but wait for Orders from your Officers. It is the Generals Express Orders that if any Man attempts to Sculk lay down or Retreat without Orders he be instantly Shot down as an Example of Cowardice. He hopes no such Scoundrel will be found in this Army, but on the contrary every one for himself resolving to Conquer or Die, & trusting to the smiles of Heaven upon so just a Cause will behave with Bravery & Resolution, those who are distinguish'd by their Gallant Behaviour & good Conduct depend upon being Honorably Noticed & will be suitably rewarded. The Brigade Majors are immediately to relieve the Guards out of the Regiments

Order'd to Long Island from other Regiments out of the Brigades & forward such Guards to the Regiments. Col Hinmans, Major Smiths, Col [Joseph P.] Cooks, Colonel Talcots, Colonel Baldwins & Major Starks of Connecticut Militia to Parade this Evening precisely at 5 oClock on the Guard Parade. Major Henly will attend & show them their Alarm Post & direct them in Manning the Lines. When any of the Field Officers for Picquet or Main Guard are Sick or otherwise incapable of their Duty are immediately to Signify to the Brigade Major but the General hopes that Trifling Excuses wont be made as there is too much reason to beleive has been the Case.

Head Quarters 24th August 1776

All the Intenching Tools are to be Collected and deliver'd into the Store Officers who have given Receipts will be called home as they are answerable for them. If there should be any deficiency The General has appointed William Trayson Esquire one of his Aid de Camps he is to be obeyed & respected Accordingly. In case of Action any Orders deliver'd by Colonel Moylan Q M General are to be consider'd as coming from the General. The Adjutants of the Connecticut Militia are desired to make themselves acquainted with Parapet Firing—the other Officers of their Corps would do well to attend to it & practise their Men every Day. Their Honour and Safety will much depend upon their avoiding any Confusion in Manning the Lines. The Court Martial whereof Colonel Wyllis was President is dissolv'd. The Brigade Majors in forming the New One are to be careful to have it full & of Officers who can attend. The Court Martial to proceed at their first setting to the Trial of Adjutant Neill of Colonel Smallwoods Regiment Charg'd with disobedience of Orders. The Changing of the Regiments occasioning some difficulty in the Duty. The Brigade Majors are to send by the Orderly Serjeants a Duty Return of the Officers & Soldiers in their Respective Brigades. The Passage up the East River being Obstructed in such a Manner with Cheveaux de Freize as to render it Dangerous for any Vessels to attempt to pass, The Centinels along the River Contiguous to where the Obstructions are placed are to be Hailed & prevent any Vessels attempting to pass otherwise than between the Albany Pier & a Mark in the River which appears just above Water nearly Opposite.

General Sullivans Orders Long Island August 24

A Return to be made to the General this Afternoon of all the Light Horse & Companies of Troops now within the Lines. The Adjutant of

Colonel Littles Regiment to attend at the General Quarters to Morrow Morning at 7 oClock. The General returns his Thanks to the brave Officers & Soldiers who have with so much Spirit & Intrepidity repulsed the Enemy & defeated their designs of taking Possession of the Woods near our Lines he is now convinc'd that the Troops he has the Honour to Command will not in point of true Bravery yield to any Troops in the Universe. The Chearfulness with wich they do their Duty & the Patience with which they endure Fatigue Evinces such exalted Sentiments of Freedom & Love for their Country as gives him the most satisfactory Evidence that whenever called upon they will prove themselves worthy of that Freedom for which they are now Contending. Colonel Ramsens Regiment in future to Mount no Guard except a Quarter Guard of Twelve but be consider'd as a Fatigue Party to which they are to attend from Day to Day. The General is sorry to find Col Ramsens Regiment flying from their Post when the Timmed Females would have Blushed to have Betrayed the least Signs of Fear at any thing wich that Regiment Discover'd at the Time of their Flight.

The Officers are requested to see that their Men always keep at least two Days Provisions by them ready Dress'd. The Commissary General to deal out one Gill of Rum to each Man per Day on this Island till further Orders. The Soldiers are by no means to be out of their Encampment but upon urgent Business. General Nixon to take Command of the Lines next the Enemy till further Orders. He is to Post his Men in that Edge of the Woods next the Enemy. Brigade Majors to attend punctually at Major General Sullivans Quarters at Ten oClock every Morning.

Head Quarters 25th August 1776

Parole — Countersign

A Special Court Martial to sit this Day at 12 oClock at Mr. Montaynes House for the Trial of Lieutenant Colonel [Herman] Zedtwitz Charg'd with Carrying on a Treasonable Correspondence with the Enemy to be compos'd of a Brigadier General & 22 Field Officers—General Wadsworth to Preside.

The General Orders against Working on Sundays is revok'd the Time not admitting of any Delay, the same number of Fatigue Men to Turn out as Yesterday this Afternoon at three oClock Militia as well as other Troops. Colonel Smallwood to Command Lord Stirlings Brigade during his absence on Long Island.

Major General Sullivans Orders Long Island August 25th 1776

The following Arrangement to take place on Long Island till further Orders—Vizy Colonel Miles Two Battallions, Col Allen, Colonel [Nicholas] Lutz, Major Hays, Colonel Lasher & Col Drakes to be form'd into one Brigade under the Command of General Lord Stirling. Colonel Hands, Prescotts, Nixons, Vernums, Hitchcocks, Littles, Smiths, & Ramsens under the Command of General Nixon. Wyllis, Huntingtons, Tylers, Syllimans, Chesters & Gays under General Parsons. Johnstons, Courtland, Martins, Newcomb and Forman under the Command of Brigadier Hurd. The General further Orders that the Brigadiers attend at Head Quarters to Morrow Morning for his directions at 8 oClock. Brigade Major Box is appointed Adjutant General for this Department until further Orders. A Brigadier General of the to attend the Grand Parade at Gaurd Mounting at 10 in the Morning—every day after to Morrow at 8 whose duty it shall be to see that the Guards are Regularly made up that they are properly Posted & duly releiv'd. No Firing is hereafter to be allow'd at the Out Posts on any pretence whatever unless by permission from the Commanding General of the Day & none within the Lines except by the permission of the Commanding General here this Order is not to extend to the Centries on Guard. Brigadier for the Day General Lord Stirling. The General is very much surpriz'd to find that the Soldiers notwithstanding the repeated Order are stroling about at a number of Miles distant from the Lines, at a time when the Enemy are hourly expected to make an Attack. The Officers are strictly Enjoin'd to cause every Soldier to be taken up & Confin'd who shall be found strolling about without the Lines unless they can shew a written Permit from their Captain or Commanding Officers of their Regiment. All the Officers & Soldiers are to keep within their Quarters unless when Order'd on Duty. All the Troops in this Department are desir'd to wear a Green Bough or branch of a Tree in their Hats till further Orders. Colonel Wards Regiment to be added to General Parsons Brigade all the other Troops not mentioned & those which may be sent here without a General Officer to Command them are to be consider'd as part of Lord Stirlings Brigade till further Orders.

Major General Sullivans Orders August 25th 1776

The following Arrangement to take place on Long Island till further Orders. Colonel Miles 2 Battallions, Col Atlees, Colonel Lutz, Major Hay, Colonel Lasher & Colonel Drake to belong to Lord Stirlings

Brigade. Colonel Hand, Colonel Prescotts, Late Nixons, Colonel Vernums, Colonel Hitchcocks, Colonel Littles, Colonel Smiths & Colonel Ramsens to General Nixons Brigade. Colonel Wyllis, Colonel Huntington, Colonel Tyler, Colonel Sylliman, Colonel Chester & Colonel Gays to General Parsons Brigade. Colonel Johnston, Colonel Van Cortland, Colonel Martins, Colonel Newcombs, & Colonel Formans to General Heards Brigade.

The General further Orders that the Brigadiers attend at Head Quarters to Morrow Morning at 8 oClock for his Directions. Brigade Major Box is appointed to Act as Adjutant General for this Department till further Orders. A Brigadier General of the Day to attend the Grand Parade at Guard Mounting at Ten in the Morning to Morrow, & every Day afterwards at Eight, whose Duty it shall be to see the Guards regularly made up that they are properly Posted & daily releived. No Firing is hereafter to be allowed at the Out-Posts on any pretence whatever except by permission from the Commanding General of the Day & none within the Lines except by permission of the Commanding General here. This Order is not to extend to Centries on Guard.

Brigadier General for the Day, General Lord Stirling. The General is much surprized to find that the Soldiers notwithstanding the repeated Orders are strolling about at a number of Miles distance from the Camp when the Enemy are hourly expected to make an Attack. The Officers are strictly Enjoin'd to cause every Soldier to be taken up & Confin'd who shall be found strolling without the Lines unless they can show a written Pass from the Captain or other Commanding Officer of their Company or Regiment, all the Officers & Soldiers are to keep within their Quarters unless when Order'd on Duty. All the Troops in this

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by Colonel Lasher for refusing to do Duty. Major Scammell is appointed a temporary Assistant to the Adjutant General & to repair to General Heaths Division he is to be Obeyed & respected accordingly.

Brigadier for the Day, General Glover
Field Officers of the Picquet, Colonel Ward,
Lieutenant Colonel Stockholm & Major Wells
Brigade Major, Fish

Head Quarters 11th September 1776

Robert Williams of Colonel Glovers Regiment is appointed Pay Master to said Regiment. William Arnold & Samuel Clarke of Captain

Smiths Company & Colonel Smallwoods Regiment, Daniel Donavel of Captain Hardnighs Company & Colonel Ritters Regiment & John Andrews of Captain [Jeremiah] Gillmans Company Tried by a Court Martial whereof Colonel Malcomb was President on a charge of Plundering the House lately occupied by Lord Stirling. Donavel was convicted of the Crime & Sentenced to receive 39 Lashes the other are acquitted. The General approves of the Sentence serv'd the latter to join their Regiments & Donavel be whipp'd to Morrow on the Grand Parade before the Guard Marches off, the Provost Marshall to see it executed.

Peter Richards Serjeant in the General Guard convicted by the same Court Martial of abusing & Striking Captain [Caleb] Gibbs Sentenced to be reduc'd to the Ranks & whipp'd 39 Lashes. The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be executed to Morrow Morning 8 oClock at the head of the Company. Col [William] Palfrey Paymaster will receive the Pay Abstracts agreeable to Yesterdays Orders of General Spencers Division at General McDougalls Quarters near Harlem; on Saturday & Sunday of General Heaths Division at his Head Quarters at any time. The Commanding Officers of Colonel Sillimans, Colonel Lewis, Col Head & Colonel Thompsons Regiments to examine the State of their Arms & Ammunition of their Regiments it is reported that the Men on Guard last Night were deficient in Ammunition. Such Regiments where Pay Masters have not been named in General Orders are by the Field Officers immediately to recommend a suitable Person to the General for that Office. Every Recommendation to be Sign'd by the Field Officers of the Regiment who are present.

Head Quarters October 1st 1776

Parole — Countersign

The Picquet Duty being too severe on the few Brigadiers now here. After this Day the Brigadiers of the Day is not expected to lay out on Picquet. He will attend on the Parade & March of the Guards, see them properly Posted, Visit them twice in a Day & at Day Break in the Morning. The Colonels being the Commanding Officers of the Picquet, will be very Vigilant to prevent a Surprize & give immediate Notice to the Brigadier of any approach of the Enemy or other extraordinary Occurrences. James McCormack of Captain Farringtons Company, Colonel Sargeants Regiment Try'd & Convicted by a General C Martial whereof Colonel Lasher was President of Desertion & Mutiny is Order'd

to suffer Death on the 8th & 5th Articles of War. The General approves the Sentence & Orders him to be Hanged to Morrow at Eleven oClock. The several Troops off Duty to be Paraded on the Grand Parade at that Time. Captain Merony late Prevost Martial having Absented himself from Camp without Leave is superceded & Thomas Bryan is appointed in his stead, he is to be Obeyed & respected accordingly. No Officer on any pretence whatever is without leave in Writing from the Commander in Chief to Leave the Camp or from one of the Major Generals through their respective Brigadiers or Commanding Officer. The General also thinks it proper to acquaint the Officers & Soldiers who have stayed & faithfully attended to their Duty that he has wrote to their respective States to order back all Officers & Soldiers who have absented themselves without Leave & that he will take the most effectual measures for this purpose. From the Movement of the Enemy & other Corroborating Circumstances to say nothing of the advanc'd Season of the Year & the Necessity which must induce them to bring on a decisive Engagement, The General has abundant reason to beleive that an Attack may be hourly expected—he Exhorts every Commanding Office of Corps to pay particular Attention to the State of their Arms & Ammunition that nothing may be amiss whenever called upon however sudden it may happen, at the same time he once more recommends to every Officer and Soldier the Importance of the Cause they are Engaged in, & the necessity there is of their behaving like Men who are contending for every thing that Freeman should Value. He Assures the whole it is his fixed Determination to defend the Posts we now hold to the last Extremity & nothing but unparalleled Cowardice can occasion the Loss of them, as we are Superior in number & have a better Cause to Contend in than the Enemy. He further declares that any Spirited Behaviour in Officer or Soldier shall meet with its Reward at the same Time that Misbehaviour & Cowardice shall find Exemplary Punishment. Every Brigadier or Officer Commanding Brigades is hereby Orderd to Select some good Officers to be in the Rear of their Battallion & those Officers are positively Order'd to Shoot any Officer or Soldier who shall presume to quit his Ranks unless the Retreat is Order'd by proper Authority & to prevent the Confusion which is Occasion'd by every Person undertaking to give or carry Orders none are to be looked upon as Valid that are not deliver'd in the manner mention'd in the Orders of the 17th Ultimo. The Militia if they have not already done it are to get compleated with as much Powder & Ball as will make 20 Rounds of Cartridges. That no Man either Officer or

Soldier may plead Ignorance The Colonel or Commanding Officers of Corps are to take special Care that the Orders be read to the whole as they will answer the Contrary. The Adjutant General is to transmit Copies thereof to Major General Heath & Green that the whole Army may be apprized thereof. The General being determin'd to punish Cowardice the Moment it happens. Major Colburn is appointed to Command the Rangers lately under Colonel Knowlton, he is to take Orders from General Putnam to whom he is to make Daily Reports. Fort Constitution October 1st 1776.

General Greens Orders
Field Officer of the Day, Major Sherman
For Fatigue Major Smith
Adjutant from Col Hitchcocks Regiment

Head Quarters October 2d 1776

Parole Hartford — Countersign Harlem

It is with much concern the General is informed that the New Rules for the Government of the Army have been out some Time & have not been generally read to the Men. Surely Gentlemen you do not reflect what prejudices it is to the Service to omit so Material a point of Duty. It is once more repeated that every Soldier is to be compleated with Ammunition up to 24 Rounds per Man & it is the Duty of Officers to see that they have it,—some of the Troops who went out in the Evening party had not their Compliments, nor had their Officer examin'd their Arms & Ammunition before they March'd on the Parade. This conduct if not Amend [torn] will prove fatal to the Army & Country. When the Cartridge Boxes will not hold the full compliment, application is to be made for Pouches which may be had at the Commandery Store.

Head Quarters October 3d 1776

Parole Rhode Island — Countersign Florida

General Putnam will point out proper places for Huts to shelter the Picquet Guard (in front of our Lines) & direct the Officers Commanding the Guards to see that the Men are employed every Day therein until they are compleated & this for the sake of their own Health & convenience it is hoped they will do as soon as possible as the weather will

soon grow too uncomfortable to stay without Shelter. As the new Articles for the Government of the Army are to take place on Monday next 'tis expected the Officers will make the Men acquainted with them as soon as possible that Crimes may not pass unpunish'd on any pretence of Ignorance. The several Brigadiers are immediately to return to Head Quarters a List of the Field Officers in their several Brigades who are absent & on what Account Noting such (if any) that have absented themselves without Leave, or stayed beyond their limited time. Colonels & Commanding Officers of Regiments are to do the same of their Regiments respectively—this

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