

Honourable Sr

Providence August 8. 1779

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These with my Duty and Compliments to your honour and all the Honourable Committee in the State, have nothing new that has happen'd in this State, since I came here to write to your honours, only that we have taken nine of the Inhabitants belonging to New-Port a few nights past, I was at General Gates's and saw one of the Prisoners, he told me there is on New-Port four Thousand of the English Troops, the prisoners that was taken was in three Boats, three in each Boat, and are here prisoners, I was not more than one hour in Town when General Gates sent for me to dine with him and received me with more honour and respect than I thought was due to me, and still continues most friendly to me, I am very much Concerned that our Officers and Soldiers has been so backward in coming in as they have been, for General Gates gave our State the Name of being the best State of any in sending their men in Season, this I heard him say at Dinner before a Large Number of Gentlemen, but it does not turn so now, we have here on the ground but one hundred and Eighty two men, and when the rest will get in the Lord knows, when I came to Providence I heard neither Officer nor Soldier but Lieut. Pipes and Eleven men Capt. Punnels I over took on the way nine miles from Providence, and he left his house and walked in a foot with me, General Gates ordered Captain Punnels

General Gates Captains in Two Days after I came in to march
with forty men to Siverton, and also Lieut. Piper, which came
in in that Time, which made that Number with what men
Lieut. Piper had, Captain Emerson came in and carried with
he had fifty one men, and then march'd to the same place,
Captain Worthen came to Camp the fourth Instant, and
march'd with what men was in Camp last Friday to Warren
with Sixty Eight men, General Gates will not Consent
to my leaving this Town until the Regiment is come in,
and then he will order our men back from Siverton to Warren
and there we shall be Station'd at Warren, Siverton is thirty
miles from here towards New Port, Warren is but Ten miles
I have had the hardest duty since I came here I ever had in
an Army to take care and get every necessary for my Officers
and Soldiers as they come in, but General Gates has never requir'd
any duty done by me nor my men since I came here on this point
by any of them until the March, I have here now in Camp twenty
Two men that has not Marched, Quarter Master Gleason has
been a very great help to me, and all the help I had, what to do
for an Adjutant ~~there~~ ^{is} not, for there is none come as yet that
has Learning, Captain Worthen has brought a Copy of Major
Pinnak's resignation, and he Expects the Majors Commission
which I freely Agree unto, if your Honour will please to grant
the same, if your Honour please to send the Majors Commission
if not granted to no person, I enclose to me and a Lieut. Commission
to Samuel Kelly, under Captain Ephraim Stone, send also an
Ensigns Commission under Major Worthen, if he is Major, I have
one here but it will not Answer, it says under Major Pinnak
and an Ensigns under said Pinnak will not Answer, then two under
Worthen I please to forward the Commissions as soon as possible
and Leave them as Blanks if your Honour please

Capt. Emerson tells me he has a brother is a Doctor, if your honours has not engaged one, I will to them a favour of your honours to send him as soon as possible, I like Captain Emerson as a Captain very much the few Days he tarried with me, and he told me his Brother would come, there is wanting one Lieut. Commission, and one Ensigns for Westons Company wanting, I have given out Two Ensigns Commissions, and now I have by me Two Blank Ensigns Commissions, which your honours will know how many will be wanting to send to me in Blanks there is a Lieut. Commission also wanting under Captain Stone, which will be for Captain Tuttle, if there is a vacancy, I had given me but Two Lieut. Commissions given me by your honours, and one of them will not answer the End, for its under Major Pennals, your honours will be the Judge how many of Each to send, the time I was writing this Letter there was six men more came in moving ask'd them why they did not come in sooner some of them made answer, Lieut. Pillsbury told them they had no business to go until their Officers came for them, I wish I had him under my command this Summer, I would make him a hewer of wood, and a Drawer of water, your honours will see my reasons in giving Chandler, one of the Ensigns Commissions here inclosed, he is a very likely young man, your honours, I hope will not think ill of me in not giving Harrinova Commission, for I think your honours was much impos'd on by them that recommended him, to send as an Officer, I had made man for want of Clothing I went to General Starks with him and he beged not to commissionate a man that was not Clothe fit for a private, for no man would obey him, Gen. Starks gives ^{his} regards and Compliments to the Honourable President and Honourable Committee, he is as kind to me as if he was my own Brother, I hope Secretary Thompson will let my Family know how well and vice soon write to them - I am in sincerity and truth the Honourable President, and Honourable Committee most Obedient Servant at all Commands, not forgetting the many Favours I have receiv'd from your Honours. Hercules Macey

When Captain Westons has a Major's Commission sent by
 a private to your honours, I will send you such a report
 Emerson sent me the Commission
 Aug. 29th 1777
 I have some more commissions
 in fishing you will find the report
 as usual your obedient servant
 Hercules Macey

Letter from Col. Mowbray

Mowbray, Aug. 8, 1779.

From Providence about taking
prisoners from the fort,
the soldiers of M. H. soldiers
in spring in N. C.

On Public Service

The Honorable, Messrs. Moore & Co.

Reading

at Bristol

Genl. Mowbray's

Letter from Col. Mowbray
Mooney, Aug. 13, 1779