

Honorable S^r

Providence August 16th 1779 9

There comes with my Duty and regards to your
 honor and the Honourable Committee of safety, hoping these will
 find your Honours in good health as they leave me at present
 Major Punnals came into Camp last night, and Sent
 Dursey this Morning, I am sorry to see our Officers and Soldiers
 coming in at the Seventh hour, which I think is a shame for
 Officers to stay at home, untill they finish mowing, and it is con-
 siderable Soldiers in staying at home, I don't speak in regard of
 Major Punnals staying for I know he was oblig'd to stay on
 Throntons Account, but several Others might be here sooner, I am
 afraid Major Punnals and Captain Worthen will have a Law Suit,
 which shall be Major, but it is my opinion Punnals will
 Lead the van, which will be a blow next to Death to Captain
 Worthen, as he has been president of a Court Martial and
 propos'd for a Major at Warren, whose part of our Regiment is
 posted, he sent up to me yesterday for more men, and sent
 Major Punnals with Thirty men to join and take the
 Command there, Honourable General Gates continues very
 much of a gentleman to me, much more than I ever
 expected, Honourable General Stark is as free and as kind
 to me as an own Brother, and has our State greatly at heart
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 I hope to receive a few Lines from you in a short time, I have
 nothing new to write, but the want of men is greatly wanted,
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Letter from Col. Howland
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I hope your honour will favour M^r Gleason for he has and is a faithful
man in every thing required of him, there is but ~~two~~ ^{two} Commission
wanting for ~~two~~ ^{two} Lieut^s and one Ensigns Commission please to forward them
in Blanks, if your honour please ~~and~~ ^{and} men is in three different
Departments one at Trenton with Capt. Stunnales one with Captain
Emerson three Miles distance one from the other one at Warren with
Maj^r Stunnales of which you are Commanded by Warthen

I am the Honourable Presidents and Honourable Committee
of Safetys most humble Obedient Servant

Hercules Moore