

1769 April 15  
Sir

Portsmouth April 15<sup>th</sup> 1769.

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As it is probable a Party of the Kings  
Troops, an Officer and thirty Men; may some time  
next week march thro' your town; for Portsmouth, to  
take hence three Deserters & convey to their Regi-  
-ments at Boston, and the General having  
requested Billotting for said Party, during the  
March aforesaid - I have therefore with advice  
of his Majesty's Council issued an order to that  
purpose - I have now to desire, if s<sup>d</sup> Party should  
come that you'll take early & effectual care to  
have them well billotted, & as the Sum will be  
repaid, exceeding the King's Subsistence; w<sup>ch</sup> the Officer  
will undoubtedly pay - I would advise that  
the whole Party be entertained at one House;  
w<sup>ch</sup> will prevent multiplying acc<sup>ts</sup> - I desire  
you'd notify the Innkeeper upon the line, to be  
prepared - perhaps the Party may not come  
further as I propose to send the Deserters  
to be deliver'd to them there - You will

readily see the great honor & advantage  
to the Province, that this Party should meet  
the readiest and most chearful reception.  
I request you would therefore inform the  
minds of the Innkeepers & others as you may  
think expedient - that there may be no little  
difficultys arise to the disgrace of the Province.  
If you should leave Hampton falls before they  
come - you'll be so good to leave a proper order  
for their billeting, with what Inn you think  
best; who will be paid, & undoubtedly will  
be glad to receive them - Please immediately  
to communicate & desire the same care of Col.

Moulton - Esq: Toppan and Esq: Lovett of North  
- hill - of whom I request the same care -

I am with great Truth and Esteem

Sir your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

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Letter about Billetting  
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