

April 16th Jan'y 1780.

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Sir

Inclosed you have a letter from Gen^l.
May ley, which will acquaint you that y^e. continen-
tal magazine at Coos, together with this frontier
are unguarded — that S. Stores & frontiers are thereby
laid open & greatly exposed ^{to y^e.} incursions of y^e. enemy.
— And as application has been made to
us as officers commanding this regiment for
assistance, we think it our duty to give you
the earliest intelligence of the hazardous situation
it's generally thought (& by those who ought to be
judges of the matter) we are in — and we doubt
not Sir, but such assistance will be granted, by for-
warding troops for our defence as will entirely
defeat the barbarous intentions of our cruel enemies,
untill we may have assistance from Head Quarters, as
intelligence will soon go forward for that purpose.

We have authority to inform you that sufficient provision is & will be made for any number of men you may think proper to order forward—

you have inclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Metcalfe & Lowells account referred to by General Bayley— 'Tis generally said the indians tormented with Butler, being now ~~in~~ Canada, amount to four thousand— tho' we don't imagine the number is so great, yet doubt not their strength is sufficient, (unless we have speedy assistance) to lay waste & destroy this quarter of the country— Every possible measure has been taken by us that this regiment be in readiness to act on the shortest notice— We are s^r with sentiments of esteem, your 'most ob.^t

& very hum^l servants

Israel Morey Col^l

Charles Johnston Lt Col^l

Josiah Hayward 2^d Major

Hon^{ble} M^r Ware Esq^r