

Head Quarters West Point Oct^r 9th 79. ^{240 65}

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There are about one hundred New-
Hampshire nine and twelve months
men at Fish-Hill, in a very ragged
condition. They say the State promises
them a suit of clothes on their Ar-
rival at the Army and a Man-
skett each. I have procur'd money
and employ'd an Officer to enlist
them for the War. He had engag'd
eleven of them by his last Report,
with the Continental Bounty.
and expects to enlist 30 or 40
More. The remainder I believe
will not enlist: and must in-
evitably suffer extremely when
the cold Weather comes on severe.
unless the State sends on their
Clothing very soon. Those who en-
gage for the War are furnish'd
with Clothing on passing Musters.
The Continent furnishes neither

Clothes or Blankets to any except those enlisted for the War, or three Years. I have presumed to give you this Information, as they loudly complain of a Breach of promise in the State. So that I am apprehensive that cold weather will drive greater part of those home, whom ~~are~~ it does not drive into Enlistments for the War. Though I shall use every method to enlist as many for the War as possible, as it will be a saving to the State, to enlist them with continental Bounties. I hope the State are about taking effectual Methods to encourage their three Years men now in Service to reenlist for the War.

We have received a Letter from Genl. Sullivan of the 28th Ult. ^{at Tioga} He was then on his Return from the western Wilds. He has desolated an amazing extent of Country - viz all the Settlements of the five Nations, who have been inimical

to us. He informs His Excellency Gen.
Washington, that he has in the Course
of his Expedition burnt 40 Indian
Towns, besides scattering Settlements,
and at a moderate Calculation 160,000
Bushels of Corn, besides a very large
Quantity of Vegetables & fruit Trees,
some of these Orchards he reports to
have consisted of 1500 Trees. And all
this was accomplished with the loss of
less than 40 men either by sickness
or in Action. We are in high spirits
on Expectation of Count D'Estaing's Fleet
is reported by some Prisoners to
have made their Escape from New York.
That the British Fleet & Army at Geor.
gia are taken. This Report it is said
to come in a British Vessel from the
southward. I hope it's true, and that
the Count will shortly arrive at the
Hook to cooperate with us. May Heaven
even grant us success in the grand
Attempt to strike a finishing Blow
to the War.

With the utmost Respect
& Esteem I am

Y^r very Humble

Cole Weare.

Serv^t Alex^r Scamwell.

relative to providing clothing
for the Indians, the opera-
tion of Sam. C. Sullivan, &c.
Oct. 9, 1779.

The Honble
Mearns & Weare
Members of the East India Council
at New Hampshire.

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