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Head Quarters New Windsor  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777.

Sir

I have received the disagreeable intelligence that a part of the Jersey Line had followed the example of that of the Pennsylvanians; and when the advice came away it was expected the revolt would be general. The precise intention of <sup>the</sup> Mutineers was not known, but their complaints & demands were similar to those of the Pennsylvanians. —

Persuaded that without some decisive effort at all hazards to suppress this dangerous spirit it would speedily infect the whole Army. — I have ordered as large a Detachment as we could spare from these Posts to march under Major Gen. Howe with orders to compel the mutineers to unconditional submission — to listen to no terms while they were in a state of resistance, and on their reduction to execute instantly a few of the most active, and most incendiary Leaders. — I am not certain what part the Troops detached for this purpose will act, but I flatter myself they will do their duty. — I prefer any extremity to which the Jersey Troops may be driven, to a compromise. —

The weakness of the Garrison, but still more its embarrassing distress for want of provisions made it impossible to prosecute such measures with the Pennsylvanians, as the nature of the case demanded. — And while we were making arrangements, as far as practicable



practicable to supply these defects in accommodation  
took place which will not only subvert the Pennsylv.  
vania line, but have a very pernicious influence on  
the whole Army. I mean however by these remarks  
only to give an idea of the miserable situation we  
are in, not to blame a measure which perhaps in  
our circumstances was the best that could have been  
adopted — the same embarrassments operate against  
us now at this moment, but not in so great a degree;  
the Jersey troops not being so numerous as  
the Pennsylvanians —

I dare not detail the risks we run  
from the want of supplies — We have received  
few or no cattle for some time past, nor do know  
of any shortly to be expected — The salted meat we  
ought to have reserved in the Garrison, is now nearly  
exhausted, — I cannot but renew my solicitations  
with your state to using expedience for contributing  
to our immediate relief. —

With perfect respect, I have  
the honor to be

Your Most Obedt. and

Wble. Servant. —

G. Washington

The Honble  
Messrs. Warr Esquire. —