

Manchester August 7th 1777

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Arrived at this place yesterday in the afternoon, I waited
On the Commanding officer Gen. Lincoln... Who inform'd me
that it was Gen. Schuyler's orders to him, to take command
of the militia, and march them to Still Water, where he is
retreated to. — Inform'd him that my orders was not to put
myself under the Command of the Continental Troops, but
was to meet, and consult, with the Committee of this State,
and to act in conjunction with this States Troops, or those of
any other — Or in conjunction with the Troops of the united
States, but was not to be commanded by either of them. —

The inhabitants that do reside on this side of the River,
apprehend themselves in great danger by reason of the near
approach of the enemy, in their late movements, And do
universally declare, they will retire with their families from
that part of the Grants, that lays above Denningtown. —

Gen. Magonne, this Troop are at Fort Edward. —

Gen. Schuyler, this Troop are at Still Water. — The savages
have killed, and scalped, several Women, & Children, which very
much frighten'd, and damp'd the spirits of the remainder of the
Inhabitants. — I have met and confer'd with the Committee
of this State, they are of opinion, that if my Troop, is order'd to
join the Contin. Troop, on the West side of North River, that
the Inhabitants are in imminent danger, And determin'd to
withdraw, into our State, or into the Massachusetts State —
And thereby leave ours the Frontier, I am much of a similar
opinion, as all the Troop are drawn from this place, except
what is under my Command, I about one Hundred of Colo.
Wainers Regiment, also mine are not all as yet arrived, I shall
Tarry here till Sunday, I hope by that time they will all join,
and then will march for Denningtown, And there shall
Wait your further Orders —

But must beg it as a favour, in addition to the many
already conferr'd on me by your Honors... not to put me under
the Command of those Officers on whose Accusant I quitted the
Army, Lest the Remedy should prove worse to me than the disease.

I have this moment Rec^d Intelligence, by Two persons who
made their escape from Fort Mifflin, belonging to our State, who
was Captivated, at the time of the evacuation of that fortress,
except a few that is employ'd in Transporting their Stores to
Lake George. I understand, they take but very little Care of the
Prisoners, as they leave them every day, more or less.

The Strength of Gen^l Snylers Army I cannot ascertain, But
I am afraid, he will retreat to Albany, as he has forfeited the
peoples Confidence, in him, entirely.

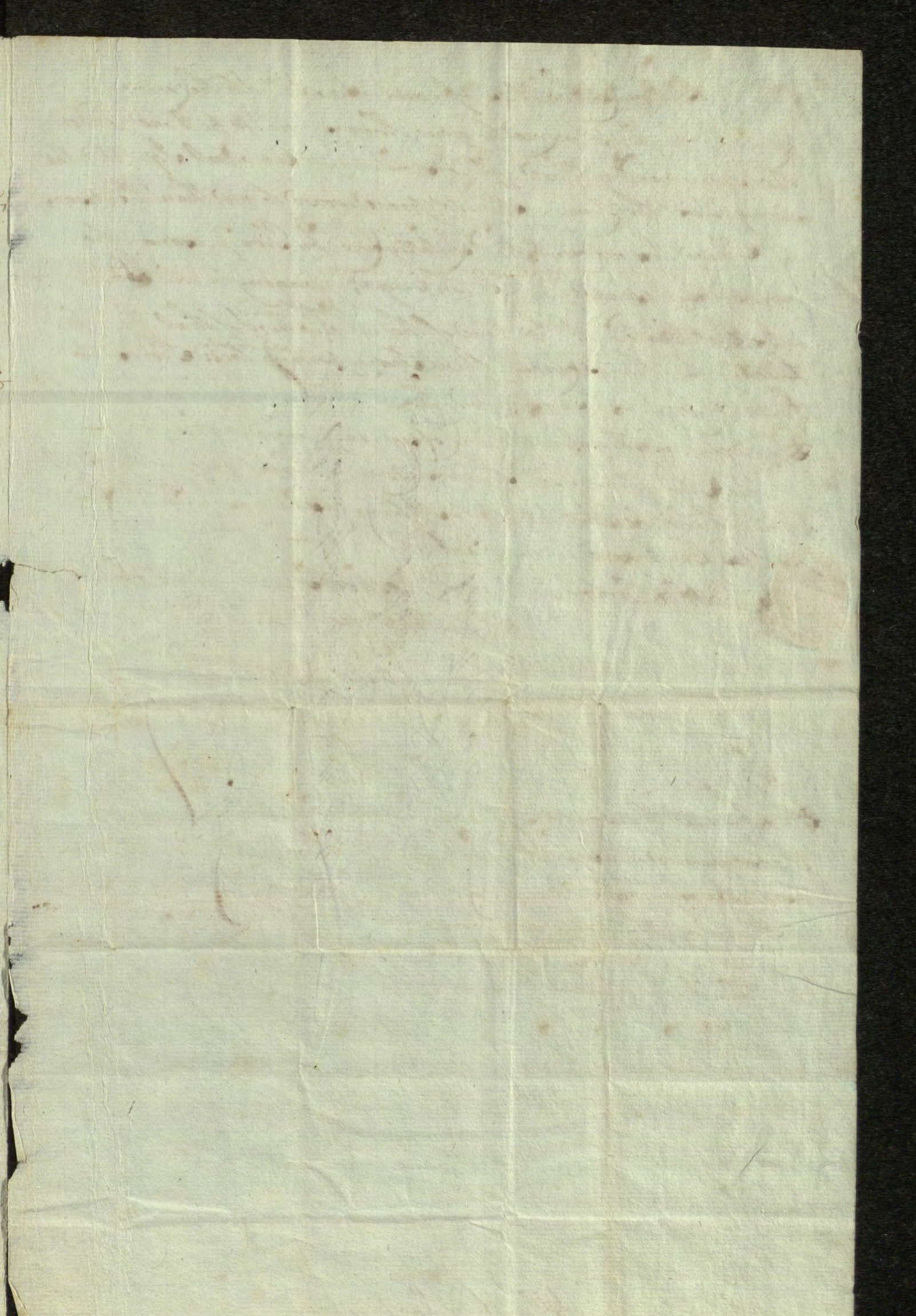
I am Gentlemen with great Respects, your most obed^t

And most humble Servant

John Stark B D G

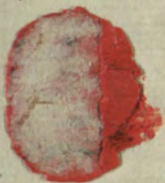
P. S. With respect to Stores, I cannot see how it will be of any
Consequence to us at this juncture, to forward any to this place,
as it is impossible they can arrive here in season.

Quart^r at this place is Twenty Shillings p^r Quart, from thence
you can form a Judgment Gent^l how much we can afford
to Drink.



Dear Sir

The Chairman of the Am. Committee of Liberty
New Bedford and Boston
New Hampshire



Letter from Gen. Smith
of the 7th Regt. N.Y. 1877