

Isaac Huger to Nathanael Greene (8 February 1781): Transcript.

Gilford Court House, Feb. 8th, 1781

Dear Gen'l

Yours of yesterday directed to me at Bell's Mill, was handed to me here.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the army arrived here about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and is encamped in the woods a few hundred yards in the rear of the Court House. Two officers were left upon the ground yesterday to collect the lame and stragglers; and Colonel Smith who has followed our track is but a few miles from here, will bring up all with him.

Lt. Colonel Lee with the cavalry of his Legion is two miles and a half on this side of Bell' Mill. I have thought proper to halt him there 'till he received your orders, as there is plenty of forage, and he is much nearer Idol., or Abbottfsn creek than he would be here.

Capt. Smith came up yesterday with six hundred shirts and three hundred pairs of shoes in bags. The wagons were halted at [?] and by some mistake were ordered back to Hillsborough; but I dispatched an express off immediately to order them here. I suppose they will be in this afternoon; and then we can fix up our wagons with harness.

Colonel Kosciuszko is here. [?]

It is too late to halt the baggage. [Old Mazaret?] is a pushing officer and he'll reach Hillsborough by 10 o'clock this morning. He was but fifty miles off two days ago.

General Lillington is on his way with three hundred hogs, but is very slow in his movements.

General Marion has destroyed the enemy store at Watson, within 28 miles of Charles Town, and took the guard consisting of 50 British and two surgeons at the Hospital - and the Gen'l later advanced to Dorchester, 18 miles from Charles Town.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
Is[aa]c Huger

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H. B. I am informed the people are happy to see Gen. Marion and numbers join him. I expected Gen. Lillington would be here three days ago.

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