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# The Diary of Colonel Israel Angell Commanding Officer, 2nd Rhode Island Regiment, Continental Army

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**Diary of Colonel Israel Angell : commanding the Second Rhode  
Island continental regiment during the American revolution, 1778-  
1781**

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**October 1, 1777**

Four men Departed from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. Last night, we had intelligence of the Enemy and [illegible] with [illegible] which I [?] to us here untill the afternoon when we heard it was only a small party come out to plunder, we marched from hohaal [?] to Rammapaw there tarried that night.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Marched this morning from Rammapaw, went as far as pumpton there pitched our tents and took quarters for that night on our march this Day three of the aforementioned Deserters was brought to their Reg<sup>t</sup> by the Militia.

**3** This Day we marched from Pumpton to Morris town 22 Miles the above mentioned Deserters was tried by a Court Martial of which I was President, and ordered to be whip<sup>t</sup> one hundred lashes on their Nacked Back.

**4<sup>th</sup>** Marched from Morris Town to Veal town there took up our quarters in the woods.

**5<sup>th</sup>** and this morning very early we marched on our Journey untill 9 oClock in the morning, then halted and then had the three above mentioned Deserters whip<sup>t</sup> Agreeable to the Judgment of the Court Martial, after which we went as far as Redding there took up our lodging in the woods for that night.

**6** Marched very early this Morning went through flemingtown Lodged in the woods three miles Short of Crialls ferry.

**7<sup>th</sup>** left our lodging this Morning at Day light went to the ferry on the delaware. Crost the ferry and found [?] Provisions and Cookt it. Then marched untill twelve Oclock at night then turned into the woods in a place Called Plumstead [? illegible]

**8** left our lodgings early this morning marched through Plumstead [?] about Six or Seven miles and was a preparing[?] to Encamp being in 5 or 6 miles of the Grand Army, but before we had Encampt Rec.<sup>d</sup> orders from head Quarters for Col. Greens Reg<sup>t</sup> and mine to march Red Banks

in the jersies. Col. Printis and Col. Burr the remaining part of General Varnums Brigade was ordered to head quarters. Col. Greens Reg<sup>t</sup> and mine, put about and marched back to the ground we lodged upon the night before and then took our Quarters for that night.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Marched very early this Morning, went to Buckingham, there halted to Cook our provisions, but mett with Some Difficulty in Cooking on account of the Extreem heavy rain , and after we had Cookt, march<sup>t</sup> on to New Town there Dried our Selves and lodgd that night.

**10** Marched Very Early this morning, went within three miles of Bristol then Overtaken by an Express which ordered my Reg<sup>t</sup> back to the Grand army, we parted with great Reluctance. Col Green went on for red banks, and my Reg<sup>t</sup> for the Grand Army, I marched about 12 miles back then lodged that night in wrights town.

**11<sup>th</sup>** Drew Provisions this Morning and Cooket. Marched by Eight Oclock. there was a heavy Cannonading this morning which Continued all the day this Cannonading was below Philadelphia we marched as far as new brittan township there lodged within 6 miles of General Washingtons Quarters.

**12<sup>th</sup>** the firing begun Yesterday morning Still Continues Suposed to be at the Chevaux de frize, below philadelphia this afternoon the Cannonading ceast about Six oClock, we lay Still this day to Clean our army and wash our Cloaths.

**13<sup>th</sup>** This Morning we got our Breakfast march of and joind the grand army by ten oClock, then Encampt this Day there was a Cap<sup>t</sup> and L<sup>t</sup> with 56 men of the Enemy taken on province[?] Island by our pe[ople]

**14<sup>th</sup>** I forgot to mention that we Rec<sup>d</sup>. the disagreeable news yesterday of fort Montgomery being taken by the enemy we have Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders to day to Send away all our baggage Except what we Can Carry on our backs. This afternoon we had the Agreeable news to hear that General Burgoin was Defeated.

**15<sup>th</sup>** this day the news from the Northern Army was Confirmed, on Which there was thirteen pieces of cannon fired and all the Small Arms that we had loaded, and gave three Cheers at five oClock this afternoon. We have this day Rec.<sup>d</sup> orders to march tomorrow morning at Seven oClock from the right of the army, and Continue untill the whole army was under way. Major Ward and Capt. Flagg arrived in Camp from Rhode Island to Day.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Marched this morning at Seven oClock on a Separate Command, agreeable to orders Rec.<sup>d</sup> last Evening, went from Tawwarminging [?] our present encampment to Buckingham on the road towards Bristol there lodged in the woods.

**17<sup>th</sup>** Turnd out half past three oClock, got our Breakfasts and marched off. went to Bristol there Crosst the Delaware, and marched through Burlington. Drew provisions and Cookt, then marched on all the Night following

**18** this Day we arrived at Red Banks about Seven oClock in the Evening after marching Sixty miles without Sleeping.

**19** Rested this Day after Pitching our tents untill ten oClock in the Evening. Then both officers and Soldiers went to work and workt all night on our fort, as we Expected an attack that night or in the morning. This Day there was a heavy Cannonading on fort mifflin.

**20<sup>th</sup>** this morning the Cannonading Ceast untill the afternoon when the Cannon and mortars begun to play very brisk. more So than they had any time before. The greatest part of my Reg<sup>t</sup> was in the fort as they Relieved Col Greens Reg<sup>t</sup>.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Last Evening we had one man brought from fort Mifflin Dead and three more wounded, one mortal wounded, this accident happened by a Shell Coming into one of the portholes in the Block house, the Row[?] Gallie last Evening run down and attackt a Ship and a galley of the Enemy, and obliged them to tow off. This Cannonade was very Smart, the Enemy had landed on Log Island and was Endeavouring to Errect a battery but Could not effect it. This Evening we Rec<sup>d</sup> Certain intelligence that the Enemy was a Coming to attack us, which oblig'd us to work all the night long.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** this day we Continued Dilligent on our works untill the after Noon about one oClock, when the Enemy Arrived within musket Shoot of our fort. we fired a Cannon or two at them on which they Retired, and kept Sculking in the woods untill half After four oClock, when they Sent in a flagg Demanding the fort but was answered that the fort was not to be Given up on any terms, in Reply to this, they answered that if we Still remain'd obstinate, our blood might be upon our own heads, for we Should have no Mercy Shone us. our Answer was we asked for none and Expect none. So granted and in about ten minuts after then begun as Smart a fire as Ever I heard from Eight field pieces and two hoets[?] they had placed against us, at the Same time advanced in two Colems to attack our fort by Storm, when there begun an incesant fire Musketry which Continued forty minuts, when the hessians Retreated in the most

Prescipated manner leaving 200 kill'd and wounded in the field, we Spent the greatest part of the Night in bringing in the wounded.

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

This Day was Spent the Greatest part in bringing in the Slain and burying them and taking proper Care of the wounded, what time we had to Spair was Spent on our works, prepairing them for the Second attack, as we had intelgence of them Coming the Second time, but it only proved to be a Covering party for their Retreat, the Galleys made an Attack on the Augusta man of war as She had gotten aground and by Some Accident She took fire and blew up with a most terrible Explotion another twenty Gun Ship of the Enemys got a ground and they Set her on fire which also blew up, one fifty gun Ship got off Clear.

**24<sup>th</sup>** This Morning I was taken very Sick with a Violent pain In my head, but taking a puke I Soon grew better this Day we Spent in prepairing our works, at night I being Some poorly went out of Camp to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows there tarried.

**25<sup>th</sup>**

This day Continued Peasible and Quiet between our forces and the brittish, one Malincully Accident happened this day in the after noon. M<sup>r</sup> James Haden a worthy young Gentleman belonging to my Reg<sup>t</sup>. was Shott through his Bowels and Expired the night following. this accident happened by overhalling Some hessian Guns that was loded.

**26** Nothing Remarkable happened. There was a movement on the west Side of the River of the Enemy Cap<sup>t</sup> Coggeshal Olney and L<sup>t</sup>. Sayles Come to Camp this day, and brought the news of our people Agoing upon Rhode Island as they came from that place.

**27** this Day was an Exceeding Stormy day we Rec<sup>d</sup> the news of the Enemys taking possession of Billingsport three hundred in Number, and that two hundred waggon loads of fasshins [fascines] Crossed Schuylkill

**28<sup>th</sup>** The Storm Still Continues or rather increases by the abundance of rain and an Excessive high tide all the low Country was Laid under water, our people was all Drownded out of the fort. no intelligence from the Enemy this Day.

**29<sup>th</sup>** Remains Stormy and Uncomfortable, about on oClock it began to break away, but Soon thickened up and begun to Storm again. Nothing Remarkable happen'd this day.

**30.** Col Donop Died last Evening half past Eight oClock in the Evening and was Desently Entered This evening Attended with all the honours of war. This Day it Cleared off and was a fine plesant Day.

**31<sup>st</sup>** This Day being a plesant day the Hessian Officers that was wounded was removed to philadelphia from M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows where they had ben Carried after the Action.

**November the 1<sup>st</sup> 1777**

This Day about ten oClock in the morning, one Mucklewain a butcher from Philadelphia, and one Dick Ellis a Negrow man were both hanged here for being trators and Spies. And for guiding the Enemy to red Banks, we Rec<sup>d</sup>. news this afternoon from General Varnum that the Enemy had Sent two thousand men to attack fort Mifflin, which occationed an Allarm among us.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** This Day General Varnum Arived in Camp, and 200 of his Brigade that Came with him Come to fort Mercer about 8 oClock in the Evening. The Remainder part of the Detachment went to woodbury.

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A fine pleasant Day and nothing Remarkable happened. Col<sup>o</sup> Green and my Self went to woodbury from thence in Company with General Varnum along the Shore to Reconiter, at night our Galleys went down and fired bright on the English Ships but nothing of Consequence was Done.

**4<sup>th</sup>** Nothing Remarkable happened this Day. There was an officer buried this Evening from the Navy.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Last Evening Gn<sup>l</sup> Varnum ordered two pieces of Cannon down against the English Ships, but in their way there, they got mired down with one piece, an 18 pounder, and was not able to git her out untill this afternoon, the other a 12 pounder begun to play upon the Ships this morning about 9 oClock the Gallies attempted to goe down at the Same time and fier on the Ships, but the wind blowing very hard prevented them, in the afternoon about 5 oClock they maid a Second Attempt to attack the Ships, and formed a line across the River and went down and attackt the Ships and kept up a Smart Cannonad untill Dark when it begun to Storm, and they come off without Doing the Enemy much damage, or Receiving much Damage.

**6<sup>th</sup>** The Guns that was carried down to annoy the English Ships this Day brought back to the fort.

**7<sup>th</sup>** This day M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Col<sup>o</sup> Greens Reg<sup>t</sup> Set off for providence State of Rhode Island. Capt David Dexter Paymaster Holden and L<sup>t</sup>. Grant

Returned to Camp this day from the above S<sup>d</sup> State and brought the news that Rhode Island was not Retaken as it was reported here one boat with Eight men in it went from our Navy to the Enemy to Day, our works went on as Usual.

**8<sup>th</sup>** yesterday the Cap<sup>t</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt and Staff officers Dined with me and my other field officers and to day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt and Ensigns, we was allarmed and [illegible] lay on our arms last night. I was troubled with Ague in my face to Such a degree that I Slept none, last night and but little the night before this night I left the Camp and went to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows.

**9<sup>th</sup>** This morning I was Extreem Sick, attended with a Violent purging and Vomiting, but grew better about noon. Nothing Extraordinary happened this day between the Armys.

**10<sup>th</sup>** This day the Enemy Opened five new Batteries on fort Mifflin, which played briskly During the whole day, and the Evening until nine oClock, but did no great Dammage.

**11<sup>th</sup>** The Bombarding and Cannonading begun early this morning, at nine oClock this morning, a Shocking Accident happened in our fort at Red Banks, our french Enginear burst one of our Guns, an Eighteen Pounder, and killed one Benjamin Ross belonging to Col<sup>o</sup>. Greens Reg<sup>t</sup>. and wounded Ten more men. This Gun I believe was Split through the ignorance of the Enginear, in the length of this day I believe there has ben Six hundred Shott and Shells fired at fort Mifflin. Capt. Treet of the Artillery was killd and Two or three more. About Eight oClock in the Evening there was a firing of Cannon and Small Arms, occationed by Some Vessels running by fort Mifflin of the Enemy.

**12** the cannonading and Bombarding Still Continues very heavy on fort mifflin and Remained so during the Day. General Varnum ordered a battery erected down the River about two miles from Red banks against English Ships which was fired upon the whole Day by the English Ships. I believe not less than Eight hundred Shott have ben fired at the Battery this Day as in Yesterdays journal I mentioned two or three men being killd but am Sinc informed it was five.

**13<sup>th</sup>** the Seige of fort mifflin Still Continues as Sevear as it has ben any time before, though we had but one man killed and three wounded this day, the Seige Continues night and Day.

**14<sup>th</sup>** This Morning the Seig was hotter than it had ben before as the Enemy brought a large floating Battery out of Schuykill. but She was Soon Silenced by our forts and Sunk, also a two Gun Battery they had Erected on the Shore was Soon Silenced, we had four men kill'd and

wounded at fort mifflin this day, Major Thayer went over to fort mifflin last Night to take the Command of that post. The french Enginear burst a 24 pounder in the fort at Red Banks this afternoon, in proving her, he had no more judgment then to put in 20 pounds of powder and two wads and two balls.

**15** This Morning the Enemy Run up a large Ship, which they had Cut Down, and made a battery off. mounting 20 & 24 pounders, but drew but little water. She Came up between Hog [Log?] Island and the main and run along Side of our fort, within pistol Shott. She Carried a number of men in her tops, who Could heave hand granads into our fort also fired in with their Small Arms which drove all our people from their platforms. There Came up with the Ship a Sloop with Some Brass.

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

By intelligence Rec<sup>d</sup>. last night from two Deserters from billingsport we Expected to be attackt this morning, but it was my opinon that they was Sent out with a design to Decoy us and put us to flight that they might git off them Selves with Safty. our Sittuation was Such that had we ben beseigd with a Superior force the Garrison must have fallen a Sacrifice, as they might attack us by Land and water at one and the Same time, and we Could have no Retreat, and the post being of no Consequence to us. Since the Enemy had gotten a pass by water to philadelphia we thought proper to avacuate the post and by the Inteligence from the Deserters we thought we Should not be able to Save the Stors. So marcht of the troops leaving a Sufficent number behinde that in Case the Enemy Should advance to destroy the maggazien and Stores the Greatest part of the troops went as far as haddenfield. Two hundred of the troops went back to Red Banks to git off the Stores as the Enemy did not Advance on them. I went this morning as far as hadenfield, there Rested my Self then went on to morris town Then I mett L<sup>t</sup>. Thomson of Col Greens Reg<sup>t</sup>. with Cloathing for our troops and I tarried there that night.

**20<sup>th</sup>** I tarried in Mors town untill twelve oClock as there was five men left in the meeting hous belonging to the Servis and no officer with them. The men Extreemly bad wounded, I procured a waggon to Carry them to Burlington. There left them in the hospital and got lodging for my Self at M<sup>r</sup>. Levi Murrils, I have heard nothing from the army Except that General Huntingtons Brigad Crost at dunk ferry as a Reinforcement for the troops at Red Banks.

**21<sup>st</sup>** This morning just before Day there was a Cannonading heard down the dillawar [Delaware] which we hear Since was at our Ships attempting to come by the Enemy at philadelphia, we have Rec<sup>d</sup>. the disagreeable news of our people Destroying their maggazen and Stors at Red banks and that our people had burnt the Batteries and province Ships and then

I hear backs with Several other Vessels belonging to the Continental Servis, all the troops from red banks were marching up from thence to mount holley. General Greene Came over the dillaware from bristol to day with five Reg<sup>ts</sup> of troops who all lodged at Burlington the night folling. and the other in mount holly.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** this morning the Troops begun to march out of Town but their Baggage was not all got over the ferry till just night which occationed Some troops to tarry in town. This night, we have had no news of Consequence to be depended upon to day from any part of the Army. I have not ben To well to day as I have ben in Days past.

**23** This morning the Last of the troops and Baggage marched out of Burlington, and I am informd that the troops are to March this Evening or in the morning from mount holly, there is a report Circulating here that there was a Skirmish between our picquet and the Enemys yesterday morning, but the truth I have not yet Confirmd, or what is done it has ben a fine pleasant Day. I went over to bristol to day and there tarried all night.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Went from bristol about ten oClock to burlington where I heard that the Army still Lay at Mountholly. Nothing Extraordinary happend to day.

**25<sup>th</sup>** This morning I Sett of for Trenton by the way of bristol where I arrived by three oClock in the Afternoon and there tarried that night.

**26** this morning went out to look out for a horse as I had none fit to ride. I went as far as Maidenhead about Six miles which took up part of the Day. My Companion, Barholomey went to Maidenhead and did not return untill night which occationed us to tarry another night. I bought me a hors to day of one M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Read. M<sup>r</sup> Holmes and L<sup>t</sup>. Carpenter Came from Camp to Day. Ensign helms has gottten his Discharge from the Servis. L<sup>t</sup>. Carpenter was a going to Danbury for Stores. Person Davids Come to Trenton after Some Baggage.

**27** This morning the Ground was white with Snow and a very raw Cold arc. and Snowed alittel. This was the first Snow that had fallen this fall, I had Seen a few Scatteren flakes once before though not So much as to white the Ground. we got our breakfasts this morning at M<sup>r</sup>. Richmonds in trenton where we had maid it our Quarters and then I Sett off for Burlington after waiting untill half after Eleven OClock for M<sup>r</sup> Bartholomy. I arrived at Burlington by three OClock and Mett Greene's Division a Crossing the ferry from Burlington to Bristol as the Brittish troops had left the jersey after having plundered the inhabitants of a Great Value in Stock and other things. General Greenes Division did not all git over this night.

## **28 November**

This morning I applied to Major General Greene to know Where I was to go forward to the Reg<sup>t</sup>. or where the Reg<sup>t</sup>. was to come forward as I thought my Selfe able to join the Reg<sup>t</sup>. The Baggage was Crossing all night, and do [did?] not more than half git Over. My Reg<sup>t</sup> Arived in town about ten oClock and the troops Crost the ferry in the after Noon, but none of their baggage Could be got across that night and about Midnight it begun to Storm and blow Extreem hard at northeast

**29** This Morning it Continued to blow Excesive hard and very Stormy. So that there was no Crossing the ferry about two oClock in the after Noon there was an allarm here. We had Several Reports that the Enemy

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and went as far as Crockett billn[?] within Seven miles of head quarters there took my lodgings for that night. our waggons Stopt allittle back on account of a peice of woods.

## **Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777**

This morning after I got my Breakfast I Sett of in Company with Cap<sup>t</sup>. flagg for the grand Army where we arived by Eleven oClock and found our people Encamped in the woods where they had built [illegible, ink blotch] huts of bushes and leaves. I went to a hous near the Camp there tarried this Night.

3 Nothing Extroridanery happened this Day. It has been a Raw Cloudy and Cold Day.

## **Dec<sup>r</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> 1777**

We have Remained in peas and quietness and nothing Extraorny has happened. To day one Light hors man Come from the Enemy to day. At Night I left my Lodgings in a hous and went into the Woods with the troops.

**5** This morning at Three oClock our Allarm guns was fired on which the Baggage was all imeadetly loaded into the waggons and drove off and all the troops got under arms, and marchd to their Allarm posts where we Continued till the Sun was near two hours high, then dismist the troops to git their breakfast, about ten oClock there was a firing on the right of our line of Small arms, but what was done I have not heard, there has ben Several prisoners taken to the Number of 13 among whom there is one Hessian Capt. our troops went to their huts at Night.

## **Dec<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> 1777**

This Morning we had intelligence that the Enemy was all gone into Philadelphia. The news was brought by one oClock in the morning that the enemy was a Retreating and the oldest Regt. In Each Brigade was ordered to preface them but before the troops was Collected our light hors Came in and Said that the Enemy were all within their lines at Philadelphia. So the troops were Dismist and returnd to their Quarters. I and Person Davids Rode down this morning below German town to See what Ravages and Destruction the Brittish troops had made, which was Shocking to beholde, as they had destroyd every thing in their power Except the Buildings, and Some of them they had Burnt, but Nothing Remarkable happened this Day.

### **Decr. 10<sup>th</sup> 1777**

Nothing Remarkable has hapend to day, a flying Report has ben flying about Camp to day that the Enemy was a Crossing Schuylkill. but no body beleaved it, at Night there was a report that the Enemy was a going to leave Philadelphia, as there was a french war proclamed which I supose to be as much truth in as there is in the first.

### **11<sup>th</sup> 1777**

We Rec<sup>d</sup> orders late last Evening to March this morning at three oClock, at which time we turnd out but did not march until Six in the morning then we marcht towards Schuylkill in order to cross at a bridg about four Miles below Sweeds ford, but before we got there the Enemy had gotten possession of the Right on The other Side of the River and had a Smart Skirmish with Gen<sup>l</sup> Potter who Commanded the militia. The General lost a few men but how many I cannot Say, our Army marched three or four miles back towards our old Encampment, then Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders to halt and lay Still untill near four oClock in the Afternoon when we Rec<sup>d</sup>. orders to march to Sweeds ford. we marched within a mile of the ford, there took up our quarters in the woods, where we Rested peasable that Night.

### **Decr. 12<sup>th</sup>**

We tarried on the Ground untill about five oClock in the afternoon. Then Rec<sup>d</sup>. orders to march. We Expected to have Crost the Schuylkill at Sweeds ford as our people had this day erected a Bridge across the Schuylkill, with waggons, laying a length of Rails from one waggon to another by which means we made a tollirable bridge for the troops to cross upon. But when we come to march, our waggons was ordered to cross at the ford called Sweeds ford, and the troops was ordered to the ford below where we attempted to Cross the day before the troops arrived. Then by Seven oClock in the Evening, when we found the troops a Crossing and had ben a Crossing ever since about Sunset, but did not all Cross untill past Six in the morning as there was but a poor bridge to Cross upon being built with logs and plank rails from one pear of logs to another which floted on the water our Waggons and horses went through

below the Bridge. We Suffered much this night as it was a Cold Stormy Night with snow and rain.

**Decr. 13<sup>th</sup>** Marched this Morning from the above S<sup>d</sup>. ford about five or six miles. There turned into a peace of woods, between Eight and nine oClock in the morning and got our Breakfasts. There tarried that day and the night following where we built our Huts of bushes and leaves and lodged Comfortable that night in peace as the Enemy had Retreated into Philadelphia. It Cleard of this afternoon and was fine weather.

**Decr. 13<sup>th</sup> 1777**

The Army Still Remains in the woods and the weather very Good. There was one man killd this day by falling A Tree and one hors, a Serjt. and ten Hessians was brought into Camp to Day taken by four of our lighthors Men. At night we had inteligence that the Enemys light hors was in three miles of our Camp, but it proved to be a false Allarm.

**15** A fine pleasant Morning and Nothing Remarkable happened. The Baggage waggons was ordered out of Camp four or five miles and at Night we had orders for what waggons there was left to be Sent off in the morning by Seven oClock and the whole Army was to march by ten oClock to a place about Eight miles up the Schuykill, when we was told that we was to take up our winter Quarters.

**Decr. 16<sup>th</sup>**

This morning being very Stormy the Orders for marching was Countermanded and our tents Ordered to be brought to our Encampment where they arived about three oClock in the afternoon and was either pitched or Spread over our huts. And we Still Remained peasable in our Quarters the night following. It being a Stormy Night. One Scircomstance I cannot omit mentioning Just to show in what manner Some people live in this part of the Country, paymaster holden and paymaster Green went out of Camp about three miles, and there Put up at an old farmers house where they saw a large number of Turkeys and other fouls. They Enquired if they were to be sold. They said they were and they bought one of the turkeys and would have it Rosted, and Desired the old woman of the house to dress it for them but she said that she never saw one rosted in her life, they then Enquired of her how she did dress them. She said they never Eat turkeys nor no other fouls; but always Solde them, as they would allways fetch the Ready money. So great is their love for money.

**Decr. 17<sup>th</sup>**

We Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders this morning at Seven oClock for the waggons to march off imeadetly and the troops were to march at ten oClock. But it begun to Storm and the orders were Countermanded. So we continued in our

Encampment this day and the night following.

**18<sup>th</sup>** This day being Appointed by the Honourable Continental Congress as a day of thanksgiving through All the Continent we had orders to Still Continue in our present encampments and it was Strongly Recommended to all the Officers and Soldiers of the Army to attend Divine Servis. The troops attended Servis at three oClock in the afternoon.

**19<sup>th</sup>** This morning was a Sever Cold one, as it Cleared off last Evening with a Strong Norwest wind which blew So that it blew our fires into Some of our huts and burnt them Down, it broke down one tree across a tent where five men lay asleep but providently hurt but one man and he had his thigh broke. We Rec<sup>d</sup>. orders this morning to march as Soon as possible and before ten oClock the whole Army was a marching, pleased with the thoughts of going into winter Quarters. Though in the woods, we marched all the day without provisions as there was none to be drawn in this morning and neither Could we get any at night, we marched but about Eight miles this day, being plaged so bad With our waggons as the Roads was Excessive Bad and our horses very poor and weak, we Turned into the woods about Sunset, where we built us fires, and encamp by them that night often Eating our Supper of raw Corn which we got out of a field man by our encampment one Accident happened this Day a waggon overpl [?] and killed one woman

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup> 1777**

A fine plesant morning for this Season we drew provisions this morning which was very pleasing to the troops as they had not had more than one days Allowance in three for three days past. We Continued Still in the woods and Nothing remarkable happened during the Day, Except we Could get nothing for our horses to Eat as the Country had ben much Stript by the Enemy here and to appearance a much poorer part of the Country than we had ben in before. The last Encampment was in Chester County.

21<sup>st</sup> Nothing Remarkable Happend this Day Except we Could draw no provisions. We Still lay in the woods.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777**

This Morning we Rec<sup>d</sup> Orders to holde our Selves in Readiness to march at a moments warning, on which our tents wer Struck and the troops all under arms, but having no orders to march grounded their arms and returned to their fiers, and afterwards rec<sup>d</sup> orders to take up our arms and return to our quarters as the orders for marching wer Countermanded, we Remained quiet the Remainder of the day.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Fine weather and Nothing Remarkable happened Except one womans being Drummed out of our Camp to day by order of a Court martial for stealing.

**24<sup>th</sup>** This Day we Begun to Clear the Ground and Cut timber for building our huts to winter in. But Nothing Remarkable happened we Still Remaining in the wood.

**25** This morning I was to have Sett out on a journey Into the jersies to Collect the Sick in General Varnoms Brigade, but this B. G Major not making his Returns timely I did not Sett off till between 3 and 4 oClock in the afternoon Crosst the Schuylkill went to norrington there tarried that night.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 26** left my lodging Early this morning went to a place called montpomery about 8 or 9 miles there breakfasted then went on to Bristol where I arived about Seven OClock in the Evening. There has ben a great Firing to day. Supposed to be betwen our people and the Enemy near derby Southeast of Schuylkill. I took up my Quarters in Bristol at M<sup>r</sup>'s . Murries.

**27** This morning after Breackfast I went over to Burlington where I spent part of the day. I dind at M<sup>r</sup> Murriels and by that time That I could git back to bristol it was So near night that I Concluded to tarry there and Sett off Early in the morning on my Journey. There is maney flying Reports here to day from the Army but nothing to be depended on.

**28<sup>th</sup>** this morning was an Extreem Cold morning after I had breakfast I Set off for trenton where I arrived aboute three oClock and tarried there that night I went in Company with one M<sup>r</sup> Fisher of Philadelphia, his Mother and a young Lady from philadelphia.

**29<sup>th</sup>** This morning was Sever Cold as it Cleard off last Evening yesterday being very Stormy & it Snowed Great part of the day though I forgot to mention it in my journal of yesterday I left trenton this morning and went to Princetown from thence to Nottingame where I tarried the night, and it was as Cold a night as Ever I knew at that Season in N.J.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> 1777**

This morning about 9 oClock I left Nottingame went to Princetown this Day was so Colde that the Snow did not give any upon the Sunside of hills and buildings, though it was a very Clear day, I tarried this night in Princetown

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 31<sup>st</sup>**

This morning the weather Seemed Some more Mordrate then I had ben before in Some days as the wind had fallen and was Calm but still Remained Sevear Cold, and there was two of the poore Soldiers in the hospital belonging to the State of Virginna froze to death last night, Owing to the negligence of the Quartermaster not providing wood, after Going through all the Hospitals and Seeing what Cloathing was wanting for the troops in General Varnums Brigade and gitting my hors Shod, I Sett off for Quaker town by the way of Hopewell where I tarried all night.

### **January 1<sup>st</sup> 1778**

This morning was very pleasant To what we have had, and after I had Gotten my breackfast, I Sett off for Quaker Town, won Curiosity I saw Hear I Cannot omit Mentioning. I saw a young Lady Dafter of Mr J Stout where I tarried a making lace for Caps. She workd the lace with Small Sticks Called Bobins on a pillow with a Stripp of paper Round the Same prickt out in form of the Lace. I Dined in Quaker Town, and then went on my jorney, as the troops had gone from hence, I went through Pitts Town and lodged at Col<sup>o</sup>. Revin in the township of Alexandria and County of huntingdon.

### **January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778**

This morning I left Alexandria went to East Town. From thence to Bethlehem Where I took up my Quarters. I found Some of the troops in East Town and Some in Bethlehem, Here I fell in Company with Major Box, the weather Still Continues Tollirable Good. I Crost one Branch of the Dillaware to day, in a flatt but a five rods above foot Crost on the Ise.

### **January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778**

This morning was very pleasant, after Breackfast I went through all the hospitals, in Search of the troops of General Varnoms Brigade, and after I had Seen them all, I went all over the town to View all the Curiosities that was Contained therein, the First I went and view'd Ruin[?] Mills which was the Curiosest I Ever Saw, built all of stone, and in the After noon I went to the Ministers [smudged] asked liberty to go through the nunery which he Charefully granted, walking with me himself and the old Lady who had the Care of the Nuns. They appeared to be very Genteel Ladies many of them, and it was very Curious to See all kinds of manufacturing in the Cloathing way going forward among them and to See their beds on one room there was fifty five beds and about fifty in another. Each woman had her bed by her Self and after viewing Every Curiosity In the Nunery, the old minister went to show me the offous of worship and the Nuns Band of musick, and all the images in their hous which was very Striking to See the image of our Saviour in goars [?] of blood, and many other Such like Seans. after which he preceeded to their water works on the River to Show me them. Where there was a hemp mill and Bark mill with four other Different mills under one Bough. From

thence he had me to their waterworks where there town is watered from. These works Exceeded all the ingenuity I yet Ever Saw. There was a Wheal that went Constant the year round, which Carried three pumps that forst the water up a leaden pipe which Run under ground to a Steapel or a tower in the town from whence it was Carried all over the place, much in the same manner as it is in providence, by the time I had Viewed all the Curiosities it was near Night and I tarried the other Night hear.

### **January 4<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This day being very pleasant I should Have Sett off on my journey, had not it ben Sunday, but having a great Inclination to go to the Moravain meeting, I Concluded to tarry in town untill the after noon, and as the ministers Son was dead and to be buried that Day I was the more Anxious to tarry to See their forms of burial. The meeting was to begin at one oClock, so I rode out into the Country 6 or 8 miles in the morning to view the Country. And Returned by one oClock and Went to the funeral. The maner of this people is that when one Dies they have a hous Called the Corps house, where he is imeadetly Carried after he is dead. When the Congregation meet in their meeting hous, the minister Reads the deseast persons life over, then says a few words to the brothers and Sisters then they proceed to the Corps hous where four trumpeters with their trumpets Come Before the Congregation, and Six men with them to take the Corps from the dead hous. Who brings the Corps out on a bear with a white holland Sheet over the Coffin Embrordered all round with needle work. With a great number of letters on the Same with a Needle but all in dutch which I could not understand. The trumpeters placed themselves about two roads before the Corps. The Six bearers Stood by the Corps, and as Soon as the Congregation begun to Come through the Gates out of the meeting house yard, as the men had a gate by them Selves, and the women one through which they Came, the trumpeters begun to play. And Continued playing untill they had all paraded, the women on the right of the Corps and the men on the Left, then the trumpets Ceast and they all Sung a few himns in the German tongue, then the trumpets begun to play and they bearers took up the Corps and Marched to the Buring ground. The men Marching in Rank and file next to the Corps the women in the Rear, and the trumpets playing the whole time untill the Come to the Grave, and the women form on the Right and the men on the left, in the Same manner as they Marched of in. then the trumpets Ceas and they Sing a few more himns, after they have lett down the Corps into the grave, they all Retire in the Same form as they Came in, the women forming the Rear, and the Grave is filld by Some who is Sent Some time after. Thus is their form of burial, after the funeral was over, I Sett off in Company with a gentleman from Boston Named walker, for Redding, we went through Allens Town Crossing the River Lahi and rode about 17 miles that night then put up in a germans house, where

we lodged between two feather Loads, that is we had a feather bed instead of Sheets.

### **January 5<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Left our lodgings Early this morning went about five miles then breckfasted, then went un to readdding and dind forty Two miles from Bethlehem this day was the worst riding I Ever Saw on account of its being So muddy and Raind a little. I Tarried in Redding this night this Town is Some bigger then the town of Providence in N.E.

### **January 6<sup>th</sup>**

It being a fine pleasant morning,, I finished my business here and after breackfast Sett off for Lancaster in Company with Col<sup>o</sup>. Wood of n.y. and Cap<sup>t</sup> Blewen of penselvena and M<sup>r</sup> Walker of boston. We rode to Adams Town ten miles from Redding there we Stopt and I went in Serch for the Sick but found none. from thence we went to Rheims town about 4 Miles further, there I halted and went to visit the hospitals where I found Some of the troops of General Varnoms Br. my Company went on and after I got Ready I Sett forward alone. I was to Visit the hospitals at Dunkers Town which lay a little out of the Direct Road to Lancaster. I mist my way and wint four miles out of the way and had the four miles to travel Back again. I got to Dunkers Town a little after Dark there tuk up my Quarters for that night. I went to the Doctor to Enquire after the troops and found there was a Considerable Number of the N. England troops there So I went to my Quarters and told the Doctor I Should Call in the morning.

### **January 7<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning I went to the Doctor very Early and after Examining the hospital and Sending off all the Week, I went to view the town to see what curiosity was to be seen here, the town was Seated in a Beautifull Place, they had two Nuneries here, but much infearor to those at Bethlehem these people was not of the Moraven Society But were Roman Catholicks, all wering their Beards, Some of them I dare affirm were ten inches long, and had I appeard as Awful to them as they did to me, I should have Expected to have ben Carried about the town for a shoe, though they made such an appearance they was an Exceeding Kind people, and after I had gotten my Breckfast I proceeded on my journey went to a place Calld the Three Churches 8 or 9 miles from Dunkers town, there went through the hospitals but found none of the troops I was in Search for. here I fell in with one M<sup>r</sup> Dunn an Acquaintance of mine from New york and Spent part of the day with him, and after I had dind with him I proceeded on for Moraventown about 7 miles from hence, where I arived about four oClock and its Storming I put up for that night, here being a great number of the Sick, and an Exceeding Beautifull place with Two large and Ellegant Nuneries and a large house for publick worship. The people here was Extreem kind.

### **January the 8<sup>th</sup> 1778**

I forgot to mention the Bigness of the towns as I passed through them from Redding to Lancaster, Allens town the first had about 200 houses in it, and but an ornary town Addams town about 100 houses and a Durty nasty place Situated in a hollow Rheims Town much the Same the next was Dunkers town which I have given a Discription of then the Three Churches a Small place about 20 houses Compact. The next is Moraven Town which appeard all most like a paradise, with Curious Stone Buildings and two large Nuneries and one large house for Publick worship all Neatly built of Stone. I left this town after Breckfast, went to Lancaster. This is a large City much Biger than Rhode Island in New England, although it is 58 [or 68] miles from a Seaport. I left Lancaster about 3 oClock in the Afternoon on my journey for the Camp, I went about 13 miles to a place called Laycock township there took up my Quarters for that night as the Roads was Exceeding bad and muddy the worst I Ever Saw.

### **January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Left my lodgings Early this morning, went on for the Camp, I fell in Company with a young Quaker, after I had rode about fifteen miles who invited me to go and dine with him, which I Chearfully Excepted. This Gentlemen's name was Thomas Vickers Living in Chester County and East Caln Township, after I had din'd and bated my hors I sett off for Camp, went to the white hors Tavern on Lancaster Rode where I took my lodgings for that night, having traveled about 40 miles through the mud.

### **January 10<sup>th</sup> 1778**

I Sett off early this morning for the Camp in Company with a gentleman going to mount holley. His name was Lion, we arrived in Camp about ten oClock and found all frinds well Except Poor John Luther who was Dead and Buried, as I heard on the Road yesterday. But I found a great alteration in the Reg<sup>t</sup>. as my Reg<sup>t</sup>. and Col<sup>o</sup>. Greens was both Incorporated into one, and Col<sup>o</sup>. Green Col<sup>o</sup>. Comstock and major ward and about one half of the other officers were gone home with a view of Raising a Negro Reg<sup>t</sup>.

### **January 11<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This day was an Exceeding Snowy Day, but Nothing Extrordinary happened, it kept Very Study in Camp this Day.

**January 12<sup>th</sup> 1778** fine weather This Day there was five Serjants reduced to the Ranks for attempting to go home without leave and one of Them was whipt one hundred lashes on his Naked back, These Serj<sup>s</sup> all belonged to Col<sup>o</sup>. formans Reg<sup>t</sup>. under the command of Capt. Combs and in my Reg<sup>t</sup>. now and there to remain untill further orders.

**January 13<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Fine weather for winter. Nothing happened this day worth Notis there was a large Detachment Sent from the army to releave Col<sup>o</sup>. Morgan.

**14<sup>th</sup>**

This Morning Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney Set off for Providence in the State of Rhode Island. We had one man Died out of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. last Night, his name was Ladd.

**15** Nothing Remarkable Happened this day

**16** this Morning Capt. Potter of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. Sett off for the State of Rhode Island. I went to the Cloathers Generals and got 288 pair of Stockins and 4 Shirts for the Reg<sup>t</sup> under my Command but Nothing Remarkable happened During the Day.

**January the 17<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning L<sup>t</sup>. West and L<sup>t</sup> Gerald Sett off for the State of Rhode Island and it has ben a very Stormy Day, and Some warmer then it has ben in Some days past our people has frequently Crost the Schuykill on the ice for Several days past.

**18<sup>th</sup>** This morning Capt. William Tew and Capt. William Alton L<sup>t</sup>. Bethuel Curtis and L<sup>t</sup>. Sameul Whipple Left the Camp on their way to the State of Rhode Island. Samuel Whipple had gotten his discharge from the Servis the others wer on furlow. They was defeated in their first Setting off by the Schuykill being brok up by a large frishet and so full of Ice that no Boat Could pass, but the Ice Clearing away in the Afternoon they all Crost and proceeded on in their journey. Died Last Night Daniel Phillips of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. A Civil Honest young man who Drove my waggon and was this Afternoon Desintly Entered. Nothing more Extraordinary Happened During the Day as it was good weather, it Cleard off last Evening.

**January 19<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Fine weather for winter and Nothing Extraordinary happened this Day. General Varnom be been [or bun, begun?] to Exercise the officers of his Brigade.

**20<sup>th</sup>**

My Reg<sup>t</sup>. begun this Day to build a Hospital for the Sick. Person David was Discharg'd from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. to day by General Varnom, as the Staff officers have no Commissions they can be Dischargd by the Brigadier or Col<sup>o</sup>., but no Commissiond officer to be discharg'd without orders from Congress or his Excellency. Nothing Remarkable happened this Day.

This days journal finishes this Book.

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**January the 21<sup>st</sup> 1778**

Nothing in particular happened this day Except a report of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lees treating [?] of a Number of the Enemy Left here

**22<sup>nd</sup>** This morning we Had the particulars of the affair between Capt. Lee and the brittish light hors. Capt. Lee with 9 of his men were in a Stone hous near the Enemy Lines, when they wer Surrounded by a body of the British Horses Some Say near two hundred, they indeavord to force themselves into the house but wer beaten off by only 9 men, with the total [?] of three killed and 4 wounded, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lee had only one man Slightly wounded. They had burst upon the Door but the man was instantly Shott dead. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Stephen Windsor Came to the Camp to Day and brought me a letter from my girl in new England informing me that all my frinds were well, Major Thayer and my Self wint over Schuylkill and Returned at Night.

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1778**

Nothing Remarkable happened to day Except we Buried Two of our Soldiers, Viz. Oliver Prince and William foster.

**24<sup>th</sup>**

Three more of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. died last Night and was this day Deacently intered, viz. William Batten, Timothy Noice and Ceaser Cole. it is a very allarming time amongst us the troops are very sickly and die fast, we heard last Evening that General Spencer who Commanded at providence has Resind and his Resignation was Excepted of by Congress thus Eands this day but what will Eand the next is uncertain.

**January the 25<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning was Exceeding pleasant but I was no Sooner up and drest before I was called upon for to give one more Maluncully order, viz. For a Coffin for one of my men, who departed this life last Night, what an allarm must this be to us a small Handfull of poore Naked Soles distute of money and Every Nesessary of life, to see how we are Struck of old this List of time, one two and three in the Space of twenty four Hours. It has ben a fine day, but has blown off very Cold this Evening and nothing Extrordinary has happened to day.

**26<sup>th</sup>**

This morning I applied to his Excellency to See when we Coud have the money for my Reg<sup>t</sup>. And after Returning Spent great part of the day in writing letters to my frinds in New England, we buried another man to day, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Stephen Windsor Sett off for home the afternoon, but faild of getting over the Schuylkill, Returnd back and tarried all Night, I rec'd. Orders this Evening to Go [?] on a Command to morrow Down to the Lines.

**Jan'y 27**

This was a Sevear Cold morning. I Sett of this morning on the above S<sup>d</sup> Command with 300 men, Major Ellison was with me we left the grand parade about 9 oClock arived at Radnor by 12 oClock, this place lies on lancester Road 14 miles from Philadelphia. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Winsor Left the Camp to day bound for Rhode island it continued a Shocken Cold day and night.

**28**

The Weather was much Mordrated this morning, and our little incampment Remaind peasable, but no provisions was in the Camp for the men, untill Night when We had a weaks provision in For the Detachment of Saltpork which was a Rarity to us. Having Lived So long on fish [?] Major Rion Came to See me to day. And we rode out in the afternoon, and Spent the Day very agreable. We had two Deserters from the brittish Army Come to us to day. But we Could not git no intiligence from the Enemy, no other way then they were very Still in philadelphia.

**January 29<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Last night it begun to rain and Rained very hard the Greatest part of the night and the forenoon but Cleard of this afternoon and was Extreem muddy. I rode out to reconiter the Country but it was so muddy that I did not go no great distance, about Eleven oClock there Came some officers down from the Camp after Some Deserter I Sent out a patrolling party afore the Rascals.

**Jan<sup>ry</sup> 30 1778**

This morning was the pleasants I ever Knew at the Season of the year, the Blue birds was Churiping very plenty this morning I beleave I had forty Applications to me for papers into Philadelphia this day by three oClock in the afternoon at which time I left my Quarters and took a ride Round in Company with Capt. Van de lean, but it Still remaind very Muddy we went as far as the fox Chaces about Seven miles where I found a party of the troops Sent after the deserters last night, but the Desarters g in number got within the Prigrechts before our people could over take them though they was not more then 1000 yards R??ind

**January 31<sup>st</sup> 1778**

This morning it was very Raney and Continued Cold the day long. Capt. Siall who I Sent out last night a patrolling [?] Down below derby Come on to day and brought in 23 fatt Sheep, they took from three Villins who were a driving them into Philadelphia, two of the rougs mad their Escape in the dark. One of them was taken prisoner and brought up with the Sheep, five of them I ordered killd for the troops with me, two I lett the light hors have and the other I sent to head quarters. They took one

woman a going to market with Some meal, flower turkeys and fowls but as She appeared to be a poor woman I lett her have the greatest part of her truck, and paid her for the remainder Then Sent her home.

### **February 1<sup>st</sup> 1778**

This morning we had the pleasure to see the Sun Shine, as it had Cleard off in the Night the Ladies begun to apply this morning for passes to philadelphia, I gave a number as I had not Rec<sup>d</sup>. an Answer from a letter I wrote to his Excellency on the matter the day before, but in the afternoon Recd. Orders not to give any passes to any person whatsoever. I had two villans Deserted from my Detachment last night and to day I Rode out to one Widow Elisabeth Evens and one of her Daughters Came from Philad<sup>a</sup> while I was there and Said that She Saw two of my men in the City and heard them Examined who Said they Came from my Detachment And told the Brittsh officers who Commanded at that post, and what number of men there was. They Swore that they would Soon come and pay us a Visit which if they do I shall do my Endeavour to treat them according to their desarts. I Sent my worker to Camp to day who Returnd this Evening and brought a letter from Major Thayer informing me that the paymasters had gotten the money.

### **Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778**

Fine weather over head but Extream muddy, our Scout come in to day but had no Success. Nothing Extrordinary happened Except the waggon Returnd to day that went out of philadelphia with Cloathes for the hessian prisoners that was taken at trenton last winter

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### **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778**

This morning was fine and plesant If [2 words illegible] Clear about 12 oClock Col<sup>o</sup>. Tupper come with a detachment to releave me a light horsman come in and informd me that he had a [?] with Six troops on the roade, and Killed one of them the others had made their Escape he had taken one of their horses and after wards had taken a hessian who had deserted from Lancaster where he was a prisoner and was a going into Philadelphia

### **Feb. 4 1778**

I Returned into Camp last [?] Evening Just about Sunsett when the troops had just buried Corporal lodg, This Morning we had another man die. Major Hagen Sett off to day to bring him a horse. I Recd my money to day and M<sup>r</sup> Davids took his leave of us to day, and went to Lancaster where he is agoing to practice fhisick. So the day Ended with as fine weather as Ever I saw for the Season.

**5<sup>th</sup>**

fine weather and nothing Remarkable happened to day. Major Thayer Come into Camp to day and had bought him a hors he arrived a little before sunset paymaster Holden bought Canaonefary watermans hors to day.

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning was very raw and Cold and Clowded up about noon and begun to Storm paymaster Holden Sett of for Rhodes Island in the afternoon paymaster Green went away in the Morning. Major Thayer and I Rode about Six miles out of Camp to day to look of Some horses that was to be Sold, as I wanted to buy one but it was as tedious a time as Ever I was out in, and Rain'd as hard as Ever I Saw it, with a high wind at N.E. and Sevear Cold. We arived in Camp about 8 oClock in the Evening as weet and Coald as men need be there was a Gentleman at my hut when I come home, from the Jersies, he brought a letter from Cap<sup>t</sup>. Oliver Clarke who was a prisoner in Philadelphia. This gentleman tarried with me this Night.

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 1178**

This morning was very Clear as it had Cleard off in the Night with Snows about ankel Deep,. There was a man found in Frunt of our Encampment at about 150 yards Distance from the huts pitched with his face into the mud dead Supposed to have ben in Licquor and perishd with the Coald and weet, there was two more Murdered in the Camp in the frunt Line, among the Southern troops one of them was Cut to peaces in a hacking Mannor. I went again to day with Efa<sup>n</sup> Waterman in quest of a hors and it Stormed So Yesterday that I did not buy one. I went about 6 miles to one Efa<sup>n</sup> Potts where I bought a hors for which I gave 180 Dollars and returnd to Camp about three oClock in the afternoon where I found all well.

**8<sup>th</sup>**

It was Clowdy and dull weather this morning and begun to Snow very thick About 10 oClock, Major Thayer with a Number of Volunteers went to help in with the last ppear[?], of the bridg over Schuylkill. A gentleman from New England come to Camp last Evening and brought letters for Some of the officers. Capt. Stephen Olney had one, by which he was informed of the Death of Thomas Whipple Esq<sup>r</sup>. & his mother Nancy Pollick, and Jencks Brown all once near Neighbours to me. Mr. Connell a Gentleman from New Jersies who I mentioned tarried with me the Night before last, Came to my Hut to Day and Set off for the Jersies, by whom I wrote a letter to Col<sup>o</sup>. Ellis of New Jersy. Desiring him to Assist Capt. Clark a prisoner in Philadelphia also informing Capt. Clarke where I was, and that I had the Command of both the Rhodeisland Battalions. I also sent a letter by him to a Particular frind I had in Bristol I left the Camp

to day about 2 or 3 oClock and went to Radnor and It Stormed all the way there as bad as Ever I see it in my life, it was with Dificulty I Could follow the Road. I tarried in Radnor this night.

### **February 9<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It Cleared off this morning just before Day and was very pleasant after Breackfast I went from Radnor where I tarried to one widow Evines where I dind then went for the Camp in Company with a young Lady, Daughter of the Widdow Evens. She went in Companey within about two miles of the Camp to See a Sister of hers that was married to one Dexter Davis. Here I drinkd Tea then went to the Camp where I found all well I arrivd in Camp just after Dark.

### **Febry. 10<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This was a Sevear Cold morning at Guard mounting there was 8 or 9 tories to be whipt. Some 150 Some 200, 250 Lashes on their Nacked Backs, one was whipt and the others pardond by his Excellency. Nothing more Remarkable Happened this Day. A Lt. In the Camp had a Sword broke over his head by a Sentence of a Cort martial.

### **Febry. 11<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It begun to Storm last Evening and Raind Very hard all Night and was an Exceeding Stormey Day with both Snow and Rain. The Snow being about half a leg Deap, which Soon become Like water, and was such traveling that there was no Stiring about; the Day Ended very Stormey and our hutt Leaked Extreem bad.

### **Febry. 12<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It Cleard off last Evening with Squals? Of Snow and the most Viloent wind I ever knew blow from the Norwest. And was very Colde this morning and Remaind So all the forenoon but mordrated a little in the afternoon and at night the wind fell, I dind with General Varnom to day, at night we Rec<sup>d</sup>. After orders for a detachment from the army to parade by ten OClock in the morning to Consist of one Major General, one Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup>. three Col<sup>o</sup>. four Lt. Col<sup>s</sup>. four Majors 16 Cpts. 32 Subls 32 Serj<sup>ts</sup> 32 Corporals 56 Drums and fifs and 1200 privats, to be furnished with hard Bread for Six days, but where they are a going is not yet known.

### **January[sic] 13<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning was pleasant but Soon Clowded up and grew raw cold and unpleasent, this being the fourth day that the troops had ben without meat, I was determined that not one man from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. Should goe on duty untill they had their provisions, be the Consequence what they would, and I imeadetly went to the General and informd him of what I had done, who Justified my Conduct. Major Thayer went on Fatague to

day, with a Number of Men from the other Brigades who had got provisions; but Come home by one oClock on account of it being So Cold and the men nothing to Eat.

**Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning was Sevear Cold and Continued So the whole day. Mr. Thomas Billings of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. Died about Eight oClock in the morning, and was Deacently buried this afternoon.

**15** The weather was much morderated this morning, and General Sullivan Sent to major thayer Desiring him to try to git some Volluntears out of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. to work upon the bridg over Schuylkill but as our men had not had but half a days allowance of meet in 5 Days they did Not a man turn out to go with him. Neither would I order one to turn out untill they had their provisions. This being the Sixth day we have livd on bread and water, we draind one herrin[?] per Man, just So as to Save life.

**Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It Stormed the greatest part of last Night, beginning with Snow and Rain, and Snowd this morning, very fast, but Soon Cleared away and imeadetly Clowded over again and Snowed a little and was a very unpleasent day, this being the 7<sup>th</sup> Day that we had lived on Bread and water, but was happily pleased with the agreable news of provisions Coming into Camp, and a little after noon had a pound of pork per man delt to the troops. Nothing very Extrordinary happened this Day. Capt. Dun a jentleman from the Navy Come to our hutt to day and tarried the Night.

**17**

This morning was Exceeding Cold. I had one man died last night out of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. and to Day there was A Number of men went from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. to go on board of the Boats in the River Dillaware, below Philadelphia the Day Continued Cold. I dind with General Varnom, nothing Extraordinary happend, Except three Deserters Come to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. ? ?

**Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It was a fine pleasent day to day and Nothing Remarkable happen'd My Reigment was Mustered in the Afternoon.

**19**

It Still remained Good weather and Nothing Remarkable happened in our Camps, Except the Soldiers being eternily Drunk, as their Money was not all gone.

**20<sup>th</sup>**

I was to have Set off on a journey with Major Platt to Mountholley in the jersies but it Stormd So that we did not Set off till the afternoon then we

Set off and went as far as Whippen township, then put up at one Mr. Porters Inn 50 Miles from Valley Forge

**Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 21st 1778**

It Clearing off last Evening was very pleasant this morning the Major and I left our Quarters a little after Sunrise, went on our Journey, to bristol where we din'd and after Spending the afternoon, we went over the River to Burlington in the Jersies, there tarried that Night. I here Viewed all the works which were intierly Demolish'd, the fort Leavel'd platforms ript up and burnt then we went to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows there Drink Tea. Then proceeded to Whippin Town or Rangle Town where we took up our lodgings for that night having travel'd about forty miles, we Lodg'd at one M<sup>r</sup> Mount Sheens here we mett with General Wains Division which Crost the Dilaware at Salem in the Jersies, Leaving General Greene on the Pensylvina Shore.

**February 24<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This Morning was Exceeding Pleasant, we Start off after Sunrise, went to one Sparks Tavern. On the road to Salem, About 9 miles there breakfasted, then rode to Salem about 8 or 9 miles further, where we had our horses put up to hay and we went to look for goods and after purchasing what we wanted we Din'd, here I and Major Platt had Each of us a bottle of Shrub given us by Major Hall, we then Sett of for the Camps, so sent about 8 miles to kills Ferry on Pells Neck, but Could not Cross that Night. As the boat was a ground. So we took up our Quarters for that Night.

**Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 25 1778**

The weather Still Remains very Mordrate. It froze none last night we got our Breakfast and then went and got off the Boat, Crost the Dallaware about one Mile above New Castle. On the western Shore, in the State of Dillaware, then we went to willimington there & Dind, we Crost Christiana ferry against Willmington, this was a beautifull town, and maney thing to be Solde in it although one Division of the Army lay in this town, we left the town in the afternoon went but about 7 miles before we put up for that night on account of the badness of the Road.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This morning we got up very Early in order to proceed on our Journey, But it set to Raining very hard which occation'd us to wait about one hour, but See no prospect of It holding up, we left M<sup>r</sup>. Tallmans our present Quarters, and went on in the worst riding I every saw as far as Dillworth's Tavarn, where we Stopt and Breakfasted, then Sett forward for the Camp. We traveled about, 10 miles then Stopt. And bated our Horses, but Could git nothing to Eat our Selves, as Soon as we had bated our horses, we went forward and Arrived in Camp about Sunset and

found all the officers well but the Soldiers very Sickly, they was buring two when I ariv'd in [Camp? illegible/page torn] which Died out of my Regt. Major Thayer had just got a Quantity of Cloathing into the Camp, in this Journey I Traveld near Two Hundred Miles.

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> 1778**

It begun to Storm Extreem hard &c our hutt Leakt So bad that my Bed and Cloathes were Soon all weet, my Shirt was Ringing wett to my Back. Such was our Situation in the morning, our hutt all of a float, our Cloathes all weet it Still Continued Raining, till about Noon, when it begun to Snow, and Snow'd all the after Noon untill Sunsit, when it brook away and the Sun Sett Clear, there was one Malencully Accident happen'd the night before last. Eight waggons &c [hors]es and their Drivers was all drownd [cross]ing Schuylkill.

### **February 28<sup>th</sup> 1778**

This Morning was very plesant and the Sun Shin'd Clear which We Seldom See in this part of the Country, for the Greatist part of this winter it has Storm'd or ben Clowdy Seven Eighths of the time, it held Clear but a few hours to day before it Clowded over and in the afternoon begun to Snow. And Continued Stormy all the afternoon. We Rec<sup>d</sup>. News this after Noon that General Wane had, had an Engagement with the Enemy in the Jersey, and at Night there Came a Deserter from the Brittish troops who Inform'd us that he Saw 50 of their Men brought into the City wounded and that he heard a heavey firing but Could not tell what was dun. he Some Say that they had Drove the Rebbels to the Deavel.

### **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A cloudy foggy morning but broak away by nine o'clock and the Canon begun to play. Gov. Bradford Come to my quarters this day and Dind with us. I was ordered on duty to day and Marched of with a detachment of 500 men as a Covering party at five oclock P.M. and Released Colonel Wigglesworth, the french fleet not being yet heard of Spread great consternation in the Army.

### **21<sup>st</sup>.**

A pleasant Morning but Some foggy there was an Exceeding heavy fire from both Armys to day, with Cannon and Hoitzers we had but one man

hurt and he had the Calf of his leg Shot away by a Cannon Shot as he was going to Carry his mesmates Some Vittles I was Released by Col. Jacobs about 8 oclock in the evening.

**August 22d, 1778.**

A Clowdy thick morning with a North East wind and Cold we had a great Number of Cannon Carried to the different Batteries last Evening in order to open upon the Enemy this morning, but the weather being thick prevented our beginning the fire so soon as we Should had the weather have been clear. on Circumstance I forgot to mention the night before last after I had finished my journal for that Day there was an Express come to headquarters from Count De Estaing the french Admiral who had arived and lay without the light hous and yesterday we saw the Ships two of them had ben Dismasted in the late Storm one was the Admirals ship she was totally dismasted the others had her Mizzen mast Carried away, and her main top one Simmons from Providence was badly wounded by the Bursting of a Shell there was but litt firing to day to what there was yesterday.

**August 23d, 1778.**

A thick morning and Cool, the Enemy flung Shells the Greatist part of the night past, and this morning the Batteries on our Side was opened on the Enemy and a most terrible Cannonade kept up during the day.

I dind with Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene to day, the french fleet Left us to day bound to Boston and I think left us in a most Rascally manner and what will be the Event God only knows we had one man kill'd and one or two wounded, one Eighteen pounder and one Brass ten inch mortar was split to day but kild no man.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Smoking thick morning the Enemy. Continued throwing Shells all the night past. and to day the Cannonade Continued very Sevear I and Col Olney was Curious Enough to measure all the Covered way which was 1512 yards. in the afternoon we got our thirteen inch mortar to play and flung three Shell but did no execution they broak in the air as the fues was two Short.

**25<sup>th</sup>.**

A clear hott morning and a sevear Cannonade and Bumbarding Still kept up and Continued the whole Day, we got off some of our heavier Baggage

to day in order to make a Retreat of the Island in Case necessity required it Major Blodget came to Camp to day from the westward but brought nothing new I sent off my marque and went and took quarters with Col. Livingston and Major Huntingdon at night we mustered all the teams we had and proceeded to the lower works in order to git off all the Cannon and mortar as a Retreat was Determined upon.

### **August 26.**

Clear and Exceeding hott about Eleven o'clock there was a Allarm it being Reported that the Enemy was a Coming out but proved falls and we rested in peace this day.

### **27<sup>th</sup> August, 1778.**

Cloudy and rained a little this morning but Soon broke away and was hott we met with som misfortune last Evening. I had one Ensign and 14 men taken prisoners by the British troops as they was a Setting their sentries the Ensign was John Viol. Genl. Varnum formed an expedition against a picquet which lay near our right wing, which proved unfortunate being drove off with the Loss of one Lt and 3 privates I was the officer of the Day to day. three large Ships arrived in the harbor about two o'clock Suppos'd to be from New York I din'd with Col. Greene thro' day and spent the Greatest part of the afternoon in Visiting the Guard

### **August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear Morning and very Cool. Several Accidents happened during the night past, in the first place we was ordered to strike our tents and march of by Eight o'clock in the Evening to the North End of the Island. and the Order of March given out. but the order was Countermanded and we were ordered to tarry on the Ground till further orders last evening I had one man kill'd by our own people a Sentries on the right of one of the picquets discovering one of the Sentries on the left of the other picquet which formed the line of Sentries and chalinging him he either did not hear or refused to Answer and the other Sentries fired on him Shott him through his knec and he Expired very Soon there was a Considerable of firing between the sentries.

### **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear morning and Very Cool the ( ) Recd orders last evening to Strike their tents and march to the north end of the island; the advanced

piquet was to come off at 12 o'clock the enemy finding that we had left our ground pursued with all possible speed. Come up with our piquet about sunrise and a smart firing begun, the piquet repulsed the British troops 2 or 3 times but was finally obliged to retreat as the Enemy brought a number of field pieces against them the Enemy was soon checked by our Cannon in coming up to our main body and they formed on Quaker Hill and we took possession of Buttses Hill the left wing of the British army was composed of the Hessians who attacked our right wing and a severe engagement ensued in which the Hessians were put to flight and beat of the ground with a considerable loss our loss was not very great but I cannot ascertain the number. I was ordered with my Regiment to a Redoubt on a small hill which the Enemy was trying for and it was with difficulty that we got there before the Enemy. I had 3 or 4 men killed and wounded to day at night I was ordered with my Regiment to lie on the lines I had not slept then in two nights more than two or three hours the Regiment had eat nothing during the whole Day this was our situation to go on guard, but we marched off cheerfully and took our post.

#### **August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

A cloudy morning and the wind very high it rained a considerable in the night the Enemy remained on their ground this morning two English frigates came up yesterday to prevent our retreat but could do but little they still remained here. I was relieved this morning and got some provisions and being much worn out for the want of sleep went to a house and took a good nap there was a cannonade kept up to day and some small arms from the sentries at night we received orders to retreat off the Island which we did without the loss of anything, this retreat was in consequence of an express from Genl Washington informing Gen Sullivan that the British ships of war and transports had sailed from New York some days before.

#### **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1778.**

Our retreat off the Island was completed by three o'clock this morning it is supposed that the Enemy attempted a retreat last evening but after finding that we had retreated they returned to their ground as it was late in the morning before they took possession of the forts we left one accident happened yesterday was forgot to be mentioned in that days journal Lt Arnold of the artillery was killed accidentally as he had fired his piece stepped off to see where the shot struck and stepping before the muzzle of another gun as the officer gave the word fire the ball went through his body blooded him too pieces his body hung together by only the skin of his belly, one arm was blown clear off after we had crossed at Howlands ferry we encamped about a mile from Sd. ferry where we tarried

this day at Night Rec'd orders to Strike our tents next morning and Embark on board our Boats and Land near Warren as Genl Varnums Brigade was to be stationed Between warren and Bristol. Genl Cornells at Rowlands ferry Genl Glovers at Providence Col. Com<sup>dt</sup> Green at warwick and Greenwich.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1778.**

We embarked on board our Boats this morning at Seven oclock Agreeable to Last Evenings Orders and landed about ten o'clock at Kickamuit bridg near warren where we lay waiting for orders untill 4 oclock P.M. then marched to warren and pitched our tents and tarried that night this Day was Cloudy and Rained a little.

**September 2d, 1778.**

A Cloudy' Cold morning it rain'd very hard part of the Night past we Rec'd orders last Evening to march this morning at 7 oclock but our waggons not Cumming up prevented our marching untill the Afternoon then we Struck our tents and marched off to Bristol there Encampt on Bradfords hill.

**Sept. 3d.**

A very Cold morning for the Season Col Olney I was much unwell with the ague in his face I sent a Boat to providence to day for Cloathing and at night I took command of the piquet Nothing Extroordinary happen'd Except my writing this days journal in the manner I have jumping from one thing

**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

An Exceeding Cold morning but Clear Col Olney set off for Providence soon after breakfast as he was Exceeding much unwell with ague in his face But nothing of consequence happen'd Dureing the day.

**Do 5<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A cool morning Q<sup>r</sup> Master Carpenter Came into Camp last Evening with Some Cloathing for my Reg<sup>t</sup> and this morning it was delt out to them. he allso brought 4 Chists of Arms for my Reg. which we delt out to the troops and Returned in our old ones there was a flag went from providence to Rhode Island to day and another from our Encampment went in by the way of Bristol ferry. there was Several Cannon fired to day

but what fired at is not known.

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

Clear and hot this morning there was a firing of Cannon heard the night past and this morning there Came an Express from beadford informing us that the brittish troops had landed and burnt beadford I dind with the Marquis de La ffiat and while we was at the table there Came another Express with four Deserters from beadford informing us that all the houses and Stores and Shipping were Destroyed at Beadford and that the troops were all Embarked on board of their Ships while I was at the Marquises my brother Jason Came to me and brought the agreeable news that my family and friends were all well he set off for home in the Evening.

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

fine pleasant weather this morning I sent all my spare guns to the Store at providence in a boat by water allso sent a Serjt and a file of men to pawtuxet and Cranston after some Deserters who Deserted from me at the westward wrote Several letters which took up the forenoon I din'd with Gen Varnum and in the afternoon went on Duty taking the Command of the piquet at night we Recd orders to Move Boats enough round into warren river to move the Brigade over at once this order Come from Genl Sullivan and by the time we had got the men, paraded the Order was Countermanded.

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

Clear hot and Dry weather. A number of Cannon was heard to day and last night at a great distance to the Eastward but no intelligence where Col. Greene Came here to day from Greenwich but brought no news. neither was there any thing Extraordinary happend during the Day Lt Dexter of my Reg. was Tri'd to day for disobediance of orders.

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A thick Cloudy Morning Q<sup>r</sup> Master Carpenter went for providence this morning to procure some Cloathing for my Reg<sup>t</sup>. it begun to rain about noon and was an Exceeding Rainy afternoon and Rained great part of the night but Cleared off before Day and was pleasant I din'd yesterday at Genl Varnums.

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear and pleasant morning the Boat returned from Providence early in the morning but got but few of the Articals sent for. I took the Command of the Picket this Evening 4 or 5 of my men who was taken prisoners on Rhodeisland Returned this evening and Brought word that they were all Exchanged and the remainder were at Providence and Ensign Viol was with them.

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clear and pleasant Morning but nothing Remarkable happened the forenoon I sent Benjamin King who had been a prisoner to my hous in Johnston and to major Fenner on business in the afternoon the brigade turned out and marched to Bristol town and manouvered on the Common by the Meeting hous one of my Regt and one of Col Sherburnes Reg was flog'd this Evening.

**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Coald raw morning Cap Hughes Came to Camp last Evening and lodged with me the night past. We all turned out this morning at Revele Beating agreeable to Gen Orders M<sup>r</sup> Consider Luther I came to Camp this day a little past Noon and brought me word from my family that they was all well the Evening before and Saw old M<sup>r</sup> Richard Waterman at my hous Who informed him that their family was well M<sup>r</sup> Luther Din'd at my Marquee then went home nothing Extraordinary happened during the day.

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Cloudy Cold raw morning with the wind at Northeast but soon broake away and was a pleasant Day the Brigade marched to bristol town to the Meating hous to attend Divine Servis when M<sup>r</sup> Thompson Chaplin to the Brigade preached a sermon to the same, in the afternoon there was a funeral near the Camp at the hous where Gen Varnum Quartered it was an Antient Woman mother of Capt Bradford who owned the land we were Encampt on

**Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

A clear morning and nothing Extraordinary happened during the Day at night I was the officer of the picquet and had a plesant time to Visit the Guards Col. Olney's boy Come into Camp to day the Col set off but meeting Col Sherburne & Maj Huntington turned back as I had sent a boat for Cloathing.

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clear Cool and pleasant morning and Nothing Extraordinary happened During the day. I spent part of the Afternoon on poposquash in the Evening Lt Cot Olney Come into Camp from Providence and brought news that it was Supos'd that the Enemy was a coming this way and that three Brigades of our troops was on their way here.

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

A pleasant morning Q<sup>r</sup> Master Whittlesey Returned from Providence this morning with 30 Blankets for the Regt and a quantity of Shoes and Stockins and westcots which we Imeditly Delt out to the troops there was one Chist of Arms Come which supplied Each man in the Reg with a good fire lock we Rec'd orders this day to march from the Ground we were now Encamped upon and Encamp about one mile and a half above warren but it being late in the day before the Ground Could be Laid out we Rec<sup>d</sup> after orders to remain in our present Encampment.

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

It begun to Storm last Evening and has bin an Exceeding Stormy Night with the wind at Northeast and this morning the Storm rather seemed to increase the wind rising and raining Exceeding hard and Continued Stormey all the Day Which prevented our marching to the Ground allotted for us by yesterdays orders I din'd with Gen. Varnum and Spent Great part of the afternoon with the General.

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

A clear morning but Soon Clowded over we Struck our tent about 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning and marched off it Soon thickened up and rained a little we marched through Warren about one mile to the ground we entended to Camp upon and it set in to raining very hard but we Soon had all our tents pitched this proved to be the Clearing up Shower for it soon cleared off and was fine weather during the afternoon.

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear morning and very pleasant I was much unwell this morning being taking last evening with Cold Agurey fits pain in my head I kept in Camp this day.

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clear pleasant warm morning I was Some better this morning thin I was yesterday and after breakfast sent a billet to the Gen<sup>l</sup> to know if he

would let me go home for a day or two which he granted and after Dining set off taking Doctor Cornelius and my boy with me and arriv'd at my own hous before Sunset and found my family all well.

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

A fine plesant morning Benjamin Luther Came to my house very early this morning for the Doctor to come and see his child which was very sick the Doctor went and returned by a little after sunrise and got his breakfast then went on for Providence from thence to Camp where he had Engaged to be by ten o'clock in the forenoon my Riding hurt me I was not so well as I was yesterday Benjamin Luthers child was thought to be a dying about twelve o'clock the neighbours was Calld in. my wife and myselfe went over but the Child had fits and lived the day out, in the Evening I sent my hors and boy to Doctor Slacks to git him to Come and see Mr Luthers Child.

**Sept. 22d.**

A warm morning and Some foggy about half past 4 oclock Mrs Usher Come and called up me and my wife to go over to Benjamin Luthers for their child was a dying we went as soon as possible but the Child was dead before we got there I went home and tarried there the forenoon after dinner went to Landlord Fisks from thence to Mr Luther then home I saw Doctor Fisk at the Land- lords who informed me that Byrans fleet had arrived part in Newport he himself was there.

**Sept. 23d, 1788.**

A Cloudy morning and Rained some in the forenoon but the Storm begun to increase about noon I and my wife went to burying at Benjamin Luthers and imeadetly after we got there it set in to raining very hard and Stormed all the afternoon and after Buring was over we returned home and Elder Samuel Windsor Com to my hous and tarried all Night he and Elder Hopkins both Spoke at the funeral.

A Journal Continued from the last day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 778

23<sup>rd</sup> August the Act for Sup<sup>pp</sup>ing the Solders famileys My Black hors was Sent to henary Wheelers 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1778 to be kept by the week.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1778**

Bought for Lt. Jencks 2 ½ yd of Carfamiar at Six pounds pr. yd. 1  
Rec'd[?]

**November 1<sup>st</sup> 1778**

A cold Cloudy morning. And Stormd allittle. I Spent the day at home, and in the Neighbourhood in the afternoon went to Fisks tavern and while I was there there Came the Schooners crew, taken on wensday night before by Major Tallbutt, on their way to providence, with a Strong guard with them.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.**

an Exceeding Cold and Stormy morning with the wind at North East which Continued Storming the whole day and prevented me from going to Camp this day.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1778**

A Clear Morning and very plesant and after breakfast, I had my horse brought up and Saddled in order for to go forward to the Camp, but one of my Neighbour Pecks little boys Come over to my house and Said his brother was a dying. I had ben there in the morning but did not think he would have gone So Soon, upon hearing this news I and my wife and M<sup>r</sup>. Usher went down to M<sup>r</sup> Pecks and Staid untill the Child was Dead. Then I returnd and went on to my fathers and Din'd. from thence to Camp and found all well.

**4<sup>th</sup> November 1778**

Clear and windy and grew Cold fast and was very unplesant, nothing Remarkable happened today. Col. Olney went to providence this afternoon.

**5<sup>th</sup>**

Cloudy and windy, and Soon began to rain, and was Exceeding Showery all the forenoon. with violent gusts of wind, but about one oClock it broak away and was Clear windy and Cold. and So Eanded the Day.

**6<sup>th</sup>**

~~an Exceeding Stormy morning and had ben so for the latter part of the~~ Cold morning. but a plesant day and Nothing Remarkable happen'd.

**7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1778**

an exceeding Stormy morning and Continued to rain as hard As I ever knew it untill ten oClock. Then broak away. The Barrack master Joseph Lawarence Come to Camp last Evening. and to day. he Gen<sup>l</sup>. Varnum and my Self went through Warren and Bristol to look for Quarters for the troops.

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.**

An Exceeding plesant morning, one of the inhabitants was whipt this morning 90 lashes at the public post for Selling Licquor Contrary to Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Orders. it was Concluded to Send Col. Sharburnes Reg<sup>t</sup>. to Bristol and my Reg<sup>t</sup>. & Col. Wiebs to Warren, and begun to make preparations Accordingly. Col Olney Returnd to Camp from providence this afternoon.

**9 Nov<sup>r</sup>.**

An Exceeding Stormy morning but not very Cold in the Afternoon we went to warren and marked all the Stors where my troops were to be Quarterd which took up all the Day.

**10<sup>th</sup>**

A plesant morning as Soon as we Could get Breakfast I Set off to warren and orderd a Lt. with thirty men There to move things out of the Stores. and prepaired to go to work upon them I and Col. Olney went to Efr<sup>m</sup> Humpherys at Barring town and returned by one oClock, Nothing Remarkable happened the Day.

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1778**

a Cloudy morning, we proceeded to Warren to work upon our barracks but it Soon begun to Storm, and was as Stormy a day as every I Saw with a Violent wind from the South East which occation'd a very high tide. our Encampment was all afloat.. and maney of the Soldiers drouded out of their Tents. Several tents Split to peaces the Storm abated about 9 oClock in the Evening

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1778**

A Clear and Cool morning, and was a very blowing unplesant Day but Nothing Remarkable happen'd. Cap<sup>t</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Errow Smith [Arrowsmith?] Come to Camp in the Evening and brought me word that my family was all well.

**13<sup>th</sup>**

This morning was Clear and not Very Cold. I went to ~~bristol~~ warren. and Returnd before Sun rise, it begun to Clowd over in the forenoon, in the afternoon I and Capt. Smith Set off for my hous in Johnston. arivd ther about Seven in the Evening

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Stormy morning. it begun to Storm yesterday and Storm'd the greatest part of the way from Camp home and Continued Storming all night, and all the Next day. though I road all the day on business in Scituate and Johnston, I returned in the Evening and Nothing Remarkable happend

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>**

A Clear morning, and after Breakfast I and Capt. Smith Set off for boston went to providence, there Dind with major Thayer, then went on our Journey The Major went in Co with us as far as patucket there Drunk

together and parted, I and Capt. Smith went for boston as far as Heddings tavern 25 miles from Providence. There fell in with M<sup>r</sup> Hill M<sup>r</sup> Mumford M<sup>r</sup> Dayton and L<sup>t</sup> Eseck Hopkins. and lodged there that night.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 16**

It being a Clear morning we Proceeded on our journey very Early went to Ebenezar hays Seven miles there Stopt and breack fasted then went to Roxbury there oated[?] and refreshed, then proceeded to boston 13 miles from gays. there dined on board the Ship providence with the Gentlemen Officers of the Ship, here I fell in Company with Samuel Wall who was formerly in the Reg<sup>t</sup>. I belong'd to. I went to Gen<sup>l</sup>. Gates Quarters and to See a number of my old frinds and Plnd[?] acquaintance at Night went to one Bartlets a privat hous where I had taken my lodgings During my Stay in Town.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Clear and plessant morning. I spent the whole day in Cheapning goods, and Viewing the town. I Dind aboard the Queen of france friggat. but Nothing Remarkable hapend.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Raney morning. And Continued the whole Day. I din'd to day with Capt. John Goach but nothing Remarkable happened. The goods I Come for was put up to day all Except the blankets.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Clowdy Day but Nothing Remarkable happen'd. I Spent the day in Collecting the articals I was in Search after but Could not git ready to leave the town, being obligd to wait for Some Blankets and Sholder knot[?].

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Clowdy raw Cold morning. and Snow'd a little. I finished my business this day in Boston and left the City at half after four oClock P.M. went on to Headdings tavern 20 Miles there put up for the night.

**21<sup>st</sup>**

A fine Clear Morning but very cold. I got up about break of day in order to proceed on my Journey and after giving my horses some oats, went on to Masus[?] tavern in Rehoboth. There breakfasted 13 Miles from where I lodg'd. Then proceeded to providence where I arived before 12 oClock having never Set foot off my horse between boston and there but twice after dining in providence and doing some business. I went to my own hous in Johnston where I ariv'd between 5 & 6 oClock in the Evening and found all well.

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

A Cloudy raw Cold day I tarried at home all Day and nothing Remarkable happend. I agreed with Mr. Edward Knoles to finish my hous.

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

a Clear Cold morning I Sett off after Breackfast, for Camp and as I had heard that my Brother hope was Sick, the day I arived in providence, I went by my fathers in order to See him, which detaind me till near night, before I got to providence where put up for that night.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A fine Clear Morning but Cool after Breakfast I finished my business in Providence and went for warren where I found my Reg<sup>t</sup>. just moov'd into Barraks but the Barraks was not finish'd

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 25**

A fine Clear morning, and Continued So the Day. I Sent my boy after a hors I had in Scituate, and Sent one I had hear to my Brother hope, as he had bought it of me. Nothing remarkable hapend in the length of the day.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>**

A fine plesant day, it being a day of Thanksgiving, Gen<sup>l</sup>. Varnum my Self Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney Cap<sup>ts</sup>. Tew, Humphery and Lt Macomber, road out into the Country and Din'd with Major Munro, and Returnd to our Quarters a little after Sunsett, and nothing Remarkable hapend this day.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Plesant Day, there was two Brittish Prisoners brought here to Day, taken yesterday on Rhodes Island by Lt. Chapter and his party, they was both confin'd in the main guard here, and nothing more worth Notis happened this Day.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 28**

A fine plesant Day and Nothing Remarkable hapend, my hors was brought to Camp to day, which had ben out in the Country to be kept at M<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah wheelers. and in good order, Gen. Varnom and his lady, with a number of Gentlemen Din'd with me to Day.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup>**

A Cloudy morning but warm for the Season. Nothing Remarkable happend during the day Col Olney Set off this afternoon for Providence. I was order'd on Court martial as president the Court to Sit at M<sup>r</sup>. perces tavern between Bristol and Warren.

**Nov<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>**

It was Very Stormy this morning and had rained the greatist part of the night Exceeding hard, I Sett off this morning after breakfast for to attend on the Court martial, and got Soundly wet in going we proceeded to business and finished taking the evidences then adjurnd untill next day at 9 oClock. It Still Continued raning.

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> 1778**

A plesant morning, after breakfast I went to the Court martial and the Court being mett we proceeded to business. Set untill one oClock. and then Adjurnd untill Next Day ten oClock as I had an invitation to Dine with Govoner Bradford. I set off as Soon as the Court had adjurn'd and got to the Governors about two oClock it being about three miles from Warren, we had as grand a Dinner as ever I Saw Set before men, after Dining. Drinking tea and Spending the Evening untill half after Seven, Gen<sup>l</sup>. Varnom my Self Col<sup>l</sup>. Olney Major Huntingdon Major Flagg of the Artillery, major Bradford Major Box and one major White from the massachusets all Set off for warren, I and the general rode forward. Major white Soon over took us I Stopp my hors in a Small Stream of water for to let him drink, the Gen<sup>l</sup>. and Major White road on very fast, I Soon put after them, but had not got far before a hors Come by me lik lightning with a Saddle on but no rider, which gave me reason to think all was not well in the rear, but I Still proceeded on to See how matters were in the frunt, I had not gone far before I found major whit lying in the road, and his Saddle about a rod before him, but no hors to be Seen.

He imeadetly got up and Said he was not much hurt, He desir'd me to Stop his hors if I over took him, as I Still proceeded on to See if the Gen<sup>l</sup>. made his way good. I was imeadetly overtook by major Huntington with his hors upon the full run in presuit of major Bradfords hors as he had flung him and run off. this was the hors that past me just before I Came up with the Gen<sup>l</sup> in the road he was allso Dismounted, but his hors Stood looking at him, I tried to git the Gen<sup>l</sup>. a hors back but Could not before Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney Came up with me, the Gen<sup>l</sup>. got Several hard falls before Col Olney Come up to help me in trying to mount his hors. after we had got him on hors back, we road on Each Side of him untill we got him home, and got him Safe to bed, then went in Serch of major Box and found him in a most horrid Situation, having fell of his horse into a large mudd pond, bruised his face and besmeard himself all over with mud, as bad as I ever Saw a hog that had be wallowing in the mire, we got him home and got him undrest and Some Clean Cloathes on. Thus Eanded this frolick.

There Came News this Evening that there was a provision Vessel near Bristol ferry belonging to the brittish troops on the island, the Inhabitants apply'd to us for Some of the Continental troops for to man

the wheash Privateer and go and take the S<sup>d</sup>. Vessel, but we refus'd to furnish them, as they refus'd giving us the Command of S.<sup>d</sup> privateer.

**Decr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778**

This was as pleasant a day as I ever knew at this Season of the year. after Breakfast I went to the Court which met according to adjournments and proceeded to business and finished the trial of Capt. Louix of Col<sup>o</sup> James Levingstons Reg<sup>t</sup>. by three oClock. Then adjourn'd without day, after dining with the Courtmartial return'd to my quarters the Galley taken from the Enemy Some time past, went up the river to providence this morning and fir'd a number of guns, Several Shot was fir'd at her as She past the brittish Ships of war, a guard boat of the Enemys, with one Lt. and 9 men Come from the Enemy last night. The crew rose and bound them and brought him off.

I Saw Capt Simion Martindal this day who had be a prisoner a longe time with the Enemy.

**Decr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778**

A Pleasant Day and nothing Remarkable happend. Major Thayer Come to Camp this Evening.

**Decr. 4<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Pleasant Weather Still Continues and Nothing Remarkable happen'd.

**Decr. 5**

A Clowdy morning. I Sent off my waggon this morning by Revelee boating to providence with two quarters of beef for the Use of my family. The Beaf I bought of Mr Martin Luther in warren about ten oClock I and Capt. Hughes Set of for Providence, we had not got more then a mile before it begun to rain and rained Exceeding hard all the way to Providence. When I come to fullers ferry near providence found my waggon not Crost the horses were carrid over but the waggon was left. and the ferry man Said the wind blew too hard to Cross with the waggon, but I told him if he would not Carry the waggon a Cross I would take the boat and go my Self. he then Concluded to Carry it a Cross and did without Difficulty. I then proceeded to providence, there met with my neighbour Luther with his teem who took my Beef & Carried it to My hous. I then put a hogshed of blankets I had in providence in my waggon and Sent it back to warren and then went on in Company with Arnold fenner to my own hous where I arrivd in the Evening. as weet as I Could well be and found all my family well.

**Decr. 6<sup>th</sup> 1778**

Clear and Pleasant this morning. I Spent the day at my own hous and nothing Remarkable happened.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Clear and fine weather after breakfast I went for providence. There heard Some bad news. I heard General Greene was taken by the torys and Carried into new york a prisoner. I waited on General Sullivan and got an order for Seventeen Hatts for my officers, and Engaged with the printer for to take the news for one Q<sup>r</sup>. And it was to be Sent to me at warren after which I Returnd to my own hous and found all well.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Stormy morning with a high wind from the Southwest. it Cleard off about one oClock with an exceeding Strong wind from the North west, but was not very Cold and thus Eands the Day without aney further remarks.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>**

A Clear and Cold Day. I was much unwell to day. and Spent the whole day at home. this morning I found one haystack blown over in the night past. as it was an exceeding windy night. Joseph fish junior Borrowed a gun of me Some time past and to day brought it back with the Stock Split. but I would not take it

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup> 1778**

A Raw Cold Cloudy morning it begun to rain before the mid[dle] of the Day. and was a despert Raney afternoon with a Voilent wind from the North East. and alittle after night it begun to Snow and Snowd the Greatist part of the night.

**Dec<sup>r</sup>. 11**

A Cold morning. and Cloudy butt Clear off about two oClock in the after noon. the Snow was near half legg Deep had it not blown into Drif[ts] Several Circumstances happening to day which prevented me from

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear Cold morning after breakfast I sett of for the Camp at Warren Stopt Some time in Providence. Arrived in Warren in the Evening and found all well N .B. Ingaged to take the paper one Q<sup>r</sup>.

**Decem. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Cold Stormy morning and Continued Storming all the day but Nothing Remarkable happened During the Day.

**14<sup>th</sup>.**

it wet a little this morning but Soon Cleared off and was Cold nothing Remarkable happened this Day.

**15<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and Very Cold there was one Circumstance I forgot to mention in yesterdays Journal That is Birans Fleet Sail'd that day from Rhode Island Lt- Col Olney & Major Simeon Thayer Sett off this afternoon for Providence, attended a general Court Martial of the Line. The Gen<sup>l</sup> Gave orders yesterday for a number of men to be furloughed to day which kept me employed part of the day in writing furloughs thus Ended the day

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1778.**

A fine and pleasant Day A garrison Court Martial Set this day for the trial of two villains for attempting to Commit a Rape upon a ould woman near four score their names were Perce & Pillars my Sergt Maj<sup>r</sup> Proctor was to be trid allso for forging a pass in my name the Court mett and adjourned untill the next day So the day ended with Nothing remarkable.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

A Clowdy morning and Soon begun to Storm and was an Exceeding Stormy Afternoon, the Court finished the trials of Richard Perce who was ordered to Receive 100 Strips John Pillar to Receive 37. John Exceen 20 but he was forgiven there Come News to day That Lt. Chapin with Six Men took a Brigg From Rhode Island laden with Forrag and Some Small matter of Spirits, the Brigg was about one hundred and thirty or forty tuns burthen and 13 hands on board.

**Decr. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

A Clear and Pleasant morning and was a Remarkable warm day for the Season Nothing Remarkable happened at Roll Call those prisoners under Sentance of punishment recd it Agreeable to the Sentence of the Court Except the last who I pardoned.

**Decr. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

A fine pleasant [ ] as ever was known at the Season of the year and nothing materal happened I dind with Genl Varnum's Lady there was a Small Dispute happened between Lt Thomas Waterman of my Reg<sup>t</sup> and a Lt in Col Webbs Regt concerning Rank on which Lt waterman was

ordered to Consider himself under an arrist by Capt Williams of Sd Regt. but they concluded to leave the matter to me and Maj Huntingdon.

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

A fine pleasant morning and very warm but soon Clouded over and continued the greatest part of the day after breakfast I rode to Bristol with Gen Varnum after looking round and Viewing a Ship of war which had come up against the upper End of the Island Supposed to have come to releave one of the Enemy's Ships that had Lain there some time but she had not gone they lay both together I arrived at my own Quarters by one oclock & Dined with Capt Stephen Olney nothing Remarkable happened further this day.

**Decr. 21, 1778.**

A very fine day and nothing Remarkable happened Gen Varnum went for Providence in the morning we Got one guard hous finished to day At night it Clowded over and in the Evening begun to rain.

**22d Dec., 1778.**

A Cold and uncomfotable Morning it cleared of in the night with Snow about over Shoe it Continued an Exceeding Cold day and Nothing remarkable happened Gen<sup>l</sup> Sullivan Sent an order for all the Musicians to attend at Providence as the Band belong'd to Col. Webbs Regt. Major Huntington put himself in a most violent passion on the mater Swore the order was a dam' d rascally one if the Gen<sup>l</sup>. did give it.

**23d Dec.** it still Continues Extreme Cold I Sent a boat to Updikes new town today for to get 200 pair of Shoes.

**24<sup>th</sup> Decr., 1778.**

This morning was Extreme Cold the river in Warren was all froze over I sent to the barracks as soon as it was light to inform them that they need not turn out, as I was sure that they must freeze I had orders from the Genl to send a boat to Providence but the river being froze over was obliged to send a waggon won fortunate circumstance happen'd a Gentleman from beadford Come to Camp and brought 288 pair of shoes Which I bought for my Reg<sup>t</sup> at 25 shillings p<sup>r</sup> Pair, which Amounted to 1200 Dollars So ended the Day as Sevear as it begun on circumstance I forgot to mention that is Two of Col<sup>o</sup> Livingstons men froze to death two nights past on Prudence Island they got lost a coming from Providence in

a boat bound to Bristol in a Snow Storm there was Six in the Boat two perished the others survived.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1778.**

An extreme Cold Day I dind with Parson Thompson the day Ended with nothing Remarkable Capt Tew and lady arrived in Garrison.

**26<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1778.**

A most tremendous Stormy morning with dry Snow and a Violent high wind from the N. E. which continued the whole day and, if I Ever saw one Storm worse than another this was the worst it being Extream Cold, never known Colder.

**27<sup>th</sup> Decr.**

Sevear and Cold but the Storm had Ceast in the night and it cleared away to day the Soldiers barracks many of them were almost blown full of snow the Day Ended with nothing Remarkable Except [ ] was Drifted so there was no stiring.

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1778.**

A fine clear morning but very Cold Col Olney arrived in Camp about ten o'clock after freezing his feet some he left Providence yesterday about 9 oclock and had likd to have perished in crossing the ferry Maj Thayer arrived a little after Sunset.

**29<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

A Pleasant day and nothing Remarkable happened.

**30<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Pleasant this day being a day Set a part for thanks Giving I and Major Thayer went out into the Country to Capt Ebenezer Pecks in Rehoboth there Din'd and returnd to Camp in the Evening.

**31<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1778.**

A fine day and nothing Remarkable happened I was president of a Court martial.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1778 [1779].**

fine weather still continues the Court martial met to day at 9 oclock agreeable to adjournment & Proceeded to business this day we received the .Melencully news of a great number of Semen a perishing in the late Storm on the Eastern shore one privateer from this place was lost one man and his team of five cattle all perished on Boston Neck and three French gentlemen who had been out into Roxbury and returning to boston

**2d January, 1779.**

A fine plesant day the Court Martial finished their business and adjourned without time.

**3d January.**

A Cloudy day my Regt was mustered to day at Eight oclock in the morning Nothing Remarkable happened it rained a little in the afternoon

**4<sup>th</sup> January.**

A Cloudy raw day in my journal of the first day of this month is mention'd the news of a mellencully affair happening to the Eastward in the late Storm Since which we have got the Porticulars of what Suffered on board the General Stark Priveteer and the privateer Called Gen<sup>l</sup> Arnold the first mentioned vessel lost 19 men the last 73 who all froze to death I furnished my Regt to day with their new hatts all bound and they made a grand appearance on the Parade being as well cloathed as any troops in the Servis.

**5<sup>th</sup> January, 1779.**

A Cloudy Cold morning after breakfast Lt Col Olney went of for Tiverton being warned there for Court Martial but nothing remarkable happened during the Day.

**6<sup>th</sup> Jany.**

Tolerable good weather for winter Maj. Thayer went for Providence to day and about 8 o'clock in the evening Lt Col Olney Returned having finished the Business he went upon

**7<sup>th</sup> Janry.**

This day the proceedings of the Court Martial where I was president was made known as the Gen<sup>l</sup> had approv'd the Same Capt David Dexter was Discharg'd 'the Service, Capt Lorsoiux of Col James Livingstons Regt was allso Dischd Lt Whillys of the same Regt Acquitted Ensigns Hamlin and Frothingham both of Col S B Webs Regt Discharged the Servis but frothingham was Restored L<sup>t</sup> Price of Col Elliots Regt of artillery Discharged in the Afternoon I set off for my own hous where I arrived just in the Evening

**8<sup>th</sup> January, 1779.**

Spent the Greatest part of the Day at home went and spent a few hours with Major Richard Fenner and in the Evening Ointed for the Itch which I had bin so unfortinate as to catch but where was unknown to me thus Ended the Day with the Devil of a Stink

**9<sup>th</sup> Janry.**

Cloudy raw and Cold to day and Soon begun to Storm and Snow'd Exceeding fast the greatist part of the afternoon at night turned to rain I spent the day in the Neighbourhood.

**10<sup>th</sup> Janry.**

A Rainy morning and Continued thawing weather all the day I was not out of the Neighbourhood this day Nothing Remarkable happened this Day.

**11<sup>th</sup> Jany 1779.**

it Cleard off last night and was very Cold this morning & Continued growing Cold all the day I was to have gone to Providence to day but a number of people Comming in who had business with me prevented my going So Spent the day at home.

**12<sup>th</sup> Janry.**

A Cloudy Raw Cold morning but much warmer than it was the fore part of the Evening past After I got my Breakfast set of for Providence by the way of Wainscot and tarried at my fathers the night following Where I had the Pleasure of seeing all my Brothers and Sisters together Except my sister Whipple

**13<sup>th</sup> Jany.**

A Tolirable pleasant morning for winter after Breakfast I and my Brother Jason Sett of for Providence where I spent the day. Capt Allen of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. was here and 35 men with him from my Reg<sup>t</sup> there was a hundred from the Brigade a going on Some privat Expedition Suppos'd with Talbut to Stick Another feather in his Capp I heard no news of Consequence this day, at night I Returned to my own hous by 9 o'clock P.M.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

An Exceeding Plesant day I Spent the day in the Neighborhood and nothing Remrkable Happened Isaac Angell Come to See me today a.nd I agreed with him to finish my hous

**Janry. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

An Exceeding Cold and Clowdy morning with Snow as it had Snow'd part of the night I went in Serch of Grain to day, but found none thus Ended the day with nothing Remarkable

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Day was Colder than it had been for Severall days before, I went to Providence and after finishing the business I went upon Returned to my own hous, it was reported in Providence that the party that was a going on the privat Expedition was a going to attack a Sixty Gun Ship of the Enemys

**Janry. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and Very Cold I Spent the day at my own hous Capt Wm Arrow Smith who lived in my house Come from Boston to day and Brought News that one of our friggats had Returned to that port having taken Six prizes he also informs that m<sup>r</sup> Andrews Clothier General of Boston Shot himself dead a few days before by handling a pair of pistols he had bought and one of them went of accidentaly and the Ball went through his head & he instantly Expired.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cold and Raw I was much unwell this morning and Spent the day at home Isaac Angell Come to work for me to day.

**Janry 19<sup>th</sup>.** Extreem Cold but nothing Remarkable happened.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Clear and Cold after Breakfast I and Capt Edmund Arrow Smith Set off for Providence by the way of John Waterman's Esq<sup>r</sup> and Daniel Thorntons I went to major Thayer's there fell in with Gen. Varnum Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer and Maj<sup>r</sup> Box and L<sup>t</sup> Carpenter, after Dining went on for Warren where I ariv'd about seven o'Clock in the Evening and found all well it Continued Growing Cold all this day and by night was as Sevear as Ever known Capt Smith who Come to providence with me went for Boston and bound to [ ]

**21<sup>st</sup> January, 1779.**

As Cold a morning as Ever was known and Remained so the Day but Nothing Remarkable happened.

**22d.**

it Still remains Sevear Cold Some Difficulty arose in the Reg. Occationed by the Serg<sup>t</sup> going out of their Quarters Contrary to Orders. at night my self and Col. Olney Spent the Evening at Gen<sup>l</sup> Varnums Q<sup>rs</sup> with Govenor Bradford and a Number of Gentlemen

I Recd a letter in the Evening informing me that there was a movement of the Enemy the letter was from Col Shearburne.

**January 23d, 1779.**

Much warmer this morning then it had been before in Several days about 5 o'clock this morning there was a firing heard on the Western Shore, the flashes of the Guns was seen from this post, but what was the occasion or what has been Done is not yet known Gen<sup>l</sup> Varnum & Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer Come to the garrison this Evening from Providence but had heard no news of the above S<sup>d</sup> firing thus Ended the day.

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clowdy wet morning and warm but Nothing Remarkable happened Col. Olney went to Providence to day.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy weather and Rained hard in the afternoon.

**26<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clear morning And warm but soon Clouded over Lt William Littlefield Returned this Evening from the Grand Army but brought no news of consequence

**27<sup>th</sup>.**

A Snowy Morning and had Snow'd Greater part of the Night past but was not very Cold it remained Cloudy all the day but ceast Storming about Noon nothing Remarkable happened this day Col. Olney Returned from Providence today.

**28<sup>th</sup> January, 1779.**

A fine Clear and Plesant morning in the Afternoon Col. Webbs Regt. Mutinied and turned out under Arms but was with Some Difficulty Desperst but at Night they all paraded and Marched to the Barracks where my men was and about forty of my Regt Joined them after talking some time with them they all Disperst and Remained in peace the night.

**January 29.**

A fine pleasant morning and at Roll Call I ordered fore of my Men Whipt for attempting and Robbing a Corporal for Informing the officers that they were a turning out with their Arms, in the afternoon I and Gen Varnum went to Providence from thence I went to my fathers there tarried the Night.

**Jany. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A pleasant morning and after breakfast I set off for Providence but could do no business with the Council of war in the afternoon I set off for my own hous and a violent Stormy time I had as it snow'd all the way home I got to my own hous about sunset found all well.

**January 31, 1779.**

it had Cleared off and was good Weather this morning I spent the Day in running about the Neighbourhood to day on busines and tarried at my

own hous the Night following.

**Febry. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779.**

A fine pleasant morning after Breakfast I set of for Camp at Warren it Remained Exceeding Plesant over head but thaw'd So as to make it bad traviling I arrived in Camp by Sunset and found all well Col Peck and Doctor Hagan was at my Q<sup>rs</sup>

. . . Army being Defeted in an Action against Charlestown South Carolina, the Enemy was Pressing on to gain the town Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincon was in the Rear the Enemy was Repulsed and Retreated then Rallied Come on the Second time and was totally defeated thus Ends the Day with this Glorious News.

**19<sup>th</sup>.**

Nothing Remarkable this Day.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Fine weather and nothing remarkable untill Evening when we had the grand news of the Britthish armys being Entirely Defeted in georgia.

**21<sup>st</sup>.**

Good weather, this Day I sent to Coxet to divide the prize taken by the weasel and nothing Remarkable happens

**June 22d, 1779.**

This day all the officers of my Regt and Colo Sherburnes met at a place called Pecks Rocks where they had a grand Entertainment I did not attend my self with them, in the afternoon Recd an express from General Gates Desiring me to attend head Quarters. I set off immediately, when I Come to Providence the Gen<sup>l</sup> informed me he was going to Remove my Regt to Boston neck and Col Jackson's to Warren. I went to my Brother Whipples and tarried the night.

**June 23, 1779.**

Left Providence this morning after waiting on the Gen<sup>l</sup> arrived at Camp about ten o'clock AM went to preparing for a move.

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning we packt up all our baggage and begun to Remove it to warren. I rode out into Swansey to Mr. Hills Tavern to take my leave of them. Returned and dined with Gen. Miller then went to the camp and found a man there who had brought a load of the goods from our prize at Coxet the goods was at Kickemuit Bridg we went imeadetly to carting it to warren and at three o'clock all the tents was struck loaded into the waggons a little after four the Reg<sup>t</sup> marched off the Ground went to Warren where they tarried the night in my Journal of the 22<sup>nd</sup> forgot to mention one Mellencully Accident which happend two young men of my Reg<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bird and James Lobb were both drowned in Kickemuit River the first men lost out of the Regt Since the action on the Island --- by Death

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning I turnd out by two o'clock and before four had all the troops embarkt and on their passage. I tarried myself till after Breakfast then went on by land in Company with Lt Jeruald and his wife to Providence as I was a member of a Court Martial to set there by adjournment for the trial of Col Vose arrived in Providence half after nine but the president was gone into the Country and I Went to Johnston to see my family where I arrived by two o'clock & found all well but was much unwell myself.

**June 26, 1779.**

Cloudy and foggy after Breakfast went on to join my Reg<sup>t</sup> went to East Greenwich there Din'd. then went on to Barbers Hill where I found the Reg<sup>t</sup> Encampt when I had got to the Regt was all most Sick it being an exceeding hot Day and I had not been well for Several Days before Col. Greene Maj Flagg were both at the Encampment when I came there.

**June 27, 1779.**

I was in a shocking situation of health this morning, but got some better in the afternoon and Road to updike Newtown and Reconitered the Shore betwixt the encampment and the above said town then went to Maj<sup>r</sup>

Gardners there Drunk tea and Returned to the camp thus ends the day

**June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

A cloudy Raw windy morning this being the day that the battle was at Monmoth I prepaired and Entertainment for all the Officers of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. and all Dind together there Came a brigg in from Sea this afternoon I orderd a piece of artillery down on the shore and brought her too. it proved to be a Brigg from Sandy Cruze bound to Providence with Rum and Sowering on board thus Ends the Day William Jacobs master of the abovesd Brigg.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Clowdy Morning Capt Humphrey a Sergt and four men was sent to Greenwich this morning at Sunrise on Busness. Nothing of Consequence happened this Day.

**30<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day we had an Invitation to Dine with a Number of Gentlemen and ladies at one M<sup>r</sup> Gardners who lived upon the farm that was Rooms. I and Col Olney went, and spent the Day very agreable being a very respectable company of the most principal Inhabitants for Several miles around.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779.**

An Exceeding Raney morning with Thunder and Showers Lt Cook of Col. Greenes Regt. Come from the Meroon frolick last night and Tarried in Camp Breakfasted with me and after Dinner Set off for Greenwich where we arrived in the afternoon and after Drinking a glass of wine with the Governor went on for my own hous where arrived by Sunset found all well.

**2d.**

it Storming this Day I tarried at my own hous the Day and nothing Remarkable happened.

**3d.**

Clear and pleasant I set off with Mr Stevens this morning for Providence Mr Luther went with his team to bring up Some Stores for me that the Weasel brought and nails for a barn I waited upon the Genl for liberty to tarry until the Court Martial Set which was on Monday this was

Saturday the request was granted me after doing what business I had to do returned to my hous in Johnston by two o'clock Joseph Thrasher a deserter from my Regt. was taken near Providence Confined in the Main guard yesterday by Capt Joab Sweeting an inhabitant.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

fine weather this being Sunday I tarried at home untill after noon then went to Meeting at Samuel Angell's returned with a number of ladies and Spent the afternoon very agreable.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and pleasant morning my people begun this morning to make preparations to raise a barn I went to Providence to attend the Court Martial but it being a day for the Selebrating our Independence the Court stood adjourned until tomorrow morning Six oclock So I returned home and attended on the Raising of my Barn which was rais'd in the Afternoon without Aney Accident happening.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

I set off By Sunrise this morning for Providence to attend the Court which did not meet untill near nine oclock when we proceeded to business and finished before Sunset as Genl Glovers Brigade was ordered to move it became necessary for the trial to be ended as soon as possible therefore the Court set in the Afternoon, which is not Agreable to the Articles of war Except in cases of Necessity like this. this day we recd the news of the death of Capt Joseph Olney of North Providence, who departed this life this morning very Sudden just before day. his wife observed him to fetch a Sigh and a groan She spoke to him but he did not answer her, and died imeadietley without speaking another word I returned to my own hous this Evening.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This day I expected to have gone to Boston Neck to join the Regt. but my wife had a mind to go to see her mother so after Dinner I and my wife set off for her mothers and I returned in the Evening in order to sett off for the Camp Early in the morning.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning I got up very Early in order to set off on my journey for the Camp but my horse had run away and took me all the forenoon to look for him in the afternoon I set off for Camp went to Greenwich there Col. Greene Desired me to tarry with him until next day and he and Major Flagg would both go with me. I tarried and between two and three o'clock

in the morning we were alarmed by the firing of small arms below towards New Town on which the Alarm Guns were fired at New Town and Warwick.

**9<sup>th</sup>.**

I immediately on the Alarm set off for Camp arrived at New Town before Sunrise on my way there met some Militia who informed me that there were three Boats with about one Hundred men landed at Quonset above New Town & Plundered John Dyer's House of some small matter of goods he himself crept out on the Roof (roof) of the house and made his Escape. then I tarried at New-town until Ensign Pratt Returned as he was gone to Col Dyers to see what intelligence he could get but he returned with no more than I had heard before we then Set off for Camp it had rained Considerable in the morning, and immediately set in to raining Exceeding hard by which means I got as wet as water would make me by the time I got to the Camp it Cleared off by noon nothing more Remarkable happened.

**10<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day being pleasant I with five or six of my officers went to Col Sands Tower Hill to dine with him and spent the day I forgot to mention that on the 8<sup>th</sup> Recd the Disagreeable News of the Enemy's having possession of New Haven we Daily have intelligence from them Yesterday we heard that they had burnt Fairfield and to Day it was Confirmed we further heard that they were of against New London.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Day I went on Dutch Island Returned by Two o'clock and it soon Set in to Storming thus Ended the Day.

**12<sup>th</sup>.**

Last Night was as Stormy a Night perhaps as Ever Known with rain wind and Thunder numbers of the Marques and tents blow Down and the greatest part of the troops was as wet as the water would make them it Cleared off this Day by a little after 12 o'clock. a Court Martial Set at Mr. Moreys in New-town to try two Deserters from my Regt John Deruce and Joseph Thrasher a further Confirmation Come this Day of the Enemy's burning Fairfield.

**13<sup>th</sup>.**

Nothing Remarkable this day

**14<sup>th</sup>.**

The Same to Day as yesterday

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Day Recd news that there was nothing in the Report of the Action at Charlestown South Carolina but think it all most impossible that Lying Could be Carried to such a pitch I went to Newtown Major Thayer to Warren.

**16<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear Cold and windy weather I Col Houg( ) and Capt. Allen went round what is called Boston Neck below where we lay on Barbers Hights Returned and found Col Greene in Camp this Evening Major Thayer Returned from Warren

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy and Exceeding Windy and Cold but nothing happened extraordinary

**18<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing Remarkable this day

**19<sup>th</sup>.**

This Evening we Read a hand bill from Providence that General Wayne with 1200 of the light troops had taken the Brittish fort on Stoney Point at Kings ferry on North River he took the fort on Surprise Carri'd it with the loss of four men killed and Eleven wounded, the garrison Consisted of five hundred Brittish troops who were all killd and made prisoners to a man it is said 100 of them were killed and wounded.

**July 20, 1779.**

Nothing Remarkable this Day.

**21<sup>st</sup>.**

This day we had a fu-de-joy on the occation of Stoney point fort being taken by firing thirteen peaces of Cannon I with a number of gentlemen Dind with Peter Phillips Esqr thus ends the day.

**July 22d, 1779.**

Nothing Remarkable , this Day.

**23d.**

This morning a fleet appeared off point Judath of 37 sail and by night were all in the harbor of Newport Except one or two

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning I sent L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Waterman an Express to head Q<sup>rs</sup> with the returns of my Reg<sup>t</sup> and a number of letters and in the afternoon had the Mortification to finde that Two thirds of the Serg<sup>ts</sup> in the Reg<sup>t</sup> had conspired together and ript the bindings of their hatts Contrary to orders I issued an order for them to put them on by next morning by guard mounting or they should be reduced to the ranks with out the formality of a Court Martial and tried for a willful Disobedience of orders.

**25<sup>th</sup> July, 1779.**

This morning by Eight oclock the Serg<sup>ts</sup> had all their bindings on in the afternoon yesterday I recd a mutinious paper from one of the Soldiers wrote by one Hazzard and brought by one Twitchel and last Evening Two Deserters John Deruce and Robert Albro both made their Escape from the Q<sup>r</sup> Guard Deruce was in Irons and under Sentence of death, he is supposed to have been taken out of his irons by one Fowler who was confin'd with him. I set out for to see the Genl at providence on business this afternoon half past 4 oclock went to my own hous tarried the night.

**26<sup>th</sup> July.**

A Raney morning after breakfast went off for providence Din'd with Governour Bowen finished my business and return'd to Camp before nine o'clock in the evening had news to day of the Enemy going up North River with all their force.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy and wet morning after breakfast I went a fishing the Day Eanded with nothing remarkable happening.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning half after Seven oclock I set off in a boat with five men for warren arrivd there by half after two in the afternoon Dined at Mr Luthers and Tarried there that night.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning it Rained the wind was Northeast I should have Set off for the Camp, had the Boat Returned from providence which I sent up the evening before, and I got my busness done but the boat did not return till near night which obliged me to Stay in warren this night.

**30<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning I got up before sunrise Went up to where the Artillery was encamp't there staid and breakfasted then return'd to warren but the wind shifting from N. E to S W could not set off untill the tide turn'd as the wind was ahead about 9 o'clock set sail beat out of warren River gain'd the Bay but the tide running against the wind, and the wind blowing very heavy Caus't so great a Swell that the Spray of the See broke over us so that we Should soon ben as wet as water would make us I ordered the boat about and Run back to warren landed on Barrington Shore where I fell in Company with Capt Tew went home with him and Staid the afternoon and night with him as the wind Continued to blow hard.

**July the 31<sup>st</sup> and last, 1779.**

After Breakfasting at Capt Tew went to warren there Recd the Disagreeable news of my Regt mutinying on which I set off to try to reach the western shore though the wind was a head we beat out of warren river Stood over to Warwick neck and after trying to beat Down to Barbers hights, was obliged to put away for Greenwich harbor there Left my boat and men got a hors and set off for Camp arriv'd there by Eight o'clock found all in peace on my way met Genl Stark and a number of other Gentlemen who had been down to the Regt at the Request of Gen Gates, and ordered the Regt to parade and march by the Column they all Recd the genl pardon except George Millamen who was ordered to be Sent prisoner in irons to providence and was imeadetly sent off.

**August the 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779.**

A Raney morning and Continued Storming the greatest part of the Day but nothing Remarkable happened.

**August 2d.**

Clowdy and raw after Breakfast I Col. Olney Capt Hughes Lt Sayls all Set off for Providence went as far as Greenwich there heard that the Council of War was upon busness and could not attend to do the busness we

were a going upon. So I and Lt Sayls went on Lt Col. Olney and Capt Hughes tarried to dine in greenwich I parted with Lt Sayls at Greens Bridg I come home and tarrid at my own hous

### **August 3d, 1779.**

This morning was very Raney but held up a little before noon and I went to Catch my hors to go to Providence but he broke out of the pasture into the woods and I was not able to catch him till near the middle of the afternoon then went to Providence found it necessary for me to be in Camp by the next morning So set off imeadetly went to greenwich There tarried the night.

### **4<sup>th</sup> August.**

Left Greenwich this evening at day break arrived in Camp [ ] the sun an hour high. Sent Major Thayer off with Capt Coggeshall Olney and Ensign Wheaton for Providence as Evidence against George Milliman who was to be tried this day for Mutiny in the afternoon there Come a man to my Marquee who informed me that he belonged to the galley which lay below Providence and had been out by Block Island in the Galleys boat and taken three fisherman boats who were all on their way to Providence and had Calld at the Shore to give me intelligence I went and [ ] one of the prisoners who informed me that the Tory fleet intended to Come off a plundering on point Judath this night or tomorrow night Thus ends the Day.

### **5<sup>th</sup> August, 1779.**

Last night I Rec'd an Express from the Adj<sup>t</sup> General that the Court to try Millamen wanted Eight non commissioned officers and Soldiers of my Regt as Evidences which I sent off about midnight this was a Clear and pleasant morning and the Tory's Did not trouble us last Night as we had Reason to Expect by the acct Rec'd the Evening before I tarrid in Camp till after Dinner then Rode all round the neck called Boston neck Returned to Camp before Sun Set.

### **6<sup>th</sup> August, 1779.**

Early this morning Major Gardner Come to Camp and brought news that our fleet that went down to the Eastward to penobscot had landed their Land forces and taken the Brittish Batteries at the same time the fleet had block't in their shipping and the enemy had Sunk all their Ships and Surrendered themselves prisoners to the amount of Two thousand men Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer {Returned to Camp from Providence last night about ten o'clock nothing remarkable happened till in the evening there came a Deserter from off Conanicutt Island from the enemy who Swam over to

Dutch Island from thence to the neck, he was so weak when he landed that he could not stand for Some time having Swam near three miles [all this days journal to the mark } happened the morning before but was omitted being Entered through mistake] This day ended with nothing More remarkable than what has been related.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy morning and begun to rain and rained very hard and continued raining all the Day and was as Rainy a night as was Ever known with very hard thunder.

**8<sup>th</sup>.**

A Raney morning and perhaps never more rain fell in one night than there did last night it cleared off to day L<sup>t</sup> Col. Olney Com to Camp to day nothing remarkable happened during the Day.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy and foggy this morning Col Olney Set off for providence to attend the Court Martial the fogg broke away it was a fine day I Spent part of this day a fishing at night we Recd news of Col Talbutts having taken Stanton Hazzard the Tory pirat from Rhode Island and Carried him into Newlondon

**10<sup>th</sup>.**

Nothing Remarkable this day.

**11<sup>th</sup>.**

Nothing remarkable.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Continues the Same as yesterday.

**13<sup>th</sup>.**

Peace and Quietness.

**14<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day sent a boat to Point judath for a wounded man [ ] Jacksons Reg<sup>t</sup> to carry him to [ ] his father havin come after him living in Dighton Showering wet weather Eand this journal.

**October 3d, 1779.**

Plesant weather and Nothing Remarkable happend Except the Stopping of two Small Sloops in Newtown loaded with Rum Sugar and wine, bound to Connecticut, and as there was an Embargo laid on those articals, and not to be Carried out of the State, it was my Duty to Stop them, untill they had a pass from that authority that past the non Exportation act, I wrote a letter to the Governor, Sent it by one of the Gentlemen.

**Octr. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Warm and plesant weather, the Gentlemen I Sent to the Governor Returned with a permit from govenor, or rather a Recommen for them to pass on in their voige, this afternoon I was obliged to Stop a Sloop going from this port to Seaconk with twelve thousand weight of Chease, but the Gentleman produced an order from the board of war in boston to purchase Chease for the Navey, on which I let him proceed on with Said Chease, Ebenezer West Formily a Lieutenant in my Reg<sup>t</sup>. Came to Camp this Evening to See his two Sones in my Reg<sup>t</sup>.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A Stormy morning, with the wind Northeast, and had Raind, the [ ] ratist part of the Night, and Continued Storming the whole Day

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A Clowdy weet morning. I had an Invitation to dine with Govenor Bradford, General Varnum and Col Thomas Potter and a number of Gentlemen of the Superior Court at Little Rest. I Col. Olney Capt Coggeshall Olney Capt Stephen Olney. Set off and dind with them and Returnd in the Evening, and perhaps it never raind much harder, we received News of Count De Estaing being at georgia, and had landed five thousand troops the 10th Sept

**Octr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning it cleard off, and after Breakfast I and Doctor Tenny Set off for greenwich Dind there, and after finishing my busness, went to Judg Northupts, for Shoes for my Regt. from thence to Camp. they informd me in Camp, that there had been three large Ships Seen off, without block Island but before night Disapeard

**Octr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cold and Windy I Sent a boat to warren this Day.

In the Afternoon we Recd. a report that Count DEstaing was at Sandy Hook, and had taken all the Brittish Shippen and men in Georgia, and that there was one hundred and fifty Sail Comming Down the Sound from New York, Doctor Tenny Come from Greenwich this Evening and brought me a letter from Col<sup>o</sup>. Ward that the plan of the Barracks was Come and Desired me to Come up to greenwich as Soon as possible. Thus Eand the day

**9<sup>th</sup> October, 1779.**

A plesant Morning and after breakfast I and Col. Olney Set off for greenwich to Consult on building the barracks, but Col<sup>o</sup>. Greene was unwell and Could not attend, after we had been at Greenwich, I went to Col<sup>o</sup> Greens Dind with him, then went to my own hous found all well.

**Octr. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning after breakfast Set off for Providence to See the General, Concerning the barracks from thence up into Wainscott to my fathers, from thence home where I arrived by 9 °Clock

**Octr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning after breakfast I set off for Camp when I come to Greenwich heard that there was A fleet got into Rhode Island from New York, when I Come to Camp found there had 57 Sail arrivd, among which were 34 Ship, they appeard to be all Empty, two of the privateer boats boarded one of the vessels the men imeadetly ran down into the hold, but before they Could git her away, Come two barges and they were forst to Leave her, the muster Master Come to Camp with me and Capt Hughes. Thus Eands the Day-

**Octr. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Morning after breakfast my Reg<sup>t</sup> was Mustered and I Set off with the mustermaster and Major Thayer for Greenwich where I expected to meet the General from Providence, but he did not Come, and after Dining with the Governor, I Returned to ,Camp Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer went on for providence.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy weet morning, as it had Rained the greatest part of the night past. Lt Col<sup>o</sup> Olney went off for providence this morning after breakfast, in the afternoon I Sent a boat to Reconiter along Connanicutt to see what discoveries they Could make the people landed below Dutch Island and

none come to molest them, then they landed above and went Near half a Cross the Island Drove down Some horses with a view of bringing Some of them off, but the Enemy fired on them with a field piece, and imeadetly Sent a party of light troops, which obliged them to Come off without aney of the horses, they Rowed along up the island --- keeping in with the Shore, the Enemy pursued and begun a fire, which was Returnd by the boats Crew but at Such a distance that no Execution was done on Either Side, there was imeadetly another party of the Enemy Come up the Island of Near 100 men, but our people Come off with their boat and thus they had a march of Six or Seven miles for nothing, I Rec<sup>d</sup> an Express from General Gates, Desiring me to keep a good look out, and give him the Earliest information of any movement of the Enemy, the Express informed me of an accident that befell one of my men who Was Sent after one Clefford a Deserter. Serj<sup>t</sup> Chaffe, and John Gould were Sent to take S<sup>d</sup> Clefford, they took a boy an Inhabitant with them to show them the hous. they knocked at the Door but Could not be Admitted Enterece, they imeadetly broke open the Door, this Clefford run up Stairs, Goold followed him Clefford fird upon Gould with a pistol, the boy that was with them run off Screeming. Chaffe followed as is reported, in the morning Goolds hat was found in the hous with a ball fired through it but gould was not found when the Express Came away. Chaffe was gone to the General to know what further to Do. Thus Eands the Day.

#### **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Day we Rec<sup>d</sup>. Several accounts Concerning Goolds being wounded or killd, but before night we heard he had got to providence, and at Night Major Thayer Returnd and brought the news of Chaffey and Gould Returning. Gould had Recd a ball in his head as we had heard, but not to break his Skull, Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer allso informd me that we were under Marching orders, and brought an order from the General to me for to Call in all my out Commands, L<sup>t</sup> Col Olney Returned from providence this Evening. thus Eand the Day.

#### **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Clowdy and Cold with a high wind from the Northeast, Lt. Macomber and Ensign Roggers with a party of men landed on Connanicutt last night, and went over all the upper part of the Island, but Could not take aney of the Inhabitants Except Old men and women, without it was one Hegron whome they brought off, we have been Employed the Day in making Every preparation for marching

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning was windy and Cold as had ben before, one M<sup>r</sup> Cole an

inhabitant Come with a Complaint to me this morning that he had ben Abused by two of my Soldiers the night past, by their laying Violent hands on him throwing him down, and falling upon him the Regiment was imeadetly paraded and the Villins found and Confind, a Court Orderd to try them, and were both trid one of them ordered to be whipt one hundred lashes, viz, John Thomas, the other Daniel barney a Corprol, was Reduced and floggd fifty Stripes---

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This day was very fine weather I was Exceeding busily employed all the forepard of the Day with pay abstracts, for both Continental and State, and after finishing my busness, went with Col<sup>o</sup> Olney and Major Thayer to dine with Col<sup>o</sup> John Gardner, there was a Ship of 28 or 30 guns, a brigg of 16 went into Newport Harbour and a Schoner Supposed to be a prize to the brigg one of the brittis Friggats went up the river towards the Eand of Conanicut thus eands the Day.

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 1779.**

No movements of the Enemy this Day to be discovered Major Thayer Capt. Hughes, and L<sup>t</sup> Sayles ---all went to providence this Day, Hews and Sayles went in the Morning Major Thayer went after Dinner with me as far as the ten rod road, Where Col<sup>o</sup> Dyers Reg<sup>t</sup> of Militia met for a review, as this Day was a Day that the Militia were mustered in every County in the State I returned to Camp in the Evening.

**19<sup>th</sup> October.**

Nothing Remarkable hapj pened this Day, a fotty Gun Ship went up the River towards the upper Eand of Connanicut

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Day I Sent a boat to Reconiter Connanicut, to See what Discoveries was to be made Ensign wheaton went in the boat, and brought off one Jonathan Greene a very Sincible young man who lived within the lines, who informed us that the Enemy was a going to avacuate the Island, had got all their heavey baggage and Cannon on board, had burnt their platt forms in the North battrry, I saw the Smoak yesterday but forgot to mention it Imeadetly Sent an Express to General Gates, by the movement of the Enemys Ships it was thought they were a going, this Evening.

**21<sup>st</sup> Octr. 1799.**

The Enemys Ships Remain in their former position, this Day Col Olney Set off for Providence being So lame as to be unfit for Duty, but meeting

the General, who informed him that the Regt. would go on the Island before they Marched to the westward, he Sent back his Servant went to providence, the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Stark Come to the Camp just before Sun Set, there was a very heavey firing off at Sea this Afternoon, another was a brigg layoff point judath firing Signal Gunns till Dark there was a Great number of the Inhabitants in Camp this Day

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1779.**

This Day being the Day that we defeated the Hessians at Red banks in 1777, the officers of the Regiment provided a Dinner and all Dind together, with a great number of the Inhabitants, as there was Some hundreds of people out of the Country, on the hill looking out to See the fleet go off but the wind not being fair prevented their Sailing, they Continued burning the platforms in their forts, and Some hay they had on Conanicut, yesterday they Set the light hous on fire about Eleven oClock, though I forgot to mention it in my journal the troops burned the Effigy of Count Dunop this Day and raised a liberty pole near fore Score feet high.

**October the 23rd, 1779.**

A Strong South Wind this Day and the fleet Remained the Same as Yesterday, and the hill all Covered with people Looking out to See the fleet Sail

**October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Cloudy and weet, with the wind Northerly, there appeared a great Movement among the fleet, this morning but the wind Soon Died away and begun to weet, Stephen Phillips and Thomas Hearrendeen, two Villins Deserted from my Regt. last Evening, and was Sent after this Morning: a great multitude of the Inhabitants Assembled here this Day to See the fleet go off their Signal Gun was fired and the fleet made preparation for Sailing but the wind died away and they remained at their Station, I sent a boat to Conanicut, and two of the Inhabitants Come off, who informd us that they Enemy was to have saild to Day, had the wind admitted of it, in the afternoon there was a heavy Cannonade up the Sound, and before Night there Came five Ships Two briggs and one Schooner out of the Sound and went into Newport harbour

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A fine Plesant Morning and the fleet Remains the Same as yesterday, about the middle of the Day the Enemy begun to burn their Barracks

and great movements was Seen among them, there was a great number of people in Camp to See the fleet Sail. among the Crowd was Governor Greens lady and daughter, the Britans was busy in Imbarking all the afternoon by Sunset was all on board, and the fleet Set Sail just after Sunset before Eleven °Clock in the evening was all without the light hous and we making preparation to take posesion of the town ---

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning at four o Clock all the troops paraded and marched for Roome point Where they were to Embark on board their boats, the wind being very high and a Great Swell in the bay I Expected the boats would all have ben lost with the men in them but With Great Difficulty the boats got to Conanicut, where two of them filld and were wrackt, in deed they were all nearly full of water when they Landed. I my Self was in a large boat with a deck more than half her length, and it was with great Difficulty that we kept the boat above water, untill we turnd the North Eand of Conanicut,--- then we run nearly before the wind, and arrivd in Newport harbour half past Eight °Clock in the morning but the regiment marched on Conanicut to the ferry where I provided boats to bring the Same off and all Got Safe into the town before Night; the Shops was all Shut. and ordered to be kept So after the General Come in. the Inhabitants flockt in in great multitudes. Thus Eands this Day

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A fine plesant Morning, and Continued So the day. I Spent this Day in Reconitering the Town, and works which was destroyed by the Enemy. and Sending to get over the Remainder of my baggage.

**October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

a Clear plesant morning but Cool, after breakfast I road with the General Round all the Enemy Lines where I Saw Some of the Beautifullest works that I ever Saw in my life, all my Camp equipage arrived this afternoon

**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A plesant Day and Nothing Remarkable happend this Day: I was the Officer of the Day.

**30<sup>th</sup>.**

Remarkable warm and Plesant, Nothing Remarkable happend this Day. I dind with General Stark

**31<sup>st</sup>.**

Plesant Weather, this Morning I took my boat and went over to Conanicut there Reconiterd the Island viewd the forts Which the enemy had built found them Strong but Small, after Dining with Col<sup>o</sup> Levingston Returnd to Newport thus Eands the Month and Day ----

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779.**

fine plesant weather for the Season; Nothing Remarkable happened this Day---

**2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Cold this morning and rained a little, wind very high, at north, I was the officer of the Day went to Brintons neck viewed the Sod and Turf prepaired there by the brittish troops to burn in lieu of wood, there was two Sorts, one Cut in Strips out of a bog Swamp. the others was dug out of a pond place, workt the Same as mortar, then made into three Squair peaces about one foot long Laid on the ground in rows and dryed then Set up on eand four together and one a top of them, after that they were pilld in roos from whence they were taken and Carted Some Distance and there Corded up in rows to Stand till they were wanted for use. the Day Eanded with nothing Remarkable

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1779.**

Cold raw and uncomfortable this morning Col<sup>o</sup> Greens Reg<sup>t</sup>. went over upon Goat Island. to take thier Quarters there, Joseph Congdon a Deserter was brought into the Garrison last Evening and was Sent to the main Guard this Morning, he was taken up near Newlondon, the Day Continued Cold, I and Col Greene went over to Goat Island and Returned by Evening

**4<sup>th</sup>.**

Nothing Remarkable happend this Day ----

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning we Rec<sup>d</sup> orders for all the Continental Troops to March to the westward, but the wind blew So hard that we Could not Cross the bay, in the afternoon, I Set off for home. got to bristol ferry and the wind blu So hard that I Could not Cross, went to Mr Durfeys there Staid the night, in the morning Crost went to Warren breakfasted, then went to Providence there Dind then went to my own hous found all well

**Novr. 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Still and Pleasant Morning Nothing Remarkable happend this Day I tarried at home

**Novr. -- 8<sup>th</sup> -- 1779.**

this Morning after breakfast I Set off for Camp. arrivd in Greenwich by twelve °Clock Dind with Gen<sup>l</sup>. Stark, then went to the Reg<sup>t</sup>. which lay about one Mile and half from Greenwich westward found all well,

**9<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders for Col Livingstons Reg<sup>t</sup>. Col Webbs and Col Jacksons. to march the Next morning at Sunrise. My Reg<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup>. Greens and Col. Sherburnes the day after at Sunrise, this Day we were all a making out our Returns for Cloathing blankets &c.

**Novr. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning Col<sup>o</sup> Webbs Reg<sup>t</sup>. marched off, Col<sup>o</sup>. Levingstons Did not march till the afternoon Col Jacksons marched the Day before from providence this Night we Spent till two °Clock next morning delivering out Clothing to the Officers

**Novr. 11<sup>th</sup> ---, 1779.**

This Morning was Exceeding Cold we finished Delivering out the Cloathing to the Soldiers by Eleven °Clock. and Marched off the Ground. by twelve I tarried untill all the waggons were got under way then Gave the Charge of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. to the Major, and went to Greenwich Dind with Col Greene, then went to See my familey, the Major re- turnd yesterday from Visiting his familey, and Col Olney went<sup>t</sup> for providence. for nine or ten Days

**12<sup>th</sup> November, 1779.**

This Morning Ensign Roggers Come to my hous going in Search of benoni Bishop and Robert Gilley two Deserters, after breakfast Ensign Roggers Set off, and before Noon Returnd with the Above Said Deserters, and went on after the Reg<sup>t</sup>. with them Carried them to Vollentown there Deliverd them up to the Reg<sup>t</sup>. and returnd

**13<sup>th</sup> Novr., 1779.**

this Day Ensign Roggers Returnd, and went on for Smithfield, I went to

Scituate for to buy Some beef Returnd at Evening Serjt Noah Chaffe  
Come to My hous this Day after Some Deserters, and went to providence,  
by water and a Young man Saw Samuel Grant a Deserter from my Regt I  
Sent them imeadetly in Search after him and they took him brought him  
to my hous by one oClock the Next Morning. freelove water man and  
husband was at my hous her Sister and Sweetheart.

**14<sup>th</sup> Novr., 1779.**

fineWeather and a great number of people Come to My hous this Day,  
Serjt Chaffe Come to me for Orders as he was Directed by Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer,  
and I Sent Grant to providence to the Goal, he allso brought News that  
William Edmans , a deserter was taken up and brought to the furnice in  
Scituate, and Col Olney had Sent for him to Providence Goal.

**15<sup>th</sup> November, 1779.**

This Morning Sent my Servant to providence to get Some Salt, and got  
help to kill my Beef, but the ladd returnd and got none, as they would  
not Sell aney without they Could have provisions for it. there was a great  
number of people at my hous this Day

**Novr. 16.**

fine weather, I was to have Sett off for the Army this morning but as I  
Could not git no Salt yesterday, Sent by M<sup>r</sup> Luther this Day and was  
determind Not to goe forward untill I Could get Some, he Returnd at  
night, and had not got a handfull, thus being Disapointd Did not go  
forward

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Clowdy and Snowed very fast this morning I Sent my boy off for North  
kingstown to Peter Phillips Esq<sup>r</sup>. to See if he Could purchase me Some  
Salt, Nothing Remarkable happend this Day

**Novr. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

My boy I Sent to Northkings Town Returnd this forenoon with two bushel  
of Salt, which my frind Peter Phillips Esq<sup>r</sup> let me have. John Usher and  
Thomas Smith both Come to my hous this Day.

**Novr. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Sevear Cold this morning. I was to have Set off for Camp but my  
Cloathes not being Ready concluded to tarry until the Next day morning.

**Novr. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

A fine plesant Day, but I was So much unwell that it prevented my Setting off for the army So I spent the Day at home

**21<sup>st</sup>.**

This morning it rained very hard, which Still prevented me from going forward, and I Spent the day with my family

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1779.**

Cloudy and rained a little this morning but Soon broak away. and after breakfast I Set off on my journey to join the Army and went to Volentown to m<sup>r</sup>. Dorrances there Dind. then went on as far as Scotland to M<sup>r</sup> Forbes Tavern who married the widow Flint there put up for that Night.

**Novr. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Left my lodgings Early this morning wint through Windham to M<sup>r</sup> Hills there breakfasted then went to Bolten there dind from thence went to Hartford then put up at one M<sup>r</sup> Lords a privat hous. Where Doctor Cornelius was Quarterd. attending on Some Sick which was left behind of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Starkes Brigade

**24<sup>th</sup> Novr., 1779.**

After breakfast this morning I went on my Journey to farmingtown 10 miles. from thence to Southerington 7 miles there Dind. then went to Waterbury 14 miles there put up for the Night. at one M<sup>r</sup> judds Tavern, here I got intelligence of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. being in danbury by a Cap<sup>t</sup>. in Gen<sup>l</sup>. Glovers Brigade. who was on his way home on furlough

**25<sup>th</sup> November, 1779.**

Left my lodgings this Morning before Sunrise went to one M<sup>r</sup> Melleries Tavern Seven miles on a New road towards Woodbury there Breakfasted, then went through Wood Bury South bury to new Town there Dind 21 Miles then went to Danbury where I found the Reg<sup>t</sup>. Col. Olney and Major Thayer were Quartered in a Grand hous Occupid by the widow Wollsey of Long Island

**26<sup>th</sup>.**

Cloudy and Snowed this Day, in the Afternoon Col Greene and Griffen

Greene Arrived in town from Rhodeisland, on their way to head Quarters, and I Set off with them in as bad a Snow Storm as Generaly Ever Comes Rode about 9 miles there put up at a Public hous in the State of Newyork

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

it Cleard off in the night and we Left our lodgings Early this morning it was Exceeding bad riding on acct of the Snow, though not more then Anle Deep as it rained part of the night which made bad traveling we arrivd at the River opposit west point about Day light Dawn. and Crost over to the point. where We found great Difficulty in gitting our horses out of the boat. and Climbing the rocks, to git on the plain at the foot of the Mountains which when we had Accomplished Enquired for the Adj<sup>t</sup>. General. where we found maney of our frends, Supt with the Adj<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. then I went with Major Peters lodgd with him and Major Nicholson Col Greene tarried with the adj<sup>t</sup>. General. M<sup>r</sup> Griffen Greene went with Gen<sup>l</sup>. Patterson, we rode this Day 12 or 15 miles and Could get nothing for our [horses]

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This Morning I got up by break of Day went to view the forts the first was fort putnam on a high Mountain. which may be properly Called the American Giberalter, the next I went to was fort Arnold in both these forts was bumb proof Suficient to hold what men it would take to man the lines there was a fort on Every Emminence Some Distance round. after breakfast We waited on his Excellency. had an Invitation to dine with him but gitting nothing for our horses went on for New Winsor, over the Mountains through the High lands. over the highest mountain I ever was upon we was about two hours Climbing up the mountain. Some part of the way I was affraid my hors would fall backwards in Climbing up, was obliged to Stop at Every opportunity when the land would Admit of it to git breath. we got to New Winsor a little after Sunset but Could git nothing for our Selves or horses to Eat. went on for Newbourgh. Applyd to Quartermaster Mitchel for forrige for our horses who furnished us with a little, then Sent a boy to get lodgings for us which he did at an Old Dutch mans hous Col Green and I applyd to the Cloather Gen<sup>l</sup>. and finished our business with him which was to git Cloathing for our Reg<sup>t</sup>. or an Order for it then went to our lodgings

**29<sup>th</sup> Novr., 1779.**

this Morning after breakfast I got My horses Shodd Crost the North River over to fishkill Went on for Danbury Col Greene and M<sup>r</sup> Griffin Greene went for Springfield So we parted about Six miles from fishkill but Still

Could git nothing for our horses. till riding ten or twelve miles. there Dind and fed our horses then went to Col<sup>o</sup> Luttentons Tavern among the Mountains 21 Miles from fishkill there put up for the Night one of Col<sup>o</sup> Levingstons Officers Came to this tavern in the Evening on his way home on furlough

**Novr. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Left my lodgings this morning after breakfast went on for Danbury Arrived there by one o Clock found all well, the Gen. had Sent an Officer to Stamford and along the Sea Coast to See if there was an English fleet in the Sound and if there was not, he had orders from his Excellency by me. to march on the Brigade to join the grand Army in the Jerseys

**Decr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779.**

Fine Plesant weather and Nothing Remarkable this forenoon in the afternoon one of the Serj<sup>ts</sup>. Viz. Serj<sup>t</sup> Hight brought a very handsom patch Gound to my Quarters which he had taken from one M<sup>rs</sup> Thomas a Soldiers wife in the Regiment. which She had Stolen from a woman at Updikes Newtown in the State of Rhode Island. I took the Gound in order to Send it to the owner. and ordered all the Drums and fifes to parade and Drum her out of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. with a paper pind to her back, with these words in Cappital letters, / A THIEF / thus She went off with Musick ---

**December 2d, 1779.**

An Exceeding Stormey Day which Detained us this Day from marching

**3<sup>rd</sup>.**

This Day we was Making preparation for marching the next morning when there Come news that the bridg over Croton River was broak down which detaind us another Day

**4<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day Major Thayer Set off for Providence State Rhode Island on busness And we Remaind at our present Quarters

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

This morning the Brigade marched we had not marched far before it begun to Snow and was Exceeding Cold and tedious I marched my Reg<sup>t</sup>. about 18 or 20 miles there got my Reg<sup>t</sup>. all into houses and good Quarters for my Self. but my waggons did not get up by Seven miles

**Decr. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.**

A fine Clear morning. but Very Cold. and the Snow about ankle Deep. I got the troops Under way by a little after Sunrise, marched as far as within half a mile of kings ferry there lodged in the woods that Night Next Morning Turnd out at Break of Day marched to the ferry Crost hudsons River marched on to Kakaat there got the troops into houses. I went on a head and took my Quarters at Col Sherrads this Day we took up Samuel Dyer a Deserter from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. and was trid by a Court martial. ordered to be whipt one hundred lashes on his Naked back

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

Marched this Morning by a little after Day light went to Soverens tavern in Ranomapough, there halted, and drew Some flower then went to Pumpton there barracked the troops. after Marching 22 Miles

**Decr. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day we lay Still for our waggons to Come up, Col Levingstons Reg<sup>t</sup>. &c Col<sup>o</sup> Sherburnes marched by us and went in frunt and took Quarters, Gen<sup>l</sup>. Stark Got up with the troops to Day

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1779.**

A Rainey Day and we lay Still thier I went to Dine with Gen<sup>l</sup>. Stark our Baggage Come up to Day.

**Decr. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

A Clear and Cold morning. the brigade Lay Still this day waiting for the baggage to Come up

**Decr. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

A Snowy morning. we Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders not to March this Day on account of its Storming, there Came Two Deers by my Quarters, and was pursd By the Soldiers but they Could not Ketch them.

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 1779.**

This morning it Rained but broak away and was Clear about Eleven oclock and the Brigade Marched for Morrystown my Reg<sup>t</sup>. went about 16 miles. great part of the way over Shoe in mud and Some places up to the mens knees in water we marched very fast untill Some time in the Evening before we got to the place of our Distination I put up at Col<sup>o</sup> Courtlands a Gentleman from Newyork and proprietor of Courtlands

Mannor----

**Scituate, 22d Novr., 1779.**

This Day Settled and ballanced all Accounts between M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Lovel and Col Israel Angell up to this Day

Wittness our hand

NATHANIEL LOVELL  
I ANGELL

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Weighty Brown of Updikes Newtown North Kingstown gound found by Serj<sup>t</sup>. Hight

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear and Exceeding Cold. A large Detachment was ordered down on the Lines this Day. They was ordered to parade at Eight oClock in the morning but it was Eleven or Twelve before they got off the parade. Nothing Remarkable happen'd this Day.

**26<sup>th</sup>**

It lookt a little like fowl weather this morning, we Rec'd the Disagreeble news to day of the Enemy's taking part of our detachment that was on the lines at Elizabeth town and burnt the Court hous and meating hous but what number of troops were taken, or what mischief Done we have as yet no Certain Account one Agreeable peace of news if true Came to hand this day, Viz: that the Cork fleet bound to new york in the Distress of weather put into Rhode Island not knowing the enemy had evacuated it and were all Captured by our people. This Evening Some villins came and killed a yerling for mr. Primrose. at the barn within 20 rods of the hous Carried off one half before they were discovered. Then they run off and made their Escape Leaving one half of the beef behind, and the hide.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear and Cold, it has been publickly talked here toDay that we had one hundred and fifty men taken in the affair at Elizabeth Town bu[t] no Certain Account as yet.

**28<sup>th</sup>**

Sevear Cold. This Day Gen<sup>l</sup>. Starks Brigade was Mustered for the months of November and December. We Could git no Certain Account of what number of troops were taken at Elizabeth Town. The Court Martial for the trial of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Arnold ris this Day. I Sent a letter to Major Thayer who was on the Lines at paramus by his boy who was here after Some Clothes.

**January 29<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Last Night is thought to be the Coldest that has ben this winter. I Sent off a man this Morning to Elizabeth Town to See if Capt. Allen and Lt. Jencks of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. were taken prisoners. nothing Remarkable happen'd. I was warned for a Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial this Day, to Set in Morris Town Tomorrow.

**Jany. 30 1780**

The weather was not So Sevear this Morning as it had ben. I went to Morris town to attend the Court Martial this Day agreeable to orders of Yesterday, but Some of the Members did not attend So the Court was adjournd untill the 1<sup>st</sup> Febry. 10 oClock. Colo. Sherburn Took Quarters at Mr. Gobles near my Quarters and took Command of the Brigade.

**January 31 and Last, 1780**

Yesterday it was Cloudy and more morderate then it had ben but Clear'd off in the Evening and was as Cold as it had ben before. Nothing Remarkable happened.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> 1780**

Cold. The Court did not all git Together this Day. So we Could do no business. The Connecticut Line was order'd to hold themselves in Readiness to march at the Schotis Notis.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1780**

Clear and lookt pleasant but it was Sevear Cold. I went to head Quarters this Day on busness then attend at the place appointed for the Court Martial, but all the members Did not attend this Day, So the Court was adjournd untill the 4 instant 10 oClock but in the Afternoon there was Some after Order and the Court was to meet the next Day.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

This day was more plesant then It had ben for Some time before, the Court did not all Git together this Day So nothing was Done. I Dind with his Excellency.

**4 February, 1780**

Clear and Exceeding Cold. This was the fifth Day that we had ben Striving to form a Court and did not maker out this Day as one of the members from the jersey Brigade did not attend. A detachment went off this Evening Suppos'd to releave that at paramus. Capt. Humphery, Lt. Maconely, Ensign Greene went from my Reg<sup>t</sup>. I wrote to Colo. Olney this Evening.

### **5 Feby.**

Extreem Cold this morning. The Court mett and form'd to Day, proceeded to the trial of Colo. Beaty Commisary General of prisoners, Charged with traiding with the Enemy on New York Island and keeping up a corrispondence Contrary to resolves of Congress and General Orders. We got through with the Evidency for and against him then Adjourn'd till the 7 Instant 11 oClock A. M. for him to make his Defence, we Rec<sup>d</sup> news to day that the Enemy had Come out with a number of Sleighs near the white plains and that there had ben a Sevear action between them and our people but the particulars are not known.

### **6th Feby 1780**

Clear and Cold as Usual. I went to the Grand parade this morning to See the troops Parade a detachment was ordered this day to march tomorrow with three Days provisions. After the Sun got up Some highth it was tollirable plesant and thawed Some,

### **7th February 1780**

Clear and Cold. The Court mett but did not finish the trial of Colo. Beaty, it clouded over to day before Twelve oClock, and Lookt like Snow.

### **8 Feby**

It begun to Snow last Evening. with the wind at Northeast and was a Sevear Storm. The Snow was judgd to be more than half Legg Deep this morning that fell last Night, and Still Continues Snowing at a great Degree, but Clear'd off before night. I and Capt. Coggeshall Olney went to the Court Martial this Day and a terrible time we had the Snow had Drifted So that it was nearly mid Side to our horses in Some places. The members did not attend this Day So we returnd.

### **Feby. 9 1780**

Clear but Cold. The Court all got togeather Except one member from the jersey line who did not attend, which Disapointed us from Doing aney business this Day.

### **10<sup>th</sup>**

Clowdy and lookt like Snow. I went to morris Town to the Court Martial to day where all the members attended Except Major Piath who did not

attend by which no business Could be done this Day, it Clear'd off this Afternoon.

### **11<sup>th</sup> February 1780**

~~Clear and more Abord[?]~~ Cloudy and lookt Like rain. I attended the Court Martial as usual, but no member from the jersey Line So there was nothing done, it began to rain a little about the middle of the Day, but Soon Clear'd off morderate, we received the Disagreable news of the Enemy's taking our Advanced Guard at white plains which Consisted of Two hundred men, allso that they had Come of Staten Island into Elisabeth Town where they killd one of our Centinals. Drove off all the Stock in and about the town. The Guard we had there made their Escape. Thus Eands the Day with bad news.

### **February 12<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear and very plesant after breakfast I went to Morris Town to attend the Court-Martial as usual. The Court got together and finished the trial of Colo. Beaty then Adjourn'd until Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> ten oClock various Reports of the affair at white plains and more favourable then was at first.

### **13<sup>th</sup>**

Clear and Exceeding Cold. Nothing Remarkable happen'd. I Sent a letter to Lt. Col. Olney.

### **14<sup>th</sup>**

Clear and much Pleasenter then it had ben before. This Day the Court proceeded to the trial of Lt. Porter of the Maryland line for plundering on Staten Island and finished by one oClock. Return'd to my Quarters where I found Col. Barton. Col. Talbut from providence had brought me a letter from Lt. Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney by which I was inform'd the Cloathing was on the Road and would Soon be in Camp we all Dind with Col<sup>o</sup>. Henry Sherburne it thawd Exceedingly this Day.

### **15 February 1780**

Cloudy and much warmer then it had ben. Begun to rain by 9 oClock in the morning. I attended the Court-Martial to Day but it was the Same as usual all the members did not Attend. So no business Could be Done, and I Return'd in the rain to my own quarters by one oClock P. M. Col. Sherburne Return'd from head quarters and informed me he had got Liberty to go to Rhode Island, So I went immeadetly to writing letters.

### **Feby. 16**

Clear and Exceeding warm, I Set off Early this Morning went to head Q<sup>rs</sup>. before the Court Set. The Court met and proceeded to the trial of Col<sup>o</sup>. Howard, but Could not take all the Evidency on one Side by reason

of their being absent, So adjurnd that trial untill the Saturday following, but the Court was to meet the next Day at ten in the morning.

**17**

Clear and warm. The Court met and proceeded to business and Nothing Remarkable happend.

**Feby. 18<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Still Continues plesant. The Court met as Usual. News Came this Day that the fleet which left New York passed by Charlestown in South Carolina, took off all their troops at Georgia, from thence went to augusteen, I Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Capt. Hughes Informing me that he had got on with the Cloathing about five miles on the west Side of hudsans River, within about fifty miles of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. and Could git no further. I immeadetly Sent of a Guard, and orderd Some teams to go immeadetly to his assistance. The Court Martial met and took a number of Evidences. adjurn'd till the next Day.

**19**

Rec'd a further confirmation of the Evacuation of Georgia. The Court met and proceeded to business. Serg<sup>t</sup>. Simmons Set off this Day for Rhode Island. I wrote by him to Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney.

**February 20th 1780**

Fine Plesant weather. Nothing Remarkable happend.

**21st**

The Court Mett this Day and proceeded to Business took Some Evediences, then adjournd till 10 Clock the next Day on my Return to Camp found Capt. Hughes at my Quarters who had Returnd with the Cloathing of my Reg<sup>t</sup>. This was unagreable to Circumstances, a Division Court-Martial Set at my Quarters this Day, Maj. Thayer Pre[sident.]

**22**

Clowdy and haild in the morning, but Soon turnd to rain and was an Exceeding Rainy Day, and Cold. The Court Meet although it Storm'd So hard, but did but little business as there was but one or Two Evidences that attended. So Adjurnd that trial untill the Next Monday following, and agreed to bring on Col<sup>o</sup>. Robinsons and Major mors trial the next day then adjurnd till Ten oClock the Day foll[ow]ing. The Division Court-Martial at my Qtrs. finished their business ~~this Day~~ 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**23<sup>r</sup> Feby. 1780**

Clowdy and Snow'd all the fournoon the Court mett and proceeded to the trial of Major More and Did more business this Day then we had aney Day before Since the Court meet. Set till half after Two oClock then

adjourn'd till the Next Day ten oClock in the forenoon. The Paymaster was Employ'd this Day in Delivering out the Cloathing.

**Feby 24<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Cold raw uncomfortable Morning and froze very hard the Night past. This Day the Court-Martial met and Moved their present place of Sitting to a new hous ~~Below~~ in morris Town on the Green, which was built for the Public. The Day was So Cold. and hous open it was very uncomfortable.

**25**

Cold. Court met as usual but Nothing Remarkable happend.

**Feby 26<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Cold. The Court met and proceeded to business very Early this Day. and nearly finished the trial of Maj<sup>r</sup>. More, it Clowded over and Rained Some by Twelve oClock. The Day ended Morderate without News, except a further Confirmation of the Brittish fleet going to augusteen, Court Adjourn'd till Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.

**27 Feby. 1780**

Plesant and Nothing Remarkable happend.

**28**

Plesant Springlike weather and the Snow Run off a pace, The Court mett this Day and proceeded to business. Set till 3 oClock then Adjurn'd.

**February 29<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Plesant weather over head but Exceeding muddy and bad traveling. The Court finished all the Evidency in the trials of Major More and Lt. Col. Howard this Day and adjourn'd untill Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Give these officers time to make their Defence. Rec<sup>d</sup> news to day of Several of the Brittish fleets that Sailed from New york being Lost and taken,

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 1780**

Clowdy and Rained very hard this morning. There was a great quantity of water on the Earth by night, and nearly half the Cleard land bare,

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1780**

Clear this morning and Considerably froze. Nothing Extraordinary happend this day.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Clear weather, but Soon Clowded over and Snowd alittle. There was Exceeding bright Lights in the North last night which Continued the whole night. This Day the Major Left my Quarters went into the Camp to

live with Capt. Coggeshall Olney untill our hutt was Done as I was on the Court-Martial, Concluded to tarry where I was untill I was dismiss from that. It Cleared off in the Evening. Thus Eands the day with muddy bad roads.

#### **March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Good weather over head but Exceeding bad under foot. The Court met this Day, but the Gentlemen not being able to make their Defence Could do no Business and Adjourn'd untill Monday following, ten oClock. I Rec<sup>d</sup> news this Day of the Death of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Putnam in the State o Connecticutt.

#### **March 5<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A Plesant Morning. and nothing Remarkable happend. I Spent Th [sic]

#### **6<sup>th</sup>**

Pleasant Springlike weather the Court met this Day and proceeded to business. Set till between one and two oClock in the Afternoon, then Adjurn'd till the next Day. as the free Maysons mett to day in the room where the Court Set.

#### **7<sup>th</sup>**

Plesant morning but Soon Clowded over, and begun to rain by Twelve oClock, and was an Exceeding Stormy Afternoon, The Court met this day and finished the trial of Col<sup>o</sup> Howard and Maj<sup>r</sup> More, but Did not pass judgement. Set till three in the Afternoon, then adjurn'd. till next Day, This Day Serg<sup>t</sup> Hale Came from the State of Rhode Island. and brought me a letter from Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney, one from my wife and one from Mr. Stephens who lived on my farm.

#### **8 March, 1780**

Tollarible good weather The Court met this day. Compleated the trial and judgment of Col Howard and Maj<sup>r</sup> More. then Adjurn'd till next Day Ten oClock nothing Remarkable happend

#### **March 9<sup>th</sup> 1780**

This Day the Court met and Enterd on the trial of L<sup>t</sup>. Col. Robinson and finished the Same, then adjourn'd till the next Saturday as the judg wanted a Day to Copsy of the proceedings all the Time I Could possibly git Spent in making out the Returns of Cloathing, Boots, Shoes and Men in the Reg<sup>t</sup>. to Send home to the State, which Col. Olney had wrote for in his letter brought me the 7<sup>th</sup>. we had intelligence this Day that a Revolution in Ierland had taken place which was So far Credited that his Excellency Ordered 300 Extra papers printed to deliver out among the Soldry.

#### **March 10<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A Cloudy raw morning. Serg<sup>t</sup> Noah Chaffe Set off this morning for Rhode Island with all the Returns Caled for. Spent the Day in Camp and heard no news.

### **March 11<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A fine Clear plesant Morning. The Court met according to adjournment, but L<sup>t</sup>. Roggers who prosecuted Col<sup>o</sup>. Hay was on Command at paramus, and had not Returnd So we was obligd to adjurn the Court till the next Day Ten oClock in the morning. I Returnd to my Quarters, and in the Afternoon. Col Moses Little of the Massachusetts bay Come to my Quarters, a Gentleman who I had ben in a Brigade with in 1775, '76 and in January 1777. he left Me in Chatham, about 5 miles from this, and I had not Seen him Since that time till this day, which Seem alittle Remarkable, that we Should part in a Distant Country, and after traveling over Such a Scope of the Country meet three years after in the Same Place again, he tarried with me this Night,

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> 1780**

It begun to Storm Last night and was an Exceeding Stormy Night, and Still Continued to Storm very hard with the wind at Northeast and Rain, Hail, Snow mixt. The hail and Snow was nearly over Shoe on the Ground, I Set off after breakfast to attend Court-Martial at morris Town, Col Little went with me, but the Members did not all attend, So adjurnd till the next Day Eleven oClock, I Returnd in the Storm and Col Little tarried at General Green[e]s, we had news to day of a boat from New York to Staten Islands oversetting in York bay and Drownding Twenty British officers.

### **March 13<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A Clear morning. after Breakfast went to Morris Town to the Court, Which met Enter'd upon L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>. Hays trial finished it by three oClock then All the Court Dind in Morris Town as they Adjurnd without time. Thus Eanded the Court after Setting 44 Days we had a further Confirmation of the Boats oversetting in York Bay, and the Number of Officers Greater then we first heard. They were a going to New york to a Ball.

### **March 14<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A fine plesant Morning but the wind Soon begun to Rise and was an Exceeding windy Day with flying Clouds Nothing Remarkable happened, at Night I went over to the New York line to Lodg; where I Had the honour of being Admitted one of that Ancient and Honourable Society of free and Excepted Maysons Thus Eands the Day with what I never See before.

### **March 15<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Cold Raw morning. Spent the Day in Camp, nothing Remarkable happend. Col<sup>o</sup>. Little Come to my Quarters this Evening and Tarried with me. I wrote Col. Olney by Benone Taylor.

### **16 March**

A Stormy Morning, it Snowing very fast, after breakfast Col<sup>o</sup> Little left my Quarters, went to Morris Town it Continued Snowing the whole Day. at Night Col Little Returnd To my Quarters as he Could not git aney Quarters in Morris Town Except at Gen<sup>l</sup>. Greenes, and there Came a Crowd of Company in the Evening which Occationed him to Resign his lodgings to them. Come and tarry with Me. The Day Eanded without aney thing Remarkable.

### **17 March 1780**

An Exceeding Snowy Morning but break away before Noon. Col Little Left my Quarters this morning went on for his home. I Rc<sup>d</sup> a letter from L<sup>t</sup> Col Olney.

### **18<sup>th</sup> March 1780**

Cloudy uncomfortable Day, but Nothing Remarkable happend. The Court-Martial that Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer was a member of Adjurnd yesterday till the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Maj<sup>r</sup>. Came to my Q<sup>rs</sup>., lodg'd with me, went away this Evening to his lodgings in Morris Town.

### **19<sup>th</sup> March**

Some Cloudy but Pleasenter then it had ben, after Breakfast I went to head Quarters, Returnd before Dinner. it was the worst Riding I Ever Saw, There was a Capt. from the Pensylvinia line Buried this Day at Morris Town. he was a Brother Mason.

### **20<sup>th</sup> March 1780**

Clear but Cold for the Season, Nothing Remarkable happend this day. Maj<sup>r</sup>. Thayer Came to my Quarters this Evening and went to a Masters lodg in the York line.

### **21**

A fine Clear Springlike Morning. Maj<sup>r</sup>. Thayer Breakfasted with me this morning then Returned to morris Town. Nothing Remarkable happen.

### **22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nothing of Consequence this day.

The Court Martial of which I was a member that was Convened the 30<sup>th</sup> January last, was this Day Disolvd after being 54 Days in business.

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1780**

Cloudy Cold weather Last Night Mr John Primrose, a Man living in the hous where I was Quartered, had a Cow that was near Calving kill'd by the Soldery and hackt to peaces and part Carried off. The Army Seems to have become a band of Robbers and theaves, but beleave maney are Drove to it by not having but little then half an allowanc Delt them, wheather this is Owing to the poverty of the Country or the badness of our Courency or the Neglect in the Commissary Is a matter to be Inquired into. Search was made through the brigade for the Said Cow but nothing of it Could be found, There was a Number of Robberies of the like kind Committed the Same night in different Parts of the Country round the Camps.

### **24<sup>th</sup> March 1780**

Cloudy Cold uncomfortable weather with the wind at North East, begun to Snow hail and Rain about twelve oClock, but the Storm begun to Morderate before Night.

### **25 March**

Clear plesant Springlike weather. The treas and bushes were all loaded with Ice but run off very fast when the Sun was up, it begun to be Squally and Cold before Noon and Continued So till night, being Snow Squalls nothing Remarkable happen'd.

### **26<sup>th</sup> March, 1780**

Clear and Cold this Morning. Nothing Remarkable happend this day. Serg<sup>t</sup>. Deplumigate Return'd from Rhode Island, ben on furlough.

### **27**

Cloudy but Soon Clear'd off and the wind blew Exceeding hard, and pidgins flew the thickest I Ever Saw them in aney parts of the world I ever was In The wind fell and morderated at Sunset.

### **March 28<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear and Cold this Morning. a Council of General Officers Set this Day at head Quarters. Nothing Remarkable Happend.

### **March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Clear and Froze as hard last Night as it Commonly does in January, Common years or winters, but the Day was not So windy as yesterday, and grew morderator by night. The Council of General Officers Set again to day upon privat Business.

### **March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Cold winterlike weather. I Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney this Day Dated 15<sup>th</sup> Instant. Nothing Remarkable.

**31**

an Exceeding Snowy Morning and was as Snowy a day as Ever I Saw in my life. Capt. Tew Arrivd in Camp this Day from Rhode Island and brought letters from Col<sup>o</sup> Olney. He wrote not So favourable as he did before in his last Concerning Matters at home M<sup>r</sup> Manning Come and Joined this Day.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 1780**

Clear this Morning and the Snow Near knee Deep and to appearence Lookt more like January then April it being sevear Cold with all, Nothing Remarkable happened this Day

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1780**

Clear and as Cold as it Commonly is in the Dead of winter. Nothing Remarkable happend this Day.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1780**

Clear and as Cold as it Generaly is in January. The Brigade was Mustered and Inspected this Day the Snow Still Continues on the Ground though the Sun was So high as it would thaw in the Middle of the Day, furlough men Came in to day. Lt. Jeruald Lt. Hubbard both Return'd from their furlough.

**4 April 1780**

Still Continues Extreem Cold and Snow gits off but Slow. Lt. Hubbart did not Return to the Reg<sup>t</sup>. this Day though I Sent a billet to him by a Serjant to join Imeadetly. The day Eanded with Nothing Remarkable,

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Cold and unplesant. Lt. Hubbart did not Return this Day till past eleven oClock A. M. which Obliged me to Return him absent without leave and order him in Arrest on his Comming to Camp. Capt. S. Olney Come to Camp this Day from Rhode Island and brought one letter for me, and lost three more on the Road, with a Number for Gen<sup>l</sup>. Washington and other Officers, Maj<sup>r</sup> Thayer Come to my Quarters from morris Town this day, as their Court was Adjurnd a day or Two.

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Warmer this Morning then it had ben. I wrote to Col Olney this morning by Enoch Jones who was Discharged and Wm. Champlin.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Fine Springlike weather. This Day I Set off to Look for boards for a floor to my hut, purchased 250 feet, of John Stiles Esq<sup>r</sup>. for which I Gave 100 Dollars, paid him out of my own Pocket, he had So Curious a Saw mill I cannot omit Discribing it, it Stood on a Small Stream which was Carried

out of its Cours round upon a hill Side in a Ditch. Then Carried in a Trough which emptied into a box made out of a large Chestnut Tree, by being Split, dug out and then put together and Strongly bound with fraims round the Same which Carried the water Down to the wheel, which was 34 feet perpendicular the floats of the Wheel was not a foot in length and about 6 or 8 in Circumference, I was warnd again for a Court Martial to Set in Morris Town.

### **8 April 1780**

Spring like weather. I Sent Lt. Hubbart to head Quarters with a letter to his Excellency. if he would forgive him I would withdraw the Arrest. The Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martial met and proceeded to the Trial of Cap<sup>t</sup> Mitchel of the Jersey troops for Stabbing Lt Burrews of the Same Core, Took three Evediences then Adjurnd untill Monday following Ten oClock. I Returnd to the Reg<sup>t</sup>. and Nothing Remarkable happend this day.

### **April 9<sup>th</sup> 1780**

A fine warm plesant morning and begun to thunder before Twelve oClock and was an Exceeding heavy Shower in the Afternoon, with a Harricane of wind. The Brigade marched to the York line to attend Divine Service.

### **April 10**

Cold this morning, and grew Squally. I attended the Court martial to Day. There was Two Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Martials met this Day in the New Stoer Room Morris Town we Could not finish the Trial which Come before us this Day for the Want of Evediciency So adjurnd untill ten oClock tomorrow.

### **April 11<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear this morning and Cold, but Soon Clowded over. The court met and finished the trial before us and Adjurnd untill the 15th May, it Clowded up and began to rain by Twelve oClock and was a Raney Afternoon, I Rec<sup>d</sup> one letter from Col<sup>o</sup>. Olney and one from my Father to Day. Letters which Cap<sup>t</sup>. Stephen Olney Lost on the Road, on his way to head Quarters from Rhode Island. They was found in Connecticut and Sent on by the Post.

### **April 12<sup>th</sup> 1780**

Clear this morning. after breakfast I packt up my Baggage, Mov'd to my hutt in Camp, and at Night the Worshipfull lodg met in instead of a hous warming, where I was Advanced one Step further, to a fellow.

### **April 13 -**

Nothing Remarkable happened this Day.

### **14th -**

Serg<sup>t</sup>. Jonah Curtis arrived in Camp from Rhode Island with 8 recruits he set off with nine one Deserted on the road. his name was Elisha Smith. he brought a letter from Col Olney informing that adj<sup>t</sup> Waterman was Closely Confined in Gaol for breaking open a hous and plundering the Lady of 300 hard and 100 paper Dollars. He also abused [the wom]an of the haus in an Inhuman Manner.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Clear and hott, this morning, the Brigade was Inspected by Baron Stuben my Reg<sup>t</sup>. was the first for Inspection, and the Baron was Exceedingly pleasd with the mens array being in the best Order. Nothing Remarkable.

**11<sup>th</sup>.**

The Division Court Martial whereof I was President was ordered to Assemble in order to finish the trial of L<sup>t</sup> Boss of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Reg<sup>t</sup>. but Some of the Members did not attend by which Reason no business was Done, there has ben a firing from one of the Enemys Gunboats in North River at our Guards but no harm done. Two Battallions paraded for Manoevering one of which I Commanded

**12<sup>th</sup>.**

Clowdy dark Morning. and abundance of Thunder. but little rain. Nothing remarkable this day. I was much unwell.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Extreem hott, I was Exceeding Sick in the afternoon took a puke. and by not attending to the Doctors Directions in taking it all at a time. when I was to have taken only a part. it had like to Carried me out of the Land of the living a large fatague party went to dobbs Ferry to fortifying. a Number of Cannon was fir'd at our people from a brigg and a Galley in North River

**14<sup>th</sup>.**

As hot as ever. I am much weller than yesterday, though but in a poor State of health. Nothing Remarkable this day

**15<sup>th</sup>.**

This was thought to be the Hottest Day Ever known. no Circumstances Relative to the Army worth Mentioning

**16<sup>th</sup>.**

the Extreem heat Continues. I was officer of the Day, Nothing Remarkable

**17<sup>th</sup> August, 1780.**

Heat Continues. Dind at Head Quarters this morning 4 °Clock the Brigg and Galley belonging to the Enemy up North River went down past dobbs ferry. Six Cannon and Hoitzers was fired at them but what Dammage they received is not known,

**18<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day I went down to See the Light infantry. and went as low as English Neighbour Hood about 12 miles from Camp. Returnd by Sunsett, the officers presented me with a request this morning that I might have a Court of Inquirey into my Conduct at Springfield, as a report was Spread very prejuditious to my Character

**19<sup>th</sup>.**

Much Cooler this day then it had ben I was Scarce able to Sett up one hour. being So much unwell

**20<sup>th</sup> August, 1780.**

This morning Seemd like October and Continued Cool the day, Each wing of the army was ordered to parade togeather. as they had had two Seperate parades before, news from Congress this day that was disagreeable they having reduced the Officers wages 50 percent, and to pay them in a new omition of paper Money.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The report of the Officers wages being Reduced. provd a mistake. Dind at Gen<sup>l</sup>. Greenes. Nothing Remarkable

**22<sup>d</sup>.**

Cool Morning Two Battalions Manoeverd this morning one of which I Commanded the Barron was present himself. Rec. orders this Afternoon

to march to tomorrow morning Seven °Clock, went to preparing Accordingly.

**23d.**

the Revelle beat as usual the Gen<sup>l</sup>. at 5 °Clock when the tents were Struck. the Assembly at Six when they troops all paraded, the March at Seven when they all Moved forward Marching by the right, towards English Neighbour hood. after Marching about 3 Miles the Right Wing took a road leading to Slaughtinburgh, I the Left a road to tennec and English Neighbourhood where the road that the right wing marched in fell in with the road that the left took, these roads met on a Large Plain at a place Calld Liberty poll in the vicinity of English Neighbourhood, here the Army Encamped. this was 'an exceeding hott Day

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and hott. All the waggon of the Army was Collected this day and in the Evening went down to bergin to bring off all the forrage The light Infantry all went down in frunt, and Gen<sup>l</sup>. Clintons Brigade marched to fort Lee at burdetts ferry part of the Right wing marched all so, I went off with a number of Gentlemen to fort Lee where I had a view of the Enemy ----

**August 25, 1780.**

Exceeding hott, there was a Considerable firing this day towards New York but nothing remarkable Come to hand ----

**26<sup>th</sup>.**

Extreme Hott. the Regiment was Mustered this Morning for the months of June and July, the waggons that went a forraging begun to return this morning, and in the afternoon I and L<sup>t</sup> Jencks of my Regiment went down to the Infantry Camp. to See Major Thayer and the officers as I had Rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter from the State Inclosing an Act of the General Assembly. offering the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Battalions Land for their Depreciation but the troops had not Returnd. So we rode to meet them which we did in bergin about Seven miles from their Camp, they had just hanged a man for plundering the inhabitants. he was a Pensylvanian one of Col Humptons Reg<sup>t</sup>. he was hanged by orders of the Commanding Officer without a trial, I Returnd back to my Quarters about Ten °Clock in the Evening.

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Violent hott and Dry ---- after breakfast went in Company with a number

of the Gentlemen Officers across the woods to north River to a place Called Spiten Devils Creek against king bridg. from thence Down the river to burdeets ferry at fort Lee. we had a grand prospect of all the Enemys Incampments on York Island returnd to Camp before Eleven oClock. there found Maj<sup>r</sup>. Thayer and Some of the officers of the Infantry.

**28<sup>th</sup> August, 1780.**

Clear and hott I Set off into the Country this morning on business went to hackensack, Acquackanack and Springfield about 35 miles I Suffered greatly with the heat this day it being the driest time in this Country I ever See, lodged at M<sup>r</sup> Lanarcnus.

**29<sup>th</sup>.**

Set of this morning for Newark, from thence to Hackensack, in Newark fell in Company with Capt. Higgens who was a prisoner out on Parole, he was agoing to head Quarters and rode in Company with me to hackensack. where I was taken So Ill that I Could go no further where we halted and Staid at a Dutchmans

**30<sup>th</sup> August, 1780.**

Left our lodgings Early this Morning went to Camp and Breakfasted, found all well.

**31<sup>st</sup>.**

Cooler then it had ben, and look<sup>t</sup> like for rain, there was a heavy firing of Cannon towards the hook, which Continued all the day, and at Night there was a heavey thunder Shower with Extreem hard thunder and Sharp lightening, which was the first Shower that had ben in a longe time here and the Earth was the most perched that I Ever Saw it in any part of the world that I was in, I Saw tobacco here that was killd with the Drouth -----

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1780.**

Cool and pleasant this Morning. I was exceeding much not well. The firing of Cannon Still Continued at the hook the Same as yesterday but Nothing Remarkable this day,

**Septr 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1780.**

Cloudy and Cold with the wind in the Northeast and had rained a Considerable in the Night, Continued raining the Day, in the afternoon

Recd Orders for the Army to march tomorrow morning 5 o'clock, this order was Countermanded and the Army was to march at Eight o'clock Instead of 5,

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1780.**

An Exceeding Rainey Morning, which Prevented the Army from marching Agreeable to the Orders of yesterday. Lt. Col<sup>o</sup> Olney was the Officer of the day yesterday, and got lost in going the rounds Last night. lay in the woods till day Light. Cleard off this Afternoon pleasant. Orders Came again for us to march tomorrow morning

**September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and Cooler then it had ben for Some time past, the Army got under way by ten o'clock, but met with Some Obstructions by Bridges breaking, which detaind the rear till Eleven when the whole moved off the ground, we marched by the right, Crost what is called New bridg. over hackensack River, turnd to the right up the River towards Toppan and Encamped on a high Ridge of land in a place Calld Stenrappie

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

A Gold morning. I Still Remaind unwell Nothing Remarkable happend this Day till Evening when there Came News that all our Army to the Southward was killd taken and Disperst, Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates who Commanded had by Some means made his Escape,

And rode 180 Miles in three Days before he Stopt, and then Could not tell what had become of his Army, but had Sent back a flagg to Enquire after them Thus Eands the Day with Bad news

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Cool weather for the Season, Nothing Remarkable this Day, my Illness was more Sevear then Yesterday.

**7<sup>th</sup>.**

Co<sup>l</sup>. I was freer from pain this morning then I had ben for Several days past. . Nothing Remarkable happend this Day, Except Gen<sup>l</sup>. Sullivan arrived in Camp on his way to Congress being a member of that body ----

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**8<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and Pleasant. I was Officer of the day but Could not attend to the Duty being So much Unwell,

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Clear and Very Cool. Recd News this morning of the Death of the Honourable Brigadier General Poor. who departed this life Last Evening after a Short Illness of the putred feavour) the News from the Southward. Came more favourable this day then it had. ben it is Said there is a letter from the Governor of Virginia that the Marryland Troops With one regiment from North Carolina Stood their ground fought with Chargd Bayonetts 15 minuts. that they Cutt the british hors nearly all off. the los on our Side was between 3 and 400 Men.

**10<sup>th</sup> Septr. 1780.**

Raind a little this Morning. but Soon Cleard off. and was hot I went down to the Infantry, from thence to Gen<sup>l</sup>. Greenes to talk with him upon the unhappy affair of mine. he advised me Call a Court of Enquirey imeadetly. Returned to Camp. in the afternoon the Remains of Gen<sup>l</sup> Poore was Intered at hackensack Church yard. admidst a Numerous Concours of People

**Septr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

This day I applyd to the Commander In Chief for a Court of Enquiry which he was pleasd to order Nothing Remarkable this Day

**Septr. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

A Soldier in Col<sup>o</sup> Stewarts Battalion was hanged this day on the Grand Parade for Plundering the Inhabitants agreable to the Sentence of a Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Martial: the Order for my Court of Enquirey was in Orders. a Number of Savages of the Onido Nation Came to head Quarters this Day. there was the hardest thunder this Evening I ever knew)

**Septr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

The whole Army was Ordered yesterday in After orders. to parade on their Brigade Parades at open Order to make as Great a Show as possible, to be reviewed by. the Commander in Chief, and the Indian Chiefs of the Onido Nation, the Brigade of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Starks was Reviewed about 9 in the Morning with a Ratinue of all the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Officers of the Army and Great part of the field Officers and all the Savages of note, after which we

attended at the Court. but one member not Comming no busihess Could be Done. It was a very Rany afternoon but Nothing Remarkable happened

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Clear and Cool this Morning the Court of Enquiry Met and proceeded to Enquire into my Conduct on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and Examined all Evidences against me and adjurned til the next day 9 °Clock Nothing Remarkable.

**Septr. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Clear and Cold. I attended the Court this morning, but Major Reid one of the members was through mistake Sent on Command and no business Could be done. I applyd to the Adjutant Gen<sup>l</sup>. to git him Releaved. which he promist me Should be done the next day we got news this day that the french fleet was on the Coast. Nothing more remarkable

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

A fine Plesant day the Court not meeting I went down to the Infantry. we had news that Admiral Rodney was Come to the hook. and that the french fleet was in his rear it was reported that there is 13 Sail of the Line English and 25 french this I think is news enough for this day

**17<sup>th</sup> Septr.**

Plesant weather. the Court of Enquiry out this day and finished the Business, His Excellency Set off it is Said for hartford this Morning maney repoarts Concerning the french fleet but Nothing to be depended upon wrote to the Governor

**18<sup>th</sup> Septr.**

Fine weather, and Nothing Remarkable this day, till the Orders of the day Come out, when the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry Come to light in the following words. At a Court of Enquiry Calld by desire of Col Angel to Enquire into a Report Relative to his being absent from his Regiment in the Action at Springfield the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June last. Col<sup>o</sup> Nixon President The Court having heard and duly Considered the Evidences, are unanimously of Opinion that Col Angell was in the Action at Springfield on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June last with his Regiment. and in the Execution of his duty, and Behaved like a Brave and Good officer -- Thus Ends the day

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

A Raney wett morning, by an After order which Came to hand last Evening the army was to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a

moments warning, it Clared off before noon or left raining Steadily, but was Showery till near night. I was Appointed a member to Settle a dispute between Baron Stuben and Col hazen, the disput was Left to the 7 oldest Officers Commanding the 7 lines from the 7 States here in Service Newhampsheer, Col Cilley, Massachusetts Genl. Glover, Rhodeisland Col Angell. Connecticut Genl. Persons New York Genl Clinton, New Jersy Col Dayton, Pennsylvania Genl. St Clair. a troublesom world this. as Soon as one gits out of trouble them Selves, are Calld upon to Settle Disturbances with others all the Gentlemen met but did no business, and Adjurnd till the 21<sup>st</sup>. as the whole Army was ordered to march to-morrow morning, to be under way by ten °Clock at furthest,

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

A Clowdy morning, the General was beat this morning at Seven oClock, the baggage fild off at Eight, the Assembly beat at 9 the troops marched a little past ten went to Tappan and Encamped upon the Same Ground we went from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August past. it Rained Some this Day, and Remaind Clowdy the whole Day.

**Septr. 21<sup>st</sup>.**

a Rany morning but Soon broak away the Gentlemen met again this day to Settle the dispute between Barron Stuben and Col Hazen, but did not finish the business, went to dobbs ferry in the afternoon on our way back a merry Scean happened Genl Stark goining to water his hors at a place Call'd the Stole, mired him, and got him into the mud and mire. the Genl. Got out without aney damage Except bedaubing himself with mud, the adj. Genl. allso mired his hors. but he got out without difficulty. Genl. Stark was drawd out by the Soldiers

**Septr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1780.**

Foggy, but Soon broak away hot. the Gentlemen met this day at Genl St Clears and Setteled the dispute between Major Genl. Barron Stuben and Col Hazen, to the Satisfaction of both parties there was a heavey Cannonade this morning Supposd at kings ferry but Soon heard it was at tallows point a little below, a british fregit lying there Genl. Arnold ordered two heavey peaces down with one or two hoitzers in the night and open his Batterey on her this morning when She was obligd to tow of, after having near 100 Shot at her.

**Septr. 23d, 1780.**

A foggy morning but Soon Cleard off hott. Nothing Remarkable the french Minister Came into Camp yesterday morning and Sett off this morning for Rhode Island

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, -----**

a Cloudy, but Soon Cleard away hot and Remained Exceeding hot for the Season of the year till the afternoon when it began to thunder and was a Considerable of thunder and lightening, and rain The Enemy landed from their Ship and Sloop in North River this morning, a little below haverstraw and bunt Maj<sup>r</sup>. Smiths hous and all the Grain and hay he had he had his barn hay and Grain burnt last year by the british privats I Capt Tew and Hews Rode up along Side of North River 6 or 7 Miles. then turnd over the Mountain in a Valle or low place & Came into the Road leading from Charles Town to Toppan, Arrived in Camp before Sunset just as it began to rain hard.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Orders yesterday. or last Evening for all the whole Army to be under Arms this day at ten °Clock A.M. and formd in line of battle on a Ridg of high land west of orrang Town, then Changed their frunt to the right, this Manoever was performd by Signals, the first Cannon was a Signal for the troops to assemble on their Brigade parades, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun for them to march off, and form the line, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gun for them to Change their frunt to the right 4<sup>th</sup> gun for the Brigades to march off to their Camps. all this was performd with great precision, the troops was dismist by three °Clock --- we had a Cool day for our Manoevering there being So much thunder yesterday and Last Evening

**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

The most Extraordinary affair happened yesterday that Ever has taken place Since the war, General Benedict Arnold who Commanded at west point went to the enemy, His Excellency the Commander in Chief having ben to Hartford to meet the French Gen<sup>l</sup>. and Admiral, was on his way to join the army and yesterday the Adj<sup>t</sup>. General of the Brittish Army was taken at Tarry Town as a Spye by three Militia men the news Soon reached west point, and on the Appearance of His Excellency Comming to the post, Gen<sup>l</sup> Arnold went down to the River Side with Six men with him got into a boat went down the river to the English Friggat that Lay there and went on board of her, and She lmeadetly Set Sail for New York, and by the best information he had ben Carrying on a treacherous Corrispondence with the Enemy. and had agreed to Sell them that post with all the men, but Heavens directed it otherways. on Receiving this intelligence, the whole Army was ordered to be ready to march as Soon as possible, we all turnd out went to Cooking and packing up their Baggage the pennsylvania line marched of and left their Baggage to follow it being Expected that the Enemy would attempt to take west point

this night the News Come to us a little after midnight, had not this horrid Treason ben discovered America would have Rec<sup>d</sup>. a deadly wound if not a fatal Stabb.

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

Cloudy and Cold with a high wind from the Northeast, begun to Storm about the middle of the day, and was a Cold rany Afternoon, we had News Come this day that on Joseph Smith was taken up as a Spye from the Enemy and brought to west point where the Commander in Chief was, he Came out of New York with M<sup>r</sup>. Andrew the Brittish adjutant General and it was thought that they would both Grace a halter togeather.

**Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

It Cleard away this Morning and was cold, after dinner I with a Number of the Officers of the Army road out to Meet His Excellency on his return to the Army, but after riding Six or Seven miles heard he had taken another road, therefore turnd another way back without Seeing him, M<sup>r</sup> Smith and the Brittish Adj<sup>t</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. was all so Comming on with a Guard of dragoon

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The two prisoners Come to Camp last evening, a flagg Came this day from the Enemy Sir Hary Clinton made a demand of M<sup>r</sup> Andrew the Kings adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>, Saying he Came out as a flagg and ought not to be detaind.

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1780.**

A board of Gen<sup>l</sup>. Officers Sat this day on M<sup>r</sup> Andrew and condemnd him as a Spye, to Suffer death, the Commander in Chief approvd the Sentence and ordered it put in Execution tomorrow five oClock in the afternoon, a flagg was Sent from head Quarters by the way of Elizabethtown to the Enemy. and one Came from the Enemy to dobbes ferry, and brought a number of things from the Enemy to Maj<sup>r</sup> Andrews his Servant Came in the flagg. I was Officer of the Day.

**Feby. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Left my hous this Morning went to Mr Dorrances in Voluntown 16 Miles then breakfasted went to Mr Reppley in Scotland 16 Miles then Dined

then went to Mr. Hill in Lebanon 10 Miles there put up for the day 42

**Feby. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Left my lodgings early this morning went to Mr white Breakfasted then went to Hartford but could get no dinner then rode about three miles on towards Farmington there Din'd then went to Farmington there tarried -- 42 miles

**Feby. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Left my Lodgings this Morning went on about Six miles then Breakfasted and got one of my horses shod then went to Waterbury there Din'd then went to South Bury Doctor Grahams then put up for the Night I met a Number of the men of my Regt a going home this Day.

**Feby. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1780 (?).**

Left my Lodgings this morning went on to Newtown from thence to Danbury there Din'd then went on for Camp but missing my way and being benighted put up at a log hous tavern in the mountains where for fear of being Rob'd could sleep but little.

**Feby. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Paid at Dorrances Tavern	0- 4- 0
do at Ripleys in Scotland	0- 3 - 10
Paid. for Oats	0- 1- 0
Paid MrHills	0- 6- 0
do at Mr White	0- 4- 5
Do for Oats	0- 1- 0
Do for ferriage	0- 1 - 0
Do	3 - 6
Do for lodgings	0 - 8 - 4
Do for Oats and Breakfast	0 - 3 - 0
Do for Dinner and hors Baiting	4 - 6
Do Lodgings Suppers hors Keeping	0- 9- 4
Doctor Grahams	
Do Breakfast	0- 3 - 2
Do Dinner	0- 5 - 10
carried over	2 - 18 - 11
Supper and lodging	
Hors keeping &c	0 - 9 - 0
Breakfast	0 - 2 - 6
Sum brought over	2 - 18- 11
Total Expenses to Camp	3 - 1 - 15
To my Expences from Camp to West Point and back from the	

21 <sup>st</sup> of Feb to the 22	£0, 9, 0
To my Expences in paying of the men and going to west point from the 24 <sup>th</sup> to the 27	0 - 12 - 0
March 10-1781 To my Expences from West Point to New Winsor	0 - 7 - 0
To my Expenses while at West Point paid M <sup>r</sup> Mandail	1 - 7 - 0
To Cash paid Rufus for the Expences of getting the horses to Camp	0- 10- 0 6- 6- 4
16 March To Cash paid Rufus	£0- 9 - 0
18 To Cash for my Expences while at West Point	0- 6- 0
19 To Cash paid the widow Brewer	2 - 11- 9
20 To Cash paid	0 - 8 - 0
21 To Cash Paid for myself and hors keeping.	0- 9- 0
Do To Cash for Oats	0 - 1 - 6
Do To Cash tor Dinner and baitings for Horses	0 - 5 - 1
To Cash paid Coles Tavern for his hors keeping and lodging	0 - 10 - 6
for hors hire	0 - 4 - 6
for hors keeping	0 - 6 - 0
For hors keeping and lodging	0 - 11 - 0
For hors keeping and breakfast	0 - 8 - 0
To Dinner and baiting	0 - 3 - [ ]
To hors hire in getting the Waggon along	<u>0 - 5 - [ ]</u> 6-18-10
24 March 1781.	
Paid for hors Keeping and lodging	£0 - 16 - 6
To Cash for baiting	0 - 1 - 6
To Cash for do	1 - 2
25 To Cash for Entertainmt	11 - 6
To Cash' for Dinner an baiting	8 - 6
Brought over from the other Pages	13 - 5 - 3
To Cash for hors hire	0 - 4 - 6
To Cash paid Peleg Peck for	

hors hire	0- 3 - 0
To Cash paid Elesha Barns for hors hire	0 - 2 - 6
To Cash paid Crage for hors keeping	0 - 9 - 0
To Mony paid Rufus for Expences	<u>1 - 4 - 0</u>
	17- 7- 5

My Baggage was twelve days in Comming from West Point

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Left my lodging this morning went to Camp found all well the men was so Rejoist at seeing me that they gave three Cheers I immeditly went to paying off the troops

**19<sup>th</sup>.**

Continued Close to my hutt paying the men Col<sup>o</sup> Greene Sent me a billet desiring me to Come to his Quarters this Evening but I could not attend on account of paying the men off.

**20<sup>th</sup>.**

This day I finished paying all Except the light Infantry which marched off the day I come into Camp the Regt. had orders to march tomorrow for west point.

**21<sup>st</sup>.**

The troops marched this Morning agreeable to the Orders of yesterday I set off with them went to Colo Greene Quarters there Din'd then went to west Point Crosst the River but could not get my hors over Returned after Dark Recrost a Miry Marsh to a hous where we got lodgings but nothing for ourselves or horses to Eat.

**22d.**

This morning it Storming I and Col. Greene sett off to go the Point or Fort but met the Greatest part of the troops a Returning Againe having lain on Constitution Island all the night in the Storm as they Got but one boat load over after I and Col<sup>o</sup> Greene Crosst before the boats was carried away by the Ice with five men in it the Men nor boat Could not be heard of this day. by Eleven o'clock Col. Green and myself went to his Q<sup>rs</sup> from thence I went to the hutts found Capt Brown preparing for to Defend the baggage by making a block house of one of the hutts

**23d Feby.**

A Stormy Day I remaind this Day in the hutts.

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

This Day went to Col<sup>o</sup> Greens Qrs there tarried all Night the Troops that marched for the point the 21 and Came back to the New Hampshire hutts Marched again to Day.

**25<sup>th</sup>.**

Col. Greene and myself Sett of for the point Early in the Morning went to M<sup>r</sup> Mandavils there left our horses then went to Cross the ferry but found it all Blockt up with the Ice we then Crost the flatts upon the Ice to Constitution Island where we Crost just before Night on our way Cros the Ice Ensign John Rogers fell through over a deep Creek ketched and hung by his arms we Indeavored to get rails to throw to him but could find none but some short peaces at length I thought of tying my Great Coat and Col Greenes together and then tying them to a Stick with the help of two little boys got it to him & Drawed him out but I would not have run the risk I did for all the State of New York had it not been to save life Storm'd near all this Day.

**26<sup>th</sup> Feby.**

We Spent this day in trying to Cross the ferry which we Effected just at Sunsett tarried at M<sup>r</sup> Mandavils

**27<sup>th</sup> Feby, 1781.**

Left M<sup>r</sup> Mandavils this morning after Breakfast went to Col. Lawrences Q<sup>rs</sup> Peekskill there met L<sup>t</sup> Joseph Wheaton and paid the money for the Infantry to him then went to the hutts and there dined lodged at the Widow Brewers.

**28<sup>th</sup> Feby.**

This day was plesant as Summer I spent the Same at the hutts at night went to the Widow Brewer there tarried.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1781.**

After Breakfast went to Col<sup>o</sup> Greenes Quarters there Spent the Day it being Clowdy and Cold and allso tarried this night with Col<sup>o</sup> Greene in the Evening there came a letter from Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath Informing Col. Greene that the French Ships that went from New-Port had taken the Romolus of fifty guns and Nine sail of privateers and transports of Chesepeck Bay.

**March 2d, 1781.**

Clowdy weet and Cold after Breakfast Col. Greene and I went to the hutts the man I had Sent after my horses return'd this day without them the Order being from Col. Greene and not from the D. Q. M General was Obligid to Send off again Din'd at the hutts then went to the Widow

Brewers where I proposed to stay Col. Greene went to his Quarters

**March 3d, 1781.**

Good weather and Nothing Remarkable Spent the Day at the hutts tarried at the widow Brewers

**4th.**

Clear and plesant the Baggage of the Regt that was left at the hutts was ordered on for west Point as was all the troops Except a Guard of 42 men I sent Rufus Chapman after horses

**5th.**

Cloudy before breakfast Rufus return'd from fishkill and had got no horses upon which I set off Imeadetly for west point It soon began to Storm and stormed very hard I arrived at M<sup>r</sup> Mandavels by 12 oclock where I put up for this day and night Col Green Come from the point in the evening.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

This morning after breakfast I & Col Greene went over to the Point he being president of a Court Martial after dining on the point Returned to M<sup>r</sup> Mandavils and went to the hospital at Robinsons Hous returned to our Quarters in the Evening this Day was Cloudy but did not storm.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

A stormy morning with Snow & Rain after breakfast Col. Greene went for west Point but it stormed so that I thought it best to remain where I was which I did the Day.

**8<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.**

Went over to the Point this morning after breakfast in the afternoon went for New Winsor in a Boat where I arrived about Eight o'clock in the Evening.

**9<sup>th</sup> March.**

Clear Breakfasted with the Adj. General then paid off what men there was here then went to Newburgh in the Gen<sup>l</sup> [            ] Returned in the Evening.

**10<sup>th</sup>.**

Left winsor this morning after Breakfast in a Boat with some Country people went to west point it Snowed the great part of the passage which made it very Dissagreable the Distance being about 8 miles I arrived at the Garrison about Two O'Clock Dined then went over to M<sup>r</sup> Mandavells there tarried.

**11th March, 1781.**

Clear pleasant weather over head but bad under foot after breakfast I and Col Greene went to the point where we spent the Day in the afternoon Come over and went up upon the Mountain to the North Redoubt then to our Quarters.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1781.**

Good weather after Breakfast I sett of for the hutts where I din'd & spent the Day.

**13<sup>th</sup>.**

Cold and windy this Day there was an Allarm on which the Militia was called together but it proving to be a false Allarm they were Dismist.

**14<sup>th</sup>.**

Cloudy and rained this Day nothing Remarkable

**15<sup>th</sup>.**

A pleasant Morning but Soon Clowded over and rained in the afternoon the horses Sent for to Carry my Baggage to Rhode Island. News came this evening Arnold and his party was taken.

**16<sup>th</sup>.**

Good weather my Baggage Set off this morning for Rhode Island after Breakfast I set off for west Point went to Mr. Mandavills where I tarried.

**17<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.**

Good weather a great parade this day with the Irish it being St Pataricks. I spent the day on the point and Tarried with the Officers.

**18<sup>th</sup>.**

After Breakfast I set off on my Journey for New England went to Mr Mandavills there Dind then went to Mrs Brewers my old Quarters this day was more like April than March

**19<sup>th</sup>.**

Cloudy and Rained a little after Breakfast I set off went to the hutts there having some business which detained me till after Dinner. When I set off for Danbury where I arrived in the Evening it rained all the Afternoon very hard and worse riding could not be.

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.** Clear good weather over head but muddy under foot

after breakfast set forward went as far as Bostic there put up for the night having overtaken my waggon.

**21st.**

Clear and Good weather after Breakfast went on as far as Southerington there dined at Curtisses Tavern then went to Mr. Coles in Farmington there put up for the night.

**22d March, 1781.**

Left my lodgings after Breakfast went to hartford met with Capt Humphrey tarried there was obliged to hire a hors to help me on as far as hartford.

**23d.**

A Stormy morning Crost the ferry to East Hartford, breakfasted went on to Hill's Tavern 8 mile there Halted for the waggon to come up which did not Arive till 3 o'clock the horses being tired out I hired a man to help me on as far as bolton where I halted that night.

**24<sup>th</sup>.**

This morning being Clear there come two teams early a going to Canterbury and hired them to help me on upwards of twenty miles I rode on as far as Canterbury Stopt and I Din'd in Scottand Put up at Landlord Backuses but the waggon Didnot git up till the morning following.

**25<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.**

Clear and Cold My waggon Come up this Morning after breakfast I set forward after having hired Capt Cacon to help me on as far as Dorrances in Vollentown where I arrived and Dined then went on to my own hous found my family well. left my waggon to come on as fast as possible and thus Eands the Service with me.

**26<sup>th</sup> March.**

Clear and Cold but soon Clowded over I hired Peleg Peck to go help my waggon on which arrived in the Evening.

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.**

After Breakfast I set off for Providence where I spent the Day at Evening went to my fathers and tarried news Come of the french fleet returning.

**28<sup>th</sup>.**

Spent the forenoon at my fathers it being Exceeding Cold and unpleasant after Dinner went to Providence was informed that the french fleet was actually return'd and had had an Engagement with the English fleet but the particulars was not known one Circumstance in my journal of yesterday I forgot to mention that is I had the Pleasure of seeing Uncle

James Angell, at my fathers who had not been there in 22 years before on acct. of some misunderstanding between him and my father.

**29<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.**

Cold and Clowdy Snowed some but cleared off in the afternoon with a severe March wind and cold.

**30<sup>th</sup> March.**

Clear and Cold with a violent high wind Nothing Remarkable.

**31<sup>st</sup>.**

A tollerable pleasant day after Breakfast I went to Providence where it was currently Reported that the french fleet behaved Gallantly in the action with the british and that the English fleet ran away from them Returned in the Evening.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1781.**

Clear and Spring like weather this morning but Soon Clowded over and the wind blew up at South very raw and Cold there was a meating held at my hous this day

**2d.**

A violint Storm Set in last night and Continued this Day the Storm begun with Snow but before the middle of the Day turn'd to rain and by night had carried off the Greatest part of the Snow.

**3d.**

It Still Continued Storming and had Snowed the Greatest part of the night and was a Considerable of Snow on the Ground but there being so much water made it Shocking Traveling.