

Camp Connojoharie June 22d. 1779.

Dear Brother,

I have taken this Oppertunity to inform you, that I arrived on this Ground the 17th. instant, with the third and fifth New York Regiments and Lt. Colo. Butler's Detachment, at which time I commenc'd the transportation of the Boats and Stores to the Lake which had been brought up by the above mentioned Troops, detatching Parties at the same time to repair the Roads, and Escort the Waggons as they proceed.

I have posted late Alden's Regiment at the Landing of the Lake, to receive and Guard the Stores & Boats as they arrive. Butler's Regiment is posted at Springfield four miles from the Landing on the Road from the River. Weisenfels Regiment lyes at Dun's House seven miles from the River. Gansevoort's & Duboy's Regiments are encamped at this Place, employed in loading the Waggons, and doing the their ordinary Duties of Camp - while the Rifle Corps is employed in scouting the Woods and keeping up the Communication between the different Posts.

By the cheerfull compliance of the Inhabitants with the Orders issued for furnishing Waggons for this purpose, together with the extraordinary Exertions of Lt. Colo. Willet, hath enabled me to transport one hundred and seventy Boats and upwards of twelve hundred Barrels of Provisions, beside all the Q.M. Genl. Stores to the Lake - so that if

all the Stores and Boats destined for the Expedition are sent up from Schenectady, as fast as they can be sent on to the Landing - I flatter myself I shall be able to move the whole by next Saturday, and wait Genl. Sullivan's further Orders for embarkation.

Enclosed I send a Copy of the Proceedings of a Genl. Courtmartial, on the Trial of Henry Hair, formerly an inhabitant of this County, but now by his own Confession a Lieutenant in the British Forces, who was taken up, by a party of Militia Men, lurking about the vicinity of the Camp as a Spy. The sentence was put in execution at the appointed time to the general satisfaction of every Person who knew him, except his own intimate Connexions.

By his Confession, he left the Seneca Country in Company with sixty three Indians, thirty of which were destined for Schoharie, another Party consisting of nineteen were to attack the remaining Settlements of Cherry Valley, while the others were to lurk about Fort Schuyler and the upper parts of the M. River - and by information received this morning it appears that the first mentioned Party have taken twenty one Prisoners chiefly Tories, and eighty head of Cattle from a Place called the Scotch Settlement thirty miles back of Schoharie - the inhabitants of which were so terrified, that they all flocked to the Forts, and no Person would venture to bring the Intellegence to Camp, although it happened last Thursday.

There are two other Companions of Mr. Hare's now in Confinement, one of them is before the Court, and seems disposed to make every Discovery in his Power.

I beg that you wou'd please to transmit a Copy of this to his Excellency Genl. Washington as I am so extreemly hurried I have not time. When the whole proceedings are published I will transmit them to you.

With the most perfect Esteem I am Dear Brother

Your's affectionately,

James Clinton

P.S. In a Letter of the 16th. inst. Genl. Sullivan promises to inform you when he intends that I shall embark.

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