

Sir,

Mary May 28th 1779 -

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I have been honoured with your favour of the 22nd instant, and am glad to hear that the Clothing is on the way as it is much wanted -

Co. Ranjels informed yesterday that he had received official Accounts that a ~~large~~ ^{large} quantity of Ammunition is now on the way from Boston and Springfield, by which I expect to be soon supplied.

I have ordered each of the Regiments in this Department a sum of money for the purpose of enlisting such of the three year men as were disposed to engage during the War, in proportion to the number of such men in each Reg^t. - which will probably be applied for enlisting the nine months men lately raised, or ^{any} ~~such~~ others ~~as they may~~ and may answer that purpose for the present - I flatter myself there will be no uneasiness between the contending Colonies of this State, at least during the ensuing Campaign - With respect Major Fish I cannot affirm that he will be unable to continue in the Service, all that I meant by what I

Copy of a letter to
 Genl. Washington
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wrote your Excellency in my last was, that from
his former ill state of health, the duties of Brigade
Major and Inspector would rather be too severe
for him, consequently that he would decline
accepting my Proposals - and as he is in fact
the only Major in ^{the} N.Y. line who is qualified
for this Business, I requested that Major Popple
may be continued with me in quality of Aid de
Camp, as he ~~is~~ ^{is} acquainted with the duty, and
his services much wanted in this Department
whom you will be appointed -

I have enclosed you a Copy of a Letter
from Col. V. Schuick District Prefers your Excellency
for particulars - ~~you will see that Col~~
you will see ~~that~~ the Colonel's Sentiments
with respect to the Indians and his inability
of satisfying them for their Services - as I con-
ceive this to be of some consequence as to
merit your attention I have thought proper
to take the liberty to mention it in particular

By your Excellency. Thus such Steps may be taken
as you may think proper with respect to it.

In a former Letter from him, he requests
that Captain John Graham who is the eldest
Captain in the State without Dispute, may be
appointed Major in the room of Major Ledges
who is resigned - I join him in this Request
as there are but ~~two~~ ^{three} Majors now in the Regt.
one of which is with Co. Courstons, and the
other unfit for duty by reason of the loss of
his arm which is not perfectly healed -

It appears to observe to your Excellency, that
I have ~~ordered~~ thrown into Fort Schuyler such a
Quantity of Provision sufficient for a Garrison of
five hundred men till the first of January. I
have also collected a Quantity of Schanestady
where there are one hundred Barrels ready to
be loaded ~~by a moment's warning~~ ^{on the shortest notice} - This
I conceive will be sufficient to transport all
the Stores & Provision which will be wanted for
the intended Expedition - I have not formed
any Magazine of Provision at Enenoharie

except what may be necessary for the Troops now
lying there, as I conceived it to be much safer at
Schuettady, especially as there are neither Houses
or Stores near the River to cover it - and even if
there were it would undoubtedly be an Object worthy
the Attention of the Enemy - I would be glad
to observe further, that if your Excellency should think
proper to order ^{me} to march to the Head of Tusquehanna
The distance from the Mohawk River to the
Otsego Lake is twenty Miles - the road ~~very~~ hilly
and much out of repair - so that it will require
a great number of ^{and a considerable length of time} teams to transport our ^{Baggage}
&c across - If ~~you~~ I ~~should~~ am ordered to march
by Fort Schuyler, tho there are two carrying
places, each is but about one mile - therefore could
proceed that way with more Expedition - I should
be glad to be informed if I am to take Pack horses
with me, as I conceive in such case, the V Master
should have directions to collect them -

I have presumed to mention this hints
to your Excellency, that ^{if} I am ordered to form a
Junction with the Army from the Tusquehanna
I may have timely notice -