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Regimental Orders

Camp Hillsborough 13<sup>th</sup> September 1780

Colonel Williams being appointed to the Command of the Troops of Maryland and Delaware which are to be formed into One Regiment of two Battalions and two Light Infantry Companies, agreeable to General Orders of Yesterday, calls upon all Officers who have appointments in the said Regiment to give the most assiduous Attention to their respective duties. The Troops are to be assembled with as much Expedition as possible. The Companies formed & the Orderly Serjeants named, the Muster Rolls made out, and the men Armed.

Majors Anderson and Hardman will attend particularly to the Execution of this order and prepare their Battalions to parade at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Camp Hillsborough 14<sup>th</sup> September 1780

All the men belonging to the Regiment are to be served with a Gill of Rum a man this morning.

No Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier is to leave Camp or be out of Drum call without leave in writing from the Comm.g Officer of the Battalion to which he belongs.

The Adjutants of each Battalion are to copy all orders, communicate them at Evening Parade, and attend particularly to their Execution.

The Regiment is to parade at Troop beating o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at Retreat every day till further orders.

Camp Hillsborough 15<sup>th</sup> September 1780

All Soldiers belonging to the Regiment are expressly and positively prohibited from Buying Bartering or selling any Articles whatsoever without the knowledge and approbation of the Officer Commanding the Company to which they belong.

The Troops are to be held in readiness to move to a new Encampment at the shortest notice.

A Camp Guard consisting of a Serjeant corporal and Twelve Rank and file to each Battalion is to be mounted every day at Troop beating till further Orders.

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Camp Hillsborough 16<sup>th</sup> September 1780

Returns of each Battalion are to be made out and delivered to Capt. Davidson tomorrow.

The Brush in the rear of the Encampment is to be set on fire by the Drummers and Fifers this Evening.

The Court Martial appointed for the Tryal of Isaac alias Patrick Coleman of the first Company in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, suspected of stealing a Rifle, after hearing the Evidence are of opinion he is Guilty of stealing a Rifle and do sentence him to receive Fifty lashes on his bare back. The sentence is approved and ordered to be in Execution at Retreat.

Camp – 18<sup>th</sup> September 1780

The Court Martial whereof Captain Kirkwood is Participant will sit Tomorrow Morning 8 o'clock.

The greatest Industry is to be used in finishing the Hutts upon plan they are laid out, and no hutt Built out of form or out of the line will be suffered to stand.

Regimental Orders. Camp Hillsborough. 19<sup>th</sup> September 1780

At a Regimental Court Martial which sat in Camp this Day agreeable to Regimental Orders of Yesterday, Capt. Kirkwood Prest. Levin Culver and Stephen Culver charg'd with Desertion plead Guilty to the charge and sentenced by the Court to receive One Hundred lashes Each -

Thomas Chatman(?) charg'd with Desertion before the Same Court plead Guilty and was sentenced to receive One hundred lashes

George Baumgardner charg'd with Desertion before the same Court plead Guilty and was sentenced to receive One hundred lashes and pay the Established price for his Arms, Accoutrements, Blanket and Cost which he lost.

Richard Duvall charg'd before the same Court with selling a mare not his own property. Plead Guilty and sentenced to 50 lashes.

Augustin Carm (?) was charg'd before the same Court with Attempting to sell his Musket and Plead Guilty. The Court are of Opinion he is Guilty of the Charge and ought to receive 50 Lashes.

The Commandant approves each and all of the foregoing Sentences and orders the punishments to be inflicted this afternoon at Retreat. The Colonel is determined not to pardon, nor mitigate the punishment due to so treacherous and scandalous crimes as Desertion and directs that the sentences against those who are found Guilty to be properly executed.

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20<sup>th</sup> September 1780

As the Clothier has received instructions to deliver two Blanketts to the Officers of each Company in the Regiment the Colonel expects the Gentlemen with Encamp and attend more particularly to Duty than they have done latterly.

All the Axes, pick axes, Spades, Shovels and Rakes delivered to the Regiment are to be collected and Return'd to Capt. HugO Wm. Mc (?) this afternoon.

At a Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Kirkwood was President John Bennet charg'd with Desertion plead Guilty and Sentenc'd to receive One hundred lashes.

The sentence is approved and order'd to be put in Execution this afternoon.

William Smith was try'd by the same Court for Robing an Inhabitant, plead not Guilty and the Court acquits him with Honor. The Colonel is happy in an opportunity of approving such a sentence and orders William Smith to be released immediately.

John MNelly charg'd before the same Court with picking Captain Blessos Pockett. No Evidence appearing the Court acquits the Prisoner and he is to be released.

Camp 21<sup>st</sup> September 1780

Michael Say'a (?) try'd by the Regimental Court Martial whereof Captain Kirkwood is President on suspicion of theft is acquitted. He is to be released immediately.

Serjeant Connally of Captain Dobsons Company try'd by the same Court for behaving in a very impudent and disorderly manner to Ensign Boone and being drunk when on Duty and drawing his sword on Majr Mazarett and attempting to strike him with the same plead not Guilty. The court after considering the Evidence and defense are of Opinion He is Guilty of the two first charges being a breach of Section 13<sup>th</sup> Article of the rules and Articles of War and do sentence him to be reduced to the ranks & receive 50 lashes. The Colonel is sorry there is no circumstance sufficiently favorable to Serjeant Connally to admit of an alleviation of his punishment When a Non Commissioned Officer so far forgets his on consequence and Rank as to get Drunk on duty he deserves to be reduced, and the riotous behavior for which Connolly was confined deservedly subjects him to Corporal punishment.

Joseph Mattingly and Ric'd Tuson try'd by the same Court for breaking a lock and drawing Rum when in Commissioning Kings Guard plead not guilty. The Court are of opinion the charges are vexatious and groundless and do acquit them. The sentence is approved and Mattingly and Tuson are to be released.

The Court Martial whereof Captn. Kirkwood is President is dissolv'd.

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James Clemant try'd by the same Court for Deserding & reinlisting plead Guity is Sentenc'd to receive One hundred lashes. The Sentence is approved and is to be put to Execution at Retreat.

Camp near Hillsborough 22 September 1780

The Commanding Officers of Battalions are requested to make returns tomorrow morning of the Supernumerary Serjeants and the names of the Orderly Serjeants of each Company of their respective Corps. Each of the Extra Drummers and Fifers as are fit to bear arms are to be put in the Ranks. The others may till further orders be made Batt Men in place of such stout effective men as are of present improperly employ'd. A stout able bodied man of each company is to be appointed a Pioneer by the Majors of Battalions and one other man of each Company to be made Camp Color Man.

Ensign Benjamin Pickle will do duty in the fourth Company in the first Battalion in place of Ensign Greame.

The shameful neglect of parade duty makes it absolutely necessary for the Colonel to call again upon the officers to give proper attention. It is easier for them to give constant examples of subordination than for him to give one of rigid discipline.

Camp Near Hillsborough 23 September 1780

Two serjeants and twenty men from each Battalion are to parade tomorrow morning at sun rise as a Fatigue Party to take directions from Captn. Hugo the Quart.m.t.

The following serjeants are appointed Orderly in the Companies in

Serjeant Thomas Windam of the First Company of the First Battalion  
Serjeant Thomas Jones of the Second Co. First Battalion  
Serjeant John Prinse of the Third Company of the – do, (“ditto” – JB)  
Serjeant James Burns of the Fourth Company – do.  
And Serjeant Harris of the Light Infantry Co. of do.  
Serjeant Caroll of the First Company of the Second Battalion  
Serjeant Hagerty of the Second Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
Serjeant Edwards of the Third Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
Serjeant Jacobs of the Fourth Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and  
Serjeant Gordon of the Light Infantry Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
They are to be obeyed and respected as such.

Camp near Hillsborough 25<sup>th</sup> September 1780

Lieutenant William Woolford is to do duty in the Second Com. Of the second Battalion in place of Lieutenant Ford till further orders

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Captain Brooks Lieutenants Manger and Watkins & Ensign Fellon Command the Light Infantry Company of the first Battalion

Captain Kirkwood, Lieutenants Ewing and (blank) and Ensign Anderson command the Light Infantry Company of the Second Battalion according to the directions of the Board of Officers and General Orders.

Camp Hillsborough 27<sup>th</sup> September 1780

The Court Martial whereof Capt. Jacquett is President is Dissolved.

The officers are required to prepare their mens arms accoutrements & c. for a General Muster and Inspection which is intended to be made the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Next Century Corporation

Camp Hillsborough 28<sup>th</sup> September 1780

A Regimental Court Martial to sit tomorrow for the tryal of such prisoners as shall be brought before them. Captain Armstrong is appointed President.

Camp Hillsborough 29<sup>th</sup> September 1780

The Officers Commanding Companies having received blank copies of Muster Rolls are strictly to conform to the following directions filling them out:

The Muster Rolls of Field, Commissioned, and Staff Officers are to contain all those officers belonging to the Regt of which the Comp is form'd, by name according to their Rank and Seniority from the Colonel to the Fife Major with the Dates of their Commissions appointments and the Casualties for the months of July Aug & Sept. The Muster Rolls of Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers & Fifers and Rank and File are to contain all the names of all the men belonging to the Old Regimt. In the following Order. "Serjeants" Corporals "Drummers and Fifers" , Ranks and File" with the casualties of each of the afs. Months.

The Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers who are not included in the Regiment as it is now form'd are to be musterd, Extra In Maryd. Or Extra in Camp both the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, when the Reformation took place. But in the Inspection returns those Officers must be return'd on Command because the are so

By order of the Commander in Chief

The Officers, Non Commission'd Officers, Music & Privates serving in the Light Companies are to be musterd "On Command" 16 Sept. 1780. All Casualties are to be remarked with as much certainty and precision as possible that the Inspection Returns may be correct. The proof of Effectives will be made as usual leaving out, Dead, Departed, Transferr'd, Prisoners of War and missing and all that are finally accounted for.

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A Gill of Rum is to be issued to day.

At a Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Armstrong is President, William Talon charg'd with missing roll call, plead Guilty and was sentenced to receive fifteen lashes.

Noah Carter, Stephen Owens, Jos. Sloope, and Michael Cinnas (?) charg'd with going into the Country after night without leave, plead Guilty and sentenced each to receive fifty lashes.

Thomas Airs charg'd with Theft plead Guilty and sentenced to receive Twenty Five lashes.

John Nenselnt (?) William King and Patrick Murphy charged with being absent without leave plead Guilty and sentenced each to receive Fifty lashes.

Samuel Valent (?) was brought before the same Court but no charge being Exhibited is ordered by the Court to be releas'd.

Colonel Williams approves each of the foregoing sentences and Orders them to be Executed at Retreat.

Camp 30<sup>th</sup> September 1780

The General Muster will commence Tomorrow at two o'clock. Both Battalions will be mustered at the same time, beginning on the Right .

Camp October 1 1780 Hillsborough

The Commandants of Companies will make out two fair copies of the Rolls by which the Troops are allotted in the following order, first the present, 2<sup>nd</sup> Those out on detachments by order, Artificers & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sick in Hospital including the Orderly men at Hospital 4<sup>th</sup> Prisoners of War 5<sup>th</sup> Missing 6<sup>th</sup> Deserted 7<sup>th</sup> Transferred 8<sup>th</sup> Dead. The filling up the Proof of effectives may be delayed till tomorrow.

Camp October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1780

As a number of the Maryland and Delaware Troops who were retaken from the Enemy have been under the Command of Colonel Ford since the 2<sup>nd</sup> (?) of September they are to be muster'd join'd on that Day. Colonel Williams will furnish the Officers Commanding Companies with some paper tomorrow morning for copying Muster Rolls.

The Arms and Accoutrements &c. of the Regt. will be Inspected Tomorrow afternoon about 3 o'clock.

Camp Hillsborough 3<sup>d</sup> October 1780

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No fires are to be made in or near any part of the line upon any pretense whatever, nor (?) to be burnt in any of the hutts. The dangerous consequences that may attend the least accident are sufficient to prevent any person consideration of (?) from committing a breach of this order and the Colonel hopes the utmost precaution will be taken by both officers and men.

R.O. [i.e., Regimental Orders] Camp Hillsborough 4<sup>th</sup> October 1780

No person whatever is to presume to retail rum or other spirituous liquor in Camp without (?) obtained in writing from the Commanding Officer.

Returns of cloathing wanting for the noncommissioned officers, Drummers, Fifers and Privates are to be made for both battalions early tomorrow morning. The Officers Commanding Companies and Battalions will please to be very exact in making the returns for Shirts, Shoes, Overalls, & blankets than are immediately necessary. For Coats, Waistcoats & c. the return may include what may be necessary for the (?? ?? ??)

R.O. Camp near Hillsborough 5<sup>th</sup> October 1780

Two marquees are furnished by the Quarter Master for that use of the Officers which are to be pitch'd this evening.

Camp 6<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The patterns of blankets to be made of (?) cotton are to be delivered dto the companies in the following proportion Viz.

1 Batt	Capt Gaither's	15	2 Batt	Capt Jacquetts	37
	Anthony's	23.22		Williams's	33
	Benson's	21		Oldhams	28
	Anderson's	20		Dobson	31

The Officers Commanding Companies will receive and distribute the patterns in the most equitable manner considering the present wants of their men and under exact accounts of the delivery for the Paymaster. Thread will be procured tomorrow for sewing the pieces together which must be attended to by the officers.

R.O. Camp Hillsborough 7<sup>th</sup> October 1780

As there was a deficiency of Kendal (?) Cotton Blankets that sho'd have been issued yesterday, each Company in the Second Battalion and Captain Anthony's Company in the first is to be charg'd with one less each than the proportion mentioned in Orders.

One hundred and fifty Dussle (?) Blanketts are to be deliv'd this afternoon in the following proportion:

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1 <sup>st</sup> Batt	Captain Gaithar's Co. 11 Armstrong's 16 Benson's 16 Anderson's 15	Second Batt	Jacquetts' 26 Williams's 21 Oldham's 20 Dobsons 22
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Correct returns are to be made early tomorrow morning for Shirts, Shoes and Knapsac's wanting to compleat the men with one of each Article when added to what they already possess. –

Divine Service will be perform'd tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Doctr. Armstrong. The Officers and Men will please to attend.

Camp Hillsborough 8<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Shoes, Shirts Overalls and Knapsac's are to be distributed this morning in the following proportion. Viz.

	Shoes	Shirts	Overalls	Knapsac's
Gaither's Company	9	12	14	64
Armstrong's	10	16	20	60
Benson's	7	14	12	50
Anderson's	7	15	12	40
Jacquetts'	17	24	15	70
Williams's	14	25	23	100
Oldhams	12	20	21	70
Dobson	<u>14</u>	29	21	50

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The Company will issue a gill of Rum per man this afternoon. –

Camp Hillsborough 9<sup>th</sup> October 1780

Two Copies of the Muster Rolls are to be given to Col. Williams. Tomorrow 12 o'clock with the Original. – And the returns of Cloathing deliver'd the men are to be deliver'd at the same time.

Camp Hillsborough 10<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Officers who have rec.'d Duffle Blankets may if they please Exchange them at Col. Williams Tent for Rose (?) Blanketts and those who have received none may be supplied. There is Blue and red Cloth in the hands of the Clothier which will be issued upon application for coats, waistcoats & c.



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A General Inspection of Arms & c. will be made tomorrow at 4 o'clock precisely. All the Officers off duty at that hour will punctually attend and the Officers Commanding Companies will have exact Returns of Musquetts, Bayonetts, Bayonet Belts, Cartouch Boxes, (?) slings, (?) (?) (?) (?) Brushes (?) (?) to be delivered on parade. (remainder of the page is faded and unreadable.)

Camp Hillsborough 11<sup>th</sup> October 1780

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Camp Hillsborough 12<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Encampment is to be made very clean tomorrow and the dirt carried to a great distance in Front and Rear, to execute this duty both Battalions will turn out immediately after Roll Call in the morning and an Officer of each Company will attend.

Camp Hillsborough 13<sup>th</sup> October 1780

At a Regimental Court Martial whereof Captain Williams is President Corporal Charles Close charg'd with Drunkenness & absenting himself from Guard confessed the Charges. The Court are of Opinion he be reduced to the ranks and receive fifty Lashes on his bare back. At the same Court John Cosby charg'd with beating Robert Darling, the Prisoner plead Guilty and the Court sentenced him to receive Twenty five lashes on his bare back. At the same Court Justin Carm charg'd with theft plead not Guilty. The Court are of opinion He is Guilty and sentence him to receive fifty lashes on his bare back. At the same Court John McNelly was charg'd with stealing a knapsack of Cloaths plead not Guilty. The Court are of opinion as he confessed taking up the napsac his intent was to steal it but was detected and sentence him to receive Fifty Lashes on the bare back. At the same Court John Cochrane charg'd with drunkenness and theft please Guilty to the first and Not Guilty to the second charge. The Court are of Opinion He is guilt and sentence him to receive Two hundred lashes on his bare back. Col. Williams approves all and each of the foregoing Sentences and orders them to be Executed this Day. John McNally excepted, who in consideration of his age and the desire of the Serjeant who confined him, is pardon'd.

Joseph Purdy and Thomas Butt were brought before the Court, But no charges being exhibited nor prosecutor appearing they were orderd to be released which is to be done immediately.

Camp Hillsborough 14<sup>th</sup> October

The Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Williams is President (?) Jamison was try'd for stealing a pair of (?) and absenting himself from (?) without leave. Plead Guilty. The Court do sentence him to receive one Hundred Lashes on his bare back. The Sentence is approv'd and to be Executed Tomorrow.

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Camp, Hillsborough 16<sup>th</sup> October 1780

Returns of Arms, Accoutrements & c. agreeably to the form publish'd in Regimental Orders of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. are to be made with all possible correctness and delivered to Colonel Williams early tomorrow morning. No Deficiency is to be rec'ev'd but to compleat the Effectives Presents. (Remainder of page is faded and difficult to read.)

Camp Hillsborough 16<sup>th</sup> October 1780

At a Regimental Court Martial whereof Captain Williams is President, Samuel Coyl was charg'd with Drunkenness & Insulting Lieutenant Duvale. Plead Guilty to the first part of the charge and not Guilty to the Second. The Court find him Guilty and order him to receive Fifty Lashes on his bare back. Patrick Fagon was brought before the same Court charg'd with Drunkenness when on Guard Plead Guilty. The Court orders him to receive One hundred lashes on his bare back. Joseph Purdy before the same Court was charg'd with Drunkenness and cutting a Bayonet belt. Plead Not guilty. The Court are of opinion he is guilty of the first part of this charge but acquits him of the other and thinks (rest of page is faded and difficult to read)...

William Rice and William Harris were brought before the same Court and charg'd with being drunk and abandoning themselves from Camp. Rice plead Guilty and Harris plead Guilty to the first part but denies the latter. The Court are of Opinion that Rice sho'd receive Fifty Lashes on his bare back and Harris being guilty of the first part of the charge sho'd receive Twenty Five lashes. Thomas Ford and Rich'd Cofield were brot before the same Court charg'd with theft plead not Guilty. No Evidence appearing to support the Charges, the Court think they ought to be releas'd.

Colonel Williams approves the proceedings of the Court. The Stripes are to be administered at Retreat beating and the Prisoners sent to their duty. The Cot. is dissolved.

Camp Hillsborough 17<sup>th</sup> October 1780

Accurate returns of Coats, Vests, Overall's Shirts, Shoes & Hatts wanting in the respective Companies to be made tomorrow morning by 10 o'clock that the proportion of those Articles just arrived may be issued to the men without Delay.

Camp Hillsborough 18<sup>th</sup> October 1780

Coats, Vests, Overalls and Shirts and Hatts are to be issued to the Companies tomorrow in the following proportions. Viz.

		Coats	Vests	Overalls	Shirts	Hatts
1 <sup>st</sup> Company	Capt. Gaither's	26	52	5	10	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Co.	Armstrong's	53	71	69	15	30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Co.	Benson's	39	52	65	12	20

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4 <sup>th</sup> Co.	Anderson's	40	52	44	10	29
		158	227	223	47	85
Second Battalion		Coats	Vests	Overalls	Shirts	Hatts
1 <sup>st</sup> Co.	Jacquetts	66	87	88	18	37
2 <sup>nd</sup> Co.	Williams's	65	87	76	7	35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Co.	Oldham's	53	73	75	16	31
4 <sup>th</sup> Co.	Dobson's	60	72	76	18	30
		244	319	315	69	133

As soon as the Cloathing is received the Officers will issue it to their men in the most Equitable manner having a particular regard to those in the greatest necessity. Artificers Bat Men and others who are expected to join the Reg't before we march are to be consider'd in the Distribution (remainder of page is faded in difficult to read.)

Camp Hillsborough 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1780

The Regiment will parade in front of the Encampment Tomorrow precisely at one o'clock. All the Officers are to be present and the men are to have their arms accountments knapsacs and Blanketts in the best order, the latter neatly tied up and Slung. The Troops will probably be review'd by the Commander in Chief and the Officers are desired to prepare them to make the best appearance. The shoes on hand are to be delivered in the following proportion

Capt. Gaithres Co	18	Captain Jacquetts Co.	36
Capt. Armstrongs	34	Williams Co.	36
Capt Bansons	26	Oldham's Co.	33
Capt Anderson Co.	22	Dobson's Co.	37
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Camp Hillsborough Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1780

The Soldiers are to take the greatest care of their new Cloathing. No part of the uniform is to be altered by any soldier on pain of severe punishment. The Officers will please to pay an attention to the appearance of their men. Have their hair neatly form's and their Cloathes kept clean. The Commissary will give a gill of Rum per man this afternoon.

Camp Hillsborough 21<sup>st</sup> October 1780

Mr. Delozier will issue a proportion of One Hhd [hogshead] rum to the Officers in Camp being part of that which is provided by the State of Maryland.

Camp Hillsborough 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1780

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Returns of Hatts wanting in the several Companies are to be made this afternoon that the few on hand may be issued.

There is a small Quantity of Sugar and Coffee in the State Store. Mr. Delozier will issue upon application a proportion to each Officer, reserving an equal proportion for the Officers of Light Infantry.

Camp 28<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Hatts are to be delivered in the following proportion Viz.

Capt Gaithers Co.	18	Capt. Jacquetts Co.	23
Armstrongs Co.	28	Williams's Co.	32
Benson's Co.	23	Oldhams Co.	27
Anderson's Co.	19	Dobsons Co.	27
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The Regiment is to be in readiness to march tomorrow. –

Returns of Arms, Accoutrements, Cloathing & c (?) wanting repair, and Deficient to be made immediately.

Camp Hillsborough 24<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Officers Commanding Battalions will have their men Completed with 40 Rounds of Cartridges and three Flints & (?) this Day.

Camp Hillsborough 25<sup>th</sup> October 1780

A Regimental Court Martial is to sit this morning for Tryal of the Prisoners under Camp Guard. Capt. Armstrong Prest. and two Officers from each Battalion are to sit as members.

At the Regimental Court Martial held agreeable to the above order, Charles Scott charg'd with looseing his arms when on Guard. The Prisoner plead Guilty and Says in his Defence that they were stolen which being proved to the Satisfaction of the Court he was acquitted –

Corporal Birch appear'd before the Court charg'd with absenting himself from Camp, being drunk and stealing a Shirt and Breeches. This Prisoner pleads Guilty to the first part of the Charge and denies the latter. The Court are of the Opinion that the prisoner is Guilty & sentences him to be reduced and receive Fifty Lashes on his bare back.

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The Sentence is approved. Birch is to go to his duty in the Ranks. The Lashes are postpon'd for the present. –

Joshua Scott charg'd with Embezzling and offering for sale two yards of Tent Cloth. The Prisoner plead Guilty. The Court sentences him to receive One hundred Lashes which sentence is confirm'd and to be Executed this afternoon.

John Williams charg'd with being concern'd with Scott in Emezzling the Tent Cloth. The Prisoner pleads not Guilty. The Court are of opinion he is guilty and sentence him to receive Fifty Lashes on his bare back. The sentence is approved and to be executed immediately.

Camp Hillsborough 26<sup>th</sup> October 1780

As a number of sick men will unavoidably be left behind when the Troops march it is recommended to the Officers to be very particular in keeping their Notes, as it is expected the Casualties in the next Muster Rolls will be made with the utmost exactness. - It is indispensably necessary that every Officer of a Company sho'd be acquainted with every thing respecting it for obvious reasons.

Camp Hillsborough 27<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Honorable Board of War of the State of North Carolina Present their Compliments to the Officers of Maryland and Delaware and invite them to Dinner to day.-

Camp Hillsborough 28<sup>th</sup> October 1780

A Regimental Court Martial to sit this Day for Tryal of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. Capt Benson Presdt and two officers from each Battalion will sit as members.

The Commander in Chief has informed Colonel Williams that he intends to march the Troops Tomorrow, every thing is therefore to be put in the most perfect readiness. All the men on (?) and (?) service are immediately to join the Regiment. (rest of the entries for this day are faded and very difficult to read.)

Camp Hillsborough 29<sup>th</sup> October 1780

One waggoner from each Company in the Regiment is to be sent immediately to Mr. Edmondson to be employ'd in driving Teams for the Army.

Camp Hillsborough 30<sup>th</sup> October 1780

The Officers Commanding Companies are to prepare for a genl. Muster and Inspection, which will be made if circumstances admit the first day of next month. As the last muster was made (?)(?) ... will consequently deviate a little in form. Precidents will be given

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this afternoon or Tomorrow which it is expected the Officers will most exactly conform. It is strongly recommended to the Gentleman seriously to consider the very great impropriety of giving incorrect returns, as it is understood that every return is made upon Honor and the Laws of Congress require that the Muster Rolls shall have the additional Sanction of an Oath. –

Camp Hillsborough 31<sup>st</sup> October 1780

If the Troops are not order'd to March a general Muster and Inspection of the Regiment will be made as soon as the Rolls can be got ready. Notice will be given when the Troops are to parade. The Muster Rolls of the Field, Comissioned and Staff Officers will be made agreeable to the last, including (?) and certified upon Honor by the Senior Officer of the Corps Present. The Muster Rolls of the noncomd. Officers, Drummers, Fifers, and Rank & File are to be made agreeable to the Precedent given, those present first and the Casualties Succeeding each other in the same order as they are placed in the abstract of Muster and Inspection. Every note must be made as correct as possible, the Duties absent Soldiers are on must be mark'd distinctly and there on Extra: Services are to (?) those on command in the Roll. All that were Muster'd Non Effective in the last or any succeeding Roll that have since join'd and all Recruits that are arrived must be Muster'd Joind; and if they are not present the reason of their absence must be remark'd. All Officers and Soldiers in Maryland, not on Furlough, or on Extra Service are to be muster'd Recruiting as they are employ'd in that duty. Officers of the Staff, and all others with the Army not doing Duty in the line are to be Muster'd on Extra Services. Every Casualty and Note must have its Data where it can be made with any certainty. The Proff of Effectives must be made in the usual manner. The Rolls certified by the Inspector and proved by the Senior Officer Present.

A Regimental Court Martial is to sit this morning for the Tryal of all Prisoners Under Camp and Gn. Guard. Captain Jacquett President, and two Officers form each Battalion will sit as Members. –

At a Regimental Court held agreeable to the above order, Serjeant Samuel Davis of the Delaware Company was try'd for Desertion. The Prisoner plead Guilty. The Court find him guilty of a Breach of the first Article of the First Section of the Rules and Articles of War and sentence him to be reduced to the Ranks and to receive One Hundred Lashes.

Serjeant James Dulin of Captain Andersons Company charg'd with Drunkenness and absenting himself from his Guard all Day plead Not Guilty. The Court found him Guilty of absenting himself from the Guard and Drunkenness being a Breach of the latter part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Article 13 Section of the Rules and Articles of War and do sentence him to be reduced to the Ranks and receive Fifty Lashes.

Corporal Purchase, Andres Cromy, and George Felisters of Capt. Williams Company charg'd with robbing and beating John Jones of Capt. Andersons Co. Plead not Guilty. The Court having duly considered the charges and the Evidence do find them Guilty of a Breach of the 5<sup>th</sup> Article Secdction 18<sup>th</sup> of the Rules and Articles of War and do Sentence

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the Corporal to be reduced to the Ranks & receive One hundred Lashes. The others to receive the like number of Lashes and that the prisoners pay to John Jones two hundred Dollars to be stopp'd out of their monthly pay agreeable to the Articles of War.

James Thompson charg'd with stealing a set Hall Buckles from Philander Burklos an Inhabitant plead Not Guilty. The Court find the Prisoner Guilty and do sentence him to receive Fifty Lashes and refund two hundred Dollars to William Ohg which he gave him for the Buckles.

The sentences are all approved. The Lashes are to be administered at Retreat and it is hoped they will heal the disorder to which the offenders have been addicted.

Captain Mense will take Command of the first Company in the First Battalion in place of Capt Gaither on Sunday.

Camp Hillsborough 1<sup>st</sup> November 1780

As the Troops are to march at 12 o'clock the Muster will commence at nine. Both Battalions will be muster'd at the same time. –

All the Effective men belonging to the Regiment that can possibly be collected are to march. The March is postponed by Genl. Orders till Tomorrow 18 o'clock when every thing is to be in the most perfect readiness. One of the Marquees is to be left for the use of the Maryd. Artillery, all the others are to be carried for the use of the Officers of the Regiment.

Camp Hillsborough 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1780

(opening paragraphs greatly faded and difficult to read)

Brigade Orders

Camp Major (?)'s Farm 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1780

CSign [Call Sign] Gates

The Commissary will immediately issue One Pound and a half of Beef per man. The Officer Comm of the Van Guard is not to Suffer any Soldier, Bat Man or Woman to pass his Guard without a Permit in writing signed by a Field Officer, without which no Soldier is to presume to leave Camp or the line of March. The Officer of the Rear Guard will march, till further orders, in the rear of the Baggage, take up all such as are without papers and return them under Guard to their respective Corps where the Troops halt and the Commanding Officers will have them properly punished.

B. Orders Camp at Col Paisley's Farm 4<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Csign Catawba

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try'd and found Guilty of absenting themselves without Leave and sentenced to receive Twenty five Lashes. Col. Williams approves each of the Sentences, the Prisoners are to be sent to their respective Battalions and the Lashes are to be well laid on at Retreat this Evening. The Court Martial is Dissolved.

The Commissary will issue a ration of Beef half a Pound of Flour and a gill of Brandy a man this Evening.

Camp Eller's Ferry 8<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Parole Wateree	Sign Saluda
Of the Day Tomorrow	Major HileA Adj. Hartshorn

The Commissary will issue a Ration of Beef per man to the Brigade and a gill of Spirits per man to the Guard.

Brigade Orders Camp Salisbury 9<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Parole Congress	Csign Santee
Of the Day Tomorrow	Colonel Buford Adj. Duvall

As the halt will be short the Troops are to be employ'd in cleaning their arms, washing their Cloaths and refreshing themselves. The Officers Commanding Guards are directed to put the Brigades orders of the fifth Instant into Execution against all such as perform marauding or absenting themselves without leave.

Returns of the Troops in Camp are to be made by Commanding Officers of the several Corps this Evening – The Officers Commanding Companies in Col. Williams Regiment are immediately to send in their abstracts of (rest of page is too faded to read)

B.O. Camp Salisbury 10<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Parole Rariton	Csign Brunswick
Of the Day Tomorrow	Major Anderson Adjutant Perkins

At a Brigade General Court Martial whereof Major Hardman is President James Brookes was charg'd with Desertion and Plead Guilty and the Court Sentenced him to receive one hundred Lashes on the bare back. At the same Court, George McCloskey was charg'd with Desertion and Plead Gulty. The Court sentenced him to receive one hundred Lashes

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on the bare back. At the same Court Bartholomew Thompson was charg'd with stealing salt and plead Guilty. The Court Sentenced him to receive one hundred Lashes on his bare back. At the same Court Harry Pyle was charg'd with neglect of duty plead guilty. The Court sentenced him to receive Twenty five Lashes on his bare back.

Colonel Williams approves each and all of the Sentences and orders them to take place at Retreat.

B.O. Camp Salisbury 11<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Parole Salem           CSign Brume  
Of the Day Tomorrow       Major Hardman  
                                      Adj't Hartshorn

Ensign Dyan is to take Command and to duty in Captain Bensons Company.

The Brigade is to be in readiness to march Tomorrow.

B.O. Camp Salisbury 12<sup>th</sup> November 1780

The arrival of Genl. Gates Supercedes my Authority to give a Parbeole and Cosign.,

The Brigade will parade precisely at Twelve O'clock all the Guards will be under arms at the same hour and every Officer and Soldier, not on duty, is to (?)

The Commissary will issue half a Gallon of Rum to each Commissioned Officer and a gill of Rum per man to the Brigade including the Guards.

The Officer of the Day will please examine into the Circumstances of the Guards and remove them to such post as he ma think most Eligible to answer the purposes for which they are intended, taking into consideration the Security of the Camp, the care of any ammunication & c. and comfort of the Troops –

B.O. Salisbury 13<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Capt. Gibson will prepare to go with the Cloathing & Rum for the Light Infantry to Genl Smallwoods Camp. –

B.O. Camp Salisbury 14<sup>th</sup> November 1780

15<sup>th</sup>

The Commanding Officers of Companies in the Maryland and Delaware Lines will immediately make returns of all the Officers belonging to their respective Corps, who are now in Captivity, with the Rank they are entitled to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November Instant –

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B.O. Camp Salisbury 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Nov  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1780

The Troops are to be held in Readiness to march at a short notice.

B.O. Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1780

The Brigade will march Tomorrow by the Right.

(In pencil – Being Indispos'd I remain'd in (?) at Mr. Chambers in Salisbury till the 28<sup>th</sup> November, march'd that Day to Physers & arrived the 29<sup>th</sup> at Charlotte)

B.O. Charlotte the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1780

The Officers Commanding Companies of Maryland and Delaware Troops will prepare their Muster Rolls and Inspection returns agreeable to the last forms. Agreeable to a late Resolution of Congress those muster Rolls of each Company are to be made out, and a proof of Effectives in the usual manner. Certified by the Inspection and Sworn by the Commanding Officer who is to sign the following Probate viz. I \_\_\_ do swear that this Muster Roll is a true state of the Company under my Command without fraud to the United States or any Individual according to the best of my knowledge. Sworn before  
\_\_\_\_\_

B.O. Camp Charlotte 1 December 1780

The First Battalion of Maryland Troops will be muster'd tomorrow, if fair, by the Brigade Inspector. –

Both Battalions of Col. Williams Regiment & Col. Bufords Reg and the Corps of Artillery, attach'd to the Brigade, are to be kept, as much as possible, from going into Town as the danger of spreading the small pox is very great. The Command's of Regiments will take particular notice to whom papers are granted and have their Rolls call'd at least three times a Day; and will take such other measures to prevent marauding as they may judge proper. The abominable licenciousness of the Soldiery requires the greatest attention & the severest Examples of Punishment.

B.O. Camp Charlotte 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 1780

As it is too wet to muster the Troops to Day that business is postponed till Tomorrow.

B.O. Camp Charlotte 3d Dec. 1780

The muster of the Troops is again postpon'd because the weather is unfavorable. A Brigade Ct. Martial will sit tomorrow.

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B.O. Camp Charlotte 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1780

General Green arrived at Charlotte & Superceded Gl. Gates.

Brigade Major Davidson will muster both Battalions of Maryd; and Delaware Troops this Day.

B.O. Camp Charlotte 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1780

Captain Lieut. Frimm will prepare the Muster Rolls of Captain Singletons Company.

B.O. Camp Charlotte Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1780

The Troops of the Brigade are to be prepared to attend Divine Services Tomorrow, as it is Expected the Chaplain will attend them agreeable to a resolve of Congress for observing it as a Day of pray'r and thanksgiving.

B.O. Camp Charlotte Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1780

At a Brigade Court Martial wherof Captain Harry Dobson was President held in Camp the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant John Garvin Soldier in Cap. Oldham's Company was charg'd with theft. Plead not Guilty. The Court find him Guilty and Sentence him to receive Fifty Lashes. The sentence is approved and order'd to be put in Execution this afternoon.

Serjeant Roe was charg'd before the same Court with threatening the life of Doctr. Dysart so as to make him afraid of his person also with frightening Peter Dagason when on duty and when he Serjeant Roe was a Prisoner in custody. The Court are of opinion the charge of threatening the Doctors life is without foundation and by no means supported and do acquit him and that the charge for frightening Dagason is prov'd from his own acknowledgement and Sentence him to be reduced to the ranks. The Sentence is approv'd and to take place immediately.

Serjeant Mantle, John Elery, Mary Roe, Sarah Mantle, Sarah Joica, and Mary Young charg'd before the same Court with theft, please Not Guilty. From the Evidence & Circumstances which were offer'd and appear'd to the Court they are of opinion all of the prisoners are concerned in the theft and think Serjeant Mantle ought to be reduced to the ranks and receive One hundred Lahes. They are of opinion on Jno. Ellery shod. receive Fifty lashes the first day and Twenty five lashes each Day after until he shall have received One Hundred Lashes. The Court are also of opinion that Sarah Mantle, Molly Young, Mary Roe, and Sarah Joice shall receive Twenty five Lashes each day for four days successively without they make discovery of the Goods.

The Sentences are Severally approved. Those against the Soldiers are to take place in Camp and the Commandants of Battalions are to attend to their Execution. The women are to remain under Guard till further orders. The Court Martial is Dissolv'd.

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B. Orders Camp Charlotte Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

As complaints are made of the Extortion of the Women in Camp for Washing, I do hereby order and direct that forty Dollars per Dozen shall be the Establish'd price for Officers cloaths and linen, and half that price for non commission'd officers – The Women are to have soap found them, and such as refuse to comply with these terms are excluded drawing Rations, and are to leave Camp.

This order is publish'd with an addition in Genl. Orders of this day.

B.O. Camp Charlotte Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Decembr 1780

The Recruits brought to Camp by Capt. Beatty are to join the First Maryland Battalion and be appointed to the several Companies by Major Anderson who will have regard to the present strength of each.

B.O. Camp Charlotte Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1780

As soon as the weather will permit the Troops will be Exercised twice a Day. By Companies between the Hours of Ten and Twelve o'clock in the morning and by Battalions between three and five o'clock every afternoon. They are not to be kept under arms less than one Hour nor more than two at any one time.

B.O. Camp Charlotte, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 1780

Returns of shoes wanting for the men in Camp and on Command, except the Light Infantry, to be made immediately. –

B. Orders Camp Charlotte Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1780

Returns of all Commission'd Officers belonging to the Seven Maryland Regiments and the Delaware Regiment are to be delivered to Col. Williams as soon as they can possibly be made out in the following form Viz.

Return of Officers of the Maryland Regiment 14<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1780

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Dates of Comm.</u>	<u>Right of Promotion</u>
			The reason for promotions must be mentioned & the Date.

B. Orders. Camp. Charlotte 18<sup>th</sup> December 1780

Accurate Returns, agreeable to the last Muster Rolls are to be made immediately of the Numbers of men in each Company belonging to Maryland and Delaware whose times of Inlistmt expire before the first Day of June 1780. The 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Jany 1782 and on the same Days of the Same months in each Succeeding Year in which any Inlistments may

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Expire. At the bottom of these returns the number for the War must be added that, the total may agree with the Total or Effectives in the last Returns.

B. Orders. Camp Charlotte, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

Agreeable to General Orders of this Day the Light Infantry Companies of Maryland and Delaware Troops are to be completed as Follows Viz. The Delaware line will furnish one com.y to be Commanded by Captain Kirkwood, Lieutenant Coe and Ensign Anderson. The first Maryland Battalion will furnish the first Company to be Commanded by Captain Brooks, Lieut. Manger and Ensign Nellson. The Second Company to be Commanded by Captain Anderson, Lieut. Adams and Ensign Falkerson. The Second Battalion will furnish One Comy including those already detach'd to be Commanded by Capt. Dobson, Lieutenant Ewing and Ensign Smith - Each Com'y is to have a Drummer or Fifer.

Majors Anderson and Hardman will draft the men from the Companies in their respective Battalions according to their strength leaving them as nearly averaged as possible.

Captain Beatty will take command of the Company formd by the late Seventh Maryland Regiment and Lieutenant Brush (sp?) will relieve him in Superintending the Hospital.

B. Orders Camp Charlotte Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

Lieutenant Gassaway Watkins is to take Command in Captn. Brooks Company of Light Infantry and Ensign Dyer is to take Command in place of Ensign Halkenson who is, at present, unfit for Duty. The Majors Commanding Battalions will appropriate a proportion of Camp Kettles for the Light Infantry and, is possible, furnish a Tent for the Officers of each Company –

Notes

The Brigade march'd from Charlotte agreeable to Genl. Orders the 20<sup>th</sup> December about 10 o'clock in the morning. Halted at Fords Plantation 12 miles and Encamped that night.

21<sup>st</sup> Decr. march'd to Richerson Creek 17 miles & Encamped

22<sup>nd</sup> Encamped at Browns Creek 16 miles

23<sup>rd</sup> at Cedar Creek 13 miles

24<sup>th</sup> Halted – at Anson Co. House 8  
Encamp's at Haley's Ferry P.D. 9

25<sup>th</sup> pass'd the P.D. River at Haleys F. & Encamped at East Side

26<sup>th</sup> March'd to Hicks Creek 12 miles

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From Charlotte to Hicks Creek on P.D. 87 miles

B. Orders Hicks Creek Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

Hutts are to be built in the present Encampment in the form of Common Tents & covers with Pine Tops.

B.O. Hicks Creek Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

The Rolls are to be called three times a Day to prevent the Troops leaving Camp without permits in writing.

B. Orders Hicks Creek Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1780

The Boat builders are to be turn'd out agreeable to Genl. Orders and the Blacksmiths, Caulkers, Masons & Pioneers are also to be sent to the Brig.Qr. Mr. agreeable to Detail

B. Orders Camp Hicks Creek 30 Decr. 1780

The Bridga's Qr. Mr. will furnish the Com.g Officers of Companies with half a Quire of paper each and the Rolls for a muster & Inspection of the Men, Arms, Accoutrements, Cloathing &c. are to be prepared by the Second day of January. The Brigade Majors will read the Articles of War to the Troops Tomorrow at 4 o'clock P.M.

Brigade Orders Camp Hicks Creek 1 Jany 1781

Capt. Hugo B. Qr. Mr. is to furnish Blanks for the Officers agreeable to Genl Orders

B.O. Camp Hicks Creek 2<sup>nd</sup> Jany 1781 –

The Brigade will parade at four o'Clock this afternoon. The Officers are to take their Commands in their respective Corps and the men are to have their Arms in good order.

The Maryland and Delaware Troops will be muster'd Tomorrow by Capt Davidson, Brigade Inspr. For the month of December, 1780. –

Brigade Orders. Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

A Brigade general Court Martial will sit Tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock at the Presidents Tent for tryal of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them, Majr. Ridley will preside  
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Brigade Orders Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1781

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Doctor W. Warfield will take charge of the Sick of the First Battalion of Maryland Troops 'til further orders

Lieut. Col. Ford will muster and Inspect the Virginia Troops and the Companies of Artillery Tomorrow at 1oclock

Brigade Orders Camp Hicks Creek Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1781

Lists of the names of Deserters from each Company in the Maryland Line since the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of September last are to be delivered to the Brigade Major who will deliver it with the abstracts of the last muster and Inspection. A List of Deserters also from the Delaware line since the time of the afores'd is to be sent in.

All the men who went to Maryland with General Smallwood are to be return'd on Extra Service. –

Camp Hicks Creek Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1781

At a Brigade General Court Martial held in Camp the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant by order of Col. Williams Commandant of Brigade Major Ridley President.

Joseph Longdon of the 6<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment was charg'd with Desertion and Plead Guilty. The Court are of opinion he is guilty of a Breach of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the Articles of War and Sentence him to walk the Gauntolope twice thru' the Brigade.

At the same Court William McFarren of the 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment and James Neagle of the same Corps charg'd with Desertion severally plead Guilty. The Court are of opinion that the prisoners are each of them Guilty of a Breach of 1 Article 6 Section of the Articles of War and sentence each to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back.

At the same Court Benjamin Carnes charg'd with Desertion loosing his arms and accoutrements and selling his blanket & plead not Guilty. The Court are of the opinion he is guilty of the charges being a breach of the 1 Article & second part of the 3d. Art. 12 Section of the Articles of War and sentence him to receive 100 lashes on his bare back.

At the same Court John Kenny and George Craigg of the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment charg'd with Desertion and endeavoring to get to the Enemy, plead Not Guilty. The Court after mature deliberation are of opinion that the prisoners are guilty of the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the charge being a Breach of 1<sup>st</sup> Article 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the Articles of War and sentence each to receive One hundred lashes on the bare back.

The Proceedings of the Court are approv'd. The several sentences are to be put in Execution this afternoon and the Court Martial is dismissed. –

B.O. Camp Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1781

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The Brigade will parade for exercise at 12 oclock

B.O. Camp Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1781

A Brigade Court Martial will sit Tomorrow at the Presidents Tent for tryal of such prisoners as shall be brought before them. Major Hardman Prest.

B.O. Camp Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1781 –

A small proportion of the Cloathing which was expected from Maryland being arriv'd, Captain Gibson will please to distribute the same among the Officers of the Maryland Line and the Maryland Artillery now serving in the Southern Army. The Brigade Chaplain and the Regimental Surgeons & mates are to be consider'd as Offcs. Of the State.

B.O. Camp Hick's Creek Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jany 1781

Captain Smith will take Command of the Company form'd by the late Sixth Maryland Regiment, Lieut. Gassaway will do duty in the Company commanded by Captain Armstrong, and Ensign Vaughan will join the Delawares –

B.O. Camp Hicks Creek Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jany 1781

The Brigade will parade without Arms at Eleven o'clock for Divine service –

Brigade Orders Camp Hicks Creek So. Caroline 22d. January 81

At a Brigade general Court Martial held in Camp the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1781. By order of Colonel Williams Commd. Major Hardman President. William Cooper of the Virginia Regiment charg'd with Desertion. Plead Not Guilty. The Court are of opinion the Prisoner William Cooper is guilty of the charge being a breach of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article Sixth Section of the Articles of War & Sentence him to receive One hundred lashes on the bare back.

Julius Mercer of the 3d. Maryland Regiment appear'd at the same Court being charg'd wth Desertion and Plead Not Guilty. The Court after mature deliberation are of opinion that he is guilty of the charge being a breach of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the Articles of War and sentence him to receive one hundred lashes on the bare back.

At the same Court Richard Hudson of the Delaware line appeard, being charg'd with Desertion. Plead. Guilty. The Court therefore sentence him to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back.

John Wood and Solomon Brown of the 3d. Maryd. Were brot. Before the same Court being charg'd with Desertion, and acquitted. –

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John Dulany of the 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regimt. was brought before the same court being charg'd with Desertion. Plead Guilty and was sentenc'd to receive one hundred lashes on the bare back.

John Dyer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Regiment appear'd before the same Court charg'd with Desertion, Plead not Guilty, and was acquitted.

William Alford of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virga. Regt. appear'd before the same Court charg'd with Desertion. Plead Not Guilty and was acquitted.

Joseph Clay of the Maryland Line appear'd before the same Court, charg'd with Desertion, Plead Guilty and was sentenc'd to receive one hundred lashes on his bare back  
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Colonel Williams approves all and each of the aforesaid sentences, and directs that William Cooper, Julius Mercer, Richard Hushon, and Joseph Clay be punish'd this afternoon according to the several Judgments announc'd against them. The Commandant is pleas'd to pardon Delany in consideration of the Court.

All the Prisoners are to join their respective Corps. —

Joseph Dawson is also to be releas'd and to join his Company.

The Court Martial is dissolv'd.

The Commanding Officers of Corps will please to order their Arms to be put in the best possible order to have the flints taken out, and wooden knockers put in and practice the Firing motions twice a Day. —

B. Orders Camp. Hicks Creek in So. Carolina. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1781

The Brigade will be ready to march tomorrow agreeable to General Orders. —

B. Orders. Camp Hicks Creek Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jany 1781.

The Brigade will march in the following order. 1<sup>st</sup> Colonel Greens Regt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Colonel Bufords Regt. 3d. Col. Fords Regiment. Two Pieces of Artillery will move in Front of the Virginia Troops and two in front of the Maryland and Delaware Troops —

The Baggage in same Order as the Corps to which it belongs.

Camp Masks Ferry Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feby 1781

The Troops are to pitch their Tents and clean their Arms —

B.O. Camp Masks Ferry Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 81

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The Officers will prepare their heavy Baggage to be sent off Tomorrow morning – They will divest themselves of every thing not indispensably necessary for the Field and be ready to march tomorrow agreeable to General Orders –

The Invalids and women are to march with the heavy Baggage -.

B.O. Camp Gilford Court House Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feby 1781

The Troops which are to act in Brigade under my Command, according to General Orders of this Day, will encamp in the following order Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> Battn. of Col. Fords Regiment. on the Right, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battn. in the centre and the Lt. Col. Smith's Regiment upon the left. All the men on Extra service, not order'd by the General, are to be called to their Duty in the line. The Officers and Gentlemen of the Staff who have able bodied men as waiters will immediately exchange them for Boys that will be furnish'd by Commandants of Battalions. The Commanding Officers of Corps will carefully inspect the arms & ammunition, see that they are kept clean & well secured, and it is expected every Officer will attend particularly to his own duty and that of those who serve under him. –

Brigade Orders

Camp Gilford Court House Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feby 1781

The Officers will please to be particularly attentive to the care of their mens Arms and Ammunition. The Musketts are not to be unbreach'd, nor the locks taken to pieces; in cleaning the locks is morel securely and effectually done by boiling them in clean water brushing out the dirt with a brush of Hoggs bristles or Feathers and applying a little (unreadable) of oyl.

The First Battalion of Maryland Troops is to furnish Twenty five Privates, and the Second Battalion Thirty five Privates for Light Infantry to fill up the Companies agreeable to General Orders of yesterday – they are to be detail'd from the Companies from which they were before drafted according to the strength of each. –

Ensign Vaughan will join the Delaware Company.

The 10<sup>th</sup> I was ordered to take command of the Light Infantry, Cavalry which formed the Light Army on the retreat to the Dan River.

O.H. Williams

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