The General observes in ye returns of this week that above one twentieth part of our little army are employed as officers' servants; and as their having any is rather an indulgence than allowed, and the men have hard duty between guards & fatigues, he expects at least gentlemen will restrain them to a moderate number, and that in future they will appear once a day upon the parade to shew that they may be of some service when required.

No furloughs are allowed on any pretence at this time. Col. Crawford & the field officers from the other side of the Mountains are required to attend at the General's Tent at 11 o'clock this morning.

FORT McIntosh, Oct 27th 1778.

Parole—Berkley: Countersign—Hampshire.

Col. Crawford is desired to join the Berkley & Augusta troops into one corps, & those from Hampshire & Rockingham into another, who may be distinguished or called by the third and fourth regiments of his brigade; & out of these two corps he is to order one company of pick^d officers & men for the Light Infantry, observing to have no company less than fifty men, agreeably to the liberal determination & request of the field officers of those corps. And another such company of Light Infantry from y^e first & second regiments.

Col. Brodhead is also desired to keep the two Light Infantry companies of his Brigade complete, as these are the most necessary & useful troops on an expedition.

The General is extremely sorry to find the unmilitary practise of firing guns in & about camp become so customary since he left it last, & no notice taken of it: As he flattered himself it was entirely abolished, he observed yesterday with infinite concern the imprudent eagerness of military as well as militia, & is sorry to say of officers as well as men, on pretext of a trifling deer, which might have been sent by a cunning & vigilant enemy (& well known to be practised in such deceptions through our camp) with a design to surprise it, without any thought or attempt to guard against such manoeuver, which is very frequent. General is inclined rather to entreat than order officers to be more careful for the future; he could wish gentlemen would consider such practices are directly against & in contempt of a standing general order already issued here. That a strict subordination and obedience to such orders, without inquiring into the reason of them, until they are first obeyed, is the very first principle &

foundation of all military discipline, & without which every pretence to the lesser forms & appendages of it are mere farce.

In order to indulge the people in their favorite diversion of hunting, the General permits it, provided it be out of hearing of the picquets on both sides of the river, but positively forbids shooting upon any other occasion without leave, & expects hereafter that if two guns are heard within two or three minutes of each other by day, & one by night, that the drums shall beat to arms & the whole line turn out immediately, prepared for action.

The General Court Martial, whereof Major Taylor was President, is dissolved.

FORT M^cIntosh, Oct^r 27th 1778. Regimental Orders.

Whereas, the Colonel has thought proper to permit the soldiers to hunt, in order to provide themselves with skins to supply the place of shoes and the other necessaries: It is the Major's positive orders that no non-commissioned officer or soldier do, upon any pretence, sell or barter skins or moccasins to any person belonging to another regiment, under pain of being severely punished: But they may sell or barter them in their own reg^t to such soldiers as stand in need of them.

Fred Vernon.

HEAD QUARTERS, Tuesday 2^d November, 1778.

Field officer to-morrow, Col. Gibson. Detail same as yesterday. Twelve hundred of the activest and choicest men out of the whole line are to be got ready to march at an hour's warning, with their arms & accourrements each having a bayonet or tomahawk, & forty rounds pr man in the best order, with two spare flints, & also their clothes, tents, blankets, kettles & every necessary for encamping.

Col. Cambray, the Commissaries & Quarter Masters will apply to the General for what they are to provide. At the special request of Col. Brodhead, Capt. Josh Finley is appointed to act as his Brigade Major in the absence of M^r Graham; & M^r Arch^d Reed appointed an Ensign in the 8th P^a Reg^t D^r Skull is appointed Surgeon of the militia from this side of the mountains, & D^r Gay surgeon of the militia from the other side, who are to consult when necessary with Doctors Morgan & Brown, all of whom are to be respected accordingly.

As Mr Haymaker will be otherwise employed, Mr King is to superintend all the works, who requires that all fatigues and workmen shall go to their rest or meats [meals] only at a certain beat of the drum as he shall direct, & return to their work again upon beating the Pioneer's march, which is to be observed for the future on penalty of one day's pay.

Lt. Col. Campbell is to have the command of this and all other posts on the other side of the Ohio & Allegany Rivers until further orders: He is to have the direction of, & use his utmost endeavors to collect a sufficient quantity of forage, provision & other stores here, as soon as possible, & give orders for that pur-

pose to the different departments of the staff.

A General Court Martial, whereof Major Vernon is President, to sit this morning at 8 o'clock for the trial of Capt. McCormick of the 13th Va Regt now under arrest, & such other prisoners as may be brought before them.

M' James Berwick to act as Judge Advocate during Col. Benton's absence from Head Quarters. Major Harrison, of the Youghagany Regiment, is ordered to assist the D' Q' Master General in procuring forage.

FORT McIntosh, Nov. 4th 1778.

The Detachment ordered to be ready ye 2d instant, are to march immediately as they will be directed, & no excuse will be taken for any delay. Ensign Ward of Capt^a Ferrol's Company, is removed at ye request of Col. Brodhead in ye same rank he now has, into the 8th Penna Regt; & Ensign Dolton, in ye 13th Va Regt, is removed into Capt^a Ferrol's company in Ensign Ward's room.

At a General Court Martial held yesterday at this garrison, whereof Maj. Vernon was President, Capt. M°Cormick, 13th V⁸ Reg^t, was tried for disobedience of orders & for being absent from his regiment, & other reports the officers lay to his charge. The Court are of opinion Capt. M°Cormick was guilty of disobedience of orders & being absent from his regiment, & sentence him to be discharged from y° service, and it appearing to the Court that Capt. M°Cormick did act as Sheriff of Youghagany County—the Court further direct the said M°Cormick shall have no pay as Captain from y° 11th Nov^r 1777, being the date of his furlough. The General is sorry that after consulting his principal officers, & after mature deliberation of y° charges & evidence against Capt. M°Cormick & his defence, & the tenderness due to every man's reputation, he cannot in justice to his conscience

agree to the sentence of the court, as Capt. McCormick repeatedly requested leave to resign, & always declared his determination not to serve with officers whom he imagined sought his ruin, as he neglected his private business, & would not be qualified in your Sheriff's office until the matter was settled, the appointment being so late as the 9th of June, 1778, & anxious to have his discharge: His pay continues to the 15th of Jany last when his furlough expired, & has leave to resign when he settles with his company and regiment.

Nathaniel Heaton, a pack-horse driver, tried for neglect of duty, to which he pleads guilty: The Court, on account of his former good conduct, only sentence him to be severely reprimanded by Col. Steel, & to return to his duty, which is approved of.

Thomas Cunningham, of Capt. Heath's Independent Company, tried at the same court for desertion & assisting a prisoner to escape, was found guilty of desertion & being drunk on guard, & sentenced to receive 100 lashes for each crime, amounting to 200 lashes on his bare back well laid on. The General approves of the sentence, but remits one half of the punishment, & orders Col^o Campbell to see the other half put in execution.

James Ringrove, of Capt. Ferrol's company, tried at the same court for mutiny, & was found guilty of a breach of the 2^d art¹ 2^d sect. of the Articles of War, & sentenced to receive 50 lashes on his bare back; & it appearing that the prisoner is of an infamous character, the Court further sentence him to be drummed through the army with a rope round his neck, & never to be seen in the army again, which is approved of, & his Captain ordered to see it put in execution immediately.

Neha Weldon, pack-horse driver, charged with theft, but as no evidence appeared against him, he is discharged.

David McMahon, of the 8th Penna Regt tried at Said court on suspicion of stealing money, who were of opinion the prisoner is guilty of a breach of the 15th art., 18th secta, of ye articles of War, & sentence him to receive 200 lashes, & that any private property he has shall be sold by public vendue to satisfy Margaret Legier, & put under stoppages till all ye sum he stole be satisfied, which is approved of, but 100 lashes are remitted, the rest of the sentence to be executed immediately.

W^m & Sam^l Shepardson, two pack horse drivers, were tried for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, who plead their time of engagement was expired: The Court orders the prisoners

to return to their duty until they produce their articles of enlistment, which they are ordered to do.

The Court is dissolved.

Order of March.

1^{stly}, 250 rank & file, in 3 columns, in front, from Col. Brodhead's Brigade, who are to furnish proper advance guards.

2^{dly} 250 rank & file to march in Indian file in one column on y°

right side of the road.

3^{dly} 250 rank & file to march in the same manner on y^e left side of the road, the two last to be distinguished by the right & left wings, & the cattle, the baggage & provisions are always to march between the two last.

4^{thly} 250 rank & file to march in ye rear, & furnish proper rear guards,

5^{thly} The four Light Infantry companies to march in y^e following order.

Captⁿ Moor's company to be equally divided on y° flanks of y° advance party or 250 in front.

Capt. Sullivan's company to be divided in y same manner on y flanks of y 250 in y rear.

The two other companies to flank the two wings.

6^{thly} Captⁿ Ferrol's company to act as a reserve.

7^{thly} The few Light dragoons we have under the command of Capt. Mills to act occasionally as y* General shall direct.

8^{thly} The fatigue-men detached from y^e line are to act as Pioneers with Captⁿ Steel, & to be under the direction of Col. Cambray.

The manner of encampment, order of battle, & other necessary movements, shall be given out in future orders, which with this shall be particularly observed by every officer & soldier in the army.

Head Quarters, Camp N° 7, Nov 11th, 1778.
Parole—Houston: Count⁸⁰—Honour. Officers of the Day Col.
Murray, Maj. Vernon.

General Order

Since the weather will not allow the army to march this day, & the food all eat out within the lines, one half of the piquets are to guard the drivers wherever they carry the cattle & horses where

the best feeding & shelter can be got. The rest of the piquets are to guard the lines until relieved in the evening as usual.

For the good behaviour of the men, & the strict obedience to orders, which the General saw remarkable instances of yesterday, when the deer ran through the lines, & for which he publickly returns them his thanks, he allows an officer & twelve men from each line to hunt during this day for the benefit of the whole, observing that the men of each party keep within sight of each other & make report of any discovery they make.

HEAD QUARTERS, No. 7, Nov. 12th 1778.

Parole—Jamaica: Counter^{sn}—Island. Officers of the day Lt. Col. Harrison, Major Scott.

The General could wish after the indulgence of yesterday that all the officers who commanded hunting parties had reported whether they made any discoveries or not, agreeably to orders.

The centre columns of the front & rear divisions are to march in double files hereafter to give more room for the cattle & baggage horses, & form the readier when required, which last the Adj^t General is ordered to direct & see performed properly & with expedition on all occasions by every line alternately, beginning with the front.

As the General is ever anxious for the honor as well as safety of the army of such brave men, has observed them, for want of information, to form their lines very awkwardly, & slow, which is attended with many inconveniences, especially against such enterprising & vigilant enemies as the savages are who take every advantage & strike with savage fury.

The field officer of the day shall send parties before day to waylay the road, as Col. Brodhead shall direct, while the army marches, & also see all the Light Infantry scout properly as already ordered, for some distance on all sides for skulking parties of the enemy, to bring in all straggling horses & cattle as early as possible, & report to the General when all things are ready & prepared for marching.

The General positively forbids any firing of guns without his permission, unless at any enemy.

Head Quarters, Nº 9, Nov^r 13th 1778.

Parole—Monongahela: Count^{rsn}—Minden. Officers of the day.

Col^o Evans, Maj. Taylor.

G[eneral] O[rders]

At a Brigade C[ourt] Martial from the Militia line held this day, whereof Major Henderson was President, Jacob Onge, of Col. Murray's reg^t, was tried for firing his gun contrary to orders, to which charge he plead guilty, & the Court sentenced him to receive 15 lashes on his bare back well laid on with hickory switches.

Thomas Cantwell, of Col. Evans' reg^t, tried by the same court for firing his gun when he was upon guard; but being proven to be an accident by the evidence of John Minby is ordered only to be reprimanded for his carelessness. The General highly approves the sentences of the court on these two men, & thanks the gentlemen for the attention & desire they have shewn to break the vile practise of shooting, which, beside the waste of amunition, were dangerous in our present situation. For once more the General pardons Jacob Onge the whipping, in hopes he will behave well hereafter, only to forfeit one month's pay, agreeably to the orders of the 7th inst.

The Delaware Messengers are come to camp to inform the General their warriors will join our [army] at or perhaps this side the Tuscarawas: Therefore, no parties are to go any distance ahead of the army until further orders or without leave; & every person is to be exceedingly cautious to distinguish well whether any Indians they meet are friends or enemies before they fire upon them. A white flag with fourteen red stripes is given the former for distribution, at the same time every precaution is necessary, & to be used against treachery. No man or party of men must be suffered to come in or go out of camp without the General's permission.

Head Quarters, Camp Nº 11 Nov^r 16th 1778.

Parole—Orangeburgh: Count^{sn}—Oliver. Field officers of the Day, Lt. Col. Murray, Maj. Vernon.

General Orders

Every person, without exception, is positively forbidden to buy or sell, or have any kind of barter or dealing whatsoever with an Indian or Indians, without the General's special leave in writing, and any officer, soldier or any other person who buys a single article hereafter, if ever so trifling, contrary to this order, shall forfeit such article or whatever he gives for it & three months pay, besides such other punishment as a Court Martial shall inflict for a breach of orders, & every person privy to such purchase who does not inform against the offenders shall forfeit one month's pay, besides other punishments. One half of the value of any article or articles purchased of the Indians shall belong to the informer. This order is to be read before every company in the army, & to the staff, that no person may plead ignorance.

Detail of piquet:

	c.	sub.	S.	с.	p.
$8^{ ext{th}} \operatorname{Reg}^{ ext{t}}$	0	0	2	2	45
13 th Reg ^t	1	2	1	1	15

Head Quarters, Camp No 12, Nov. 17th 1778.

Parole—Poland: Count^{sn}—Prudence. Field officers of the Day

Lt. Col. Harrison, Major Scott.

General Order

The General's informed some enemy Indians have been seen near our Camp; he therefore cautions all officers to be very careful that none of their men straggle or go outside of their lines by night or day, unless they are ordered upon some duty, & call the Rolls often, & as the repeated orders issued against firing guns wantonly is so shamefully neglected, any soldier who detects another shooting a gun hereafter without leave, shall, upon conviction of the offender, be entitled to a month's pay extra, and any who will not detail or inform against such offenders shall be confined as guilty of the crime himself, & forfeit one month's pay, beside such other punishment as a Court Martial shall inflict, or if any officer commanding a party next where a shot is heard, does not immediately rush to the place, agreeably to the order of the 9th inst., to see if it is an enemy, he shall be put under an arrest for breach of orders. This the field officers of the day are to see enforced in their respective departments, & also that the centinels have no fire at night. All the officers & soldiers are desired to collect & save all the deer tails they can get & wear them

in their hats, which may induce our friend Indians to do the same & distinguish ourselves & them from our enemies.

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[Headquarters, Tuscarawas, Nov. 21, 1778.]

General Orders.

A General Court Martial, whereof Major Vernon is appointed President, to sit this morning for the trial of Capt. Cook, of the 8th Penna Regmt, & Wm Elliott, Director Superintendant of Pack Horses, & such other prisoners as may be brought before them. As the weather begins already to set in very severe, & we've experienced the pack-horses exceedingly sorry, which will [make] our supplies uncertain, the General is sorry he is obliged to curtail the rations to one pound of flour per man until a supply arrives, & hopes the brave men of his army will content themselves with it for a short time & see the necessity & propriety of it; to make up the deficiency, each man is to be served with one pound & a half of beef pr day, which the commissaries will strictly observe till further orders.

After Orders.

As the General is desirous to have the fort finished, to try whether we can do anything against the enemy this season, he directs each regiment to take their share of it in proportion to their number of men off duty immediately, as the picquets are now cut, & he hopes they will exert themselves to shew who will be done first.

Head Quarters, Tuscarawas, Nov^r 22^d 1778.

Parole—Washington: Counterⁿ—Wilkinson. Field officer of the day to-morrow: Major Scott.

Head Quarters, Tuscarawas, 23^d Nov^r 1778.

Parole—Virginia: Countⁿ—Virtue. Field officer of the day tomorrow: Lt. Col. Harrison.

General Orders

At a General Court Martial held yesterday, whereof Major Taylor was President, Capt. Thomas Cook, 8th P^a Reg^t, was tried for neglect of duty & sleeping on guard at camp Beaver N^o 5, the

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles, countersigns, and names of field officers for November 19-21 inclusive.

Court were unanimously of opinion that Captⁿ Cook was not guilty of the charge.

W^m Elliott, a Superintendant or director of Pack Horses for this division, tried at the same court for neglect of duty: The Court were of opinion every blame of the delay of our army ought to have fallen upon Brady, & Elliott should have been discharged.

The General in compliance with their opinion, relieves both these gentlemen, & dissolves the Court; but at the same time, as the States have suffered so amazingly already on this Department, & every expedition & plan hitherto set on foot has fallen through by the neglect of those employed in it, which is well known to every person in this army. The General expects more care from the Directors of it in future, & desires such careless persons as M' Elliott will not be employed hereafter, as he finds laying the blame on any other will be deemed a sufficient excuse, & no examples can be made of such delinquents & plunderers of the public.

HEAD QUARTERS, Nov^r 24th 1778.

Parole—Xenophon: Counterⁿ—Xerxes. Field officer to-morrow: Lt. Col^o Evans.

Head Quarters, Tuscarawas, Nov^r 25th 1778 Parole—Youghagany: Counterⁿ—York. Field officer to-morrow, Major Springer

General Orders.

The General is so well satisfied with Capt. Prather's conduct yesterday, & his vigilance in detecting those who so shamefully waste their amunition, & is attended with so many other inconveniences, that he (Capt. Prather) has liberty to hunt with any three he chooses, provided it is out of hearing of the piquets, that he always informs the General of it, & takes up any other he finds out without leave in writing.

Head Quarters, November 26th 1778.

Parole—Zealand: Counterⁿ—Zealous. Field officer to-morrow: Col. Beeler.

General Order:

The field officers & Captains throughout the army are to attend at Head Quarters this morning by 10 o'clock.

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles, countersigns, and names of field officers for November 27–29 inclusive.

[Headquarters, Fort Laurens, Nov. 29, 1778.]

General Orders.

The militia have behaved so well these two days past that they are allowed this day from any fatigue duty, & to send four men from each regiment every day to hunt deer for the benefit of their respective corps, under the direction of Captain Prather, as he was the first who put a stop to the unmilitary practice of wasting amunition & firing guns wantonly. Those who work at or near the fort for the future are to lodge their arms in the bastions, & a guard of a sub. & 1 serj^t & 1 corporal, & 18 privates to mount there every morning for the protection of them, the provision, stores, &c., &c., as we can not be too warv of the artful enemy we have to deal with, notwithstanding their chiefs are expected to come in. It is hoped the field officer of the day [will] always see the whole line up with their arms in their hands an hour before day, & see them in good order with their accourrements, the Rolls called at daylight, & the sentinels be always vigilant & alert, agreeably to former orders. As the General observes by cutting the timber, that the lines are mostly in the clearing, whereby the enemy have a great advantage, the Adjutant General is ordered to visit them often with the field officer of the day, & make such alterations as they find necessary, & no person is to go out or come in, without leave.

Head Quarters, November 30th 1778.

Parole—Demosthenes: Counterⁿ—Darien. Field officer tomorrow: Lt. Col. Harrison

General Order.

Captain Abraham Lincoln is appointed Deputy Commissary of Hides West of the Mountains from this day; & all other Commissaries, Butchers, & others who have had any concern with any public hides, leather, or shoes, heretofore in this Department, are to render him an account of their proceedings & the present state of that business whenever Capt. Lincoln demands it.

HEAD QUARTERS, Decr 1st 1778.

Parole—Count d'Estaing; Counterⁿ—Egypt. Field officer tomorrow: Major Scott.

General Orders.

All the field officers of the whole army, or a majority of them to which there was no objection, agreed that no person should go

home until the Indian Treaty was over, this fort completely finished & in good order, & four good block-houses made upon the road between this & Fort MoIntosh. The General agrees to these conditions, and promises that none shall be detained longer than they are complied with, that they may be all on a footing. At the same time he thinks those spirited officers who engage their men for a longer time, & in which they could expect to be of some service to their country, the General himself proposes going with the militia to Fort MoIntosh, in order to see them paid off for their service, & expects every man will appear there to be mustered for that purpose, without which they cannot receive any, & orders no person to go outside of the lines without his permission, except four hunters from each regiment by Capt. Prather's leave & under his direction, & for this the field & other officers of the day are to be accountable. The officers commanding each regiment & company are to be accountable for all the amunition their men receive at Fort McIntosh when demanded, as it will be wanted at this post.

Head Quarters, December 2^d 1778.

Parole—Finnland: Counterⁿ—Fox. Field officer to-morrow:

Major Springer.

Head Quarters, Fort Laurens, Dec^r 3^d 1778.

Parole—Gerard: Counterⁿ—Greene. Field officer for to-morrow: Col^o Evans.

General Orders.

The General promises & assures the militia, that if they exert themselves & will finish the two side rows of cabins laid out for them by Monday night with what they have already begun, they shall have but one block-house to raise upon the road to Fort MoIntosh, where they are to remember they are all to appear to be mustered before they can be paid off. Upon their engaging this, Col. Crawford is permitted to discharge such of the mutineers of Ohio County who led such a bad example to the whole army whose conduct he can depend upon for the future & will be accountable for.

Head Quarters, December 4th 1778.

Parole—Henry: Countern—Huston. Field officer to-morrow:
Major Taylor.