

HEAD QUARTERS, FORT LAURENS, Dec^r 5th 1778.

Parole—Jamestown: Counterⁿ—Ireland. Field Officer to-morrow: Col. Stevenson.

A General Court Martial from Col. Brodhead's Brigade, whereof Maj. Vernon is appointed President, to sit this morning for the trial of Serj^t John Aspie of the Light Dragoons for dealing with the Indians, contrary to orders, & such other prisoners as may be brought before them.

Also a General Court Martial from Col^o Crawford's Brigade, whereof Lieut. Col. Harrison is President, for the trial of some who are guilty of the same offence, so prejudicial to the whole army & all our concerns with the Indians, among which delinquents the General is sorry to find one who is honored with the command of a company, shewing the shameful example, that is, Capt. Pierce of Col. Stevenson's regiment.

All officers & soldiers in the line are to be served with a gill of *whiskey* each, & the General is sorry horses could not be procured to bring more of that necessary article, those who came up with the whiskey are not to have any as two kegs are missing, to make every one more careful in future of what they have in charge.

HEAD QUARTERS, Dec^r 7th 1778.

Parole—Lowden; Counterⁿ—Lapland. Field officer of to-morrow: Major Vernon

General Order

Two kegs of the whiskey that is for the use of the Indians, to be left with Col. Gibson; the remainder to be distributed throughout the line.

HEAD QUARTERS, Dec^r 8th 1778.

Parole—Madrid: Countⁿ—Minorca. Field officer to-day: Maj. Springer. Field officer to-morrow: Lt. Col. Beeler.

At a General Court Martial of the Virginia militia line, held the 6th & 7th inst., whereof Lt. Col. Morrow was President, Capt. Isaac Pierce, of Col. Stevenson's reg^t, was tried for dealing with Indians contrary to a positive order, to which Capt. Pierce pleads guilty, & confesses he did give an Indian a shirt & two dollars for two deer-skins, which he attempted not only to justify but applaud himself for, as well as any other person who would oppose & disobey orders given for the regulation & safety of the army unless

he or such persons approved of them, or rather if they did not suit their own interested, vicious, and selfish inclinations, with some illiberal & false aspersions upon the General. The Court taking the case of Capt. Pierce into consideration, sentence him only to make a proper acknowledgment of his fault to the General, in presence of the President of the Court, & to be then reprimanded for his breach of General Orders. As the General knows & has a high opinion of the honor [of] some of the gentlemen of this court, he is extremely sorry his duty obliges him to disapprove of this sentence, & continues Capt. Pierce under arrest. As such examples escaping with impunity would be attended with the worst consequences hereafter, & the more so as he appears to have so many advocates which sullies the general good conduct of the militia so much approved of & applauded almost on every occasion ever since they have been in this service.

At another Court Martial from the Continental Line, whereof Maj. Vernon was President, Serj^t John Aspy of the Light Dragoons, was tried for the same crime, dealing with the Indians contrary to a positive general order, to which he plead guilty, & confessed he gave an Indian the buttons of his coat for two fawn skins: The court sentenced him to be reduced to a private sentinel & receive 20 lashes on his bare back, but recommend him to the General's clemency on account of his former good conduct. The General highly approves the sentence, but at the request of officers, who have shewn such a regard for the essentials of the service they are engaged in, remits the whipping, although we feel the effect of so bad examples already. Serj^t McCormick of Capt. Ferrol's company is also discharged, & the Court dissolved.

All troops are to be served with 3 days more flour, except Col. Gibson's regiment who remain in the fort, & perhaps immediately to march without any stop or delay until they reach Fort McIntosh. All persons are allowed to go out & in without passes to-day to hunt their horses.

HEAD QUARTERS, [FORT MCINTOSH] Dec^r 13th 1778.
Parole—Virginia: Countersign—Williamsburg.

General Orders.

The General congratulates the troops upon their return to this post on their way home after establishing two important posts in the enemy's country, by which he hopes the safety of the frontiers

[will be] secured hereafter, by keeping the savages in awe at home, & preparing the way for further enterprises against them; and the General expects that the most of the Gentlemen here will have the honor of finishing in the spring what they have so well began under many difficulties, as the enemy had not the spirit to engage us this time near Tuscaraway as they promised.

The General returns his hearty thanks to the brave militia of Virginia for a conduct during this campaign which would do honor to the best regular troops, except a few individuals who, he hopes will stay at home the next time, & never come here again to poison & corrupt an army so determined to serve their country. That they may not be detained, he desires they may be all mustered this morning, agreeably to the Regulations of the 27th of October last; in order to enable them to make out their pay rolls properly. After which, an officer from each county may stay to receive their money.

As a farther mark of the General's satisfaction with the behavior of the militia he orders them to be served with a pint of whiskey each man, and be discharged immediately after they are mustered, although the time of very few of them is expired yet. He also releases Capt^a Pierce from his arrest, & pardons all those who have forfeited their pay by shooting or any other breach of orders, & requests the favor of all their field officers to dine with him to-day. This order is to be read before every company. The Adj^t Gen^l, & Major Leete are to muster their men, as there is no Muster Master or Commissary.

FORT M^cINTOSH, Dec^r 20th 1778.

Regimental Orders.

No person is to be absent from camp without leave from the Colonel.

A return to be made out by the officers commanding companies of the names of the non-commissioned officers & privates in the Regiment who are enlisted for the war.

DAN^l BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t.

HEAD QUARTERS, Dec^r 21st 1778.

General Orders.

As the 8th Penn^a Regiment by some means is very deficient in subaltern officers to the injury of the service, the General, there-

fore, appoints Serj^{ts} John Guthrie, John Clark, Thomas Wyatt, & James Morrison to do the duty of ensigns in that regiment, and to be respected & obeyed as such.

Lieut. Lawrence Harrison with 1 serj^t, 1 corporal, & 15 privates of the 13th V^a Reg^t, are ordered to Fort Randolph at the Canaway to reinforce Capt. Dawson during the winter. Ensign Henry Dawson with 2 serj^{ts}, 2 corporals & 32 privates to march by land to Holliday's Cove & Fort Henry to relieve the militia at those two posts.

The Commissaries & Q^r M^r General's are to make out an awkward (?) accurate return of all the provisions & stores they have, & all the men employed in their different departments, & upon what terms, as soon as possible. As Whiskey grows scarce, it must be reserved for fatigue men, therefore no more is to be issued without the orders of the General.

HEAD QUARTERS, Dec^r 22^d, 1778.

Parole—[blank in Ms.]: Countersign—[blank in Ms.]

W^m Summerville is appointed Conductor of Military Stores under the direction of Lieut. Col. de Cambray, with the pay of Lieutenant since the 1st of Oct^r last.

Captⁿ Ferrel & Capt. Rusk's Independent Companies are to get ready to march to Fort Pitt to-morrow morning, when Col^o Brodhead's regiment shall take possession of the garrison, & no soldier allowed to encamp outside of it hereafter.

HEAD QUARTERS, FORT M^oINTOSH, Dec^r 24th 1778.

A garrison Court Martial is to sit immediately, whereof Maj. Vernon is appointed President, & to consist of five members, for the trial of the prisoners in the Guard.

To-morrow the troops are to make the best appearance possible, & be excused from fatigue, & each non-commissioned officer & private is to be served with one gill of whiskey.

The Colonel expects that the greatest decency & decorum will be observed by the troops that no reflections may fall on them on account of his indulgence.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

FORT M^oINTOSH, Dec^r 25th 1778.

Parole—Christmas: Countersign—New Year.

At a Court Martial held for the garrison, whereof Major Vernon was President, Jacob Kimble, John Cribs, & John Parker, of the

8th P^a Reg^t, were tried for neglect of duty: No evidence appearing against them, the court were of opinion they might be dismissed. The Colonel is very sorry to find that soldiers of his own regiment should be confined for neglect of duty, as he flattered himself that they were better bred, & expects to hear nothing more against their reputation, & assures them that although they may for the present escape punishment for the want of testimony, yet they may expect it whenever the crime can be proven.

At the Court, Paul Martin, of the same reg^t, was tried for disobedience of orders, but it appearing to the Court that he had permission from Serj^t Haslet to fire his gun, contrary to General Orders, he was sentenced to receive twenty five lashes only, which punishment is remitted.

The Colonel is grieved to see so great a declination of military discipline, & that the contrary has been too little encouraged for some time past. He, however, again hopes to see his men conducting themselves as regular soldiers ought to do, & is determined to punish every delinquent. The prisoners are to be released immediately.

In future all orders for artificers & fatigues, except where a commissioned officer commands a fatigue, are to be signed by the Q^r Master, before they can be countersigned by the Commanding officer.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

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[HEADQUARTERS, FORT McINTOSH, Dec. 30, 1778.]

A Regimental Court Martial is to sit to-day for the trial of John O'Neal, a prisoner in the Guard House: The Court to be composed of Capt. Carnahan, President, & two subalterns members.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

HEAD QUARTERS, FORT McINTOSH, Dec^r 31st 1778.

Parole—New Year: Countersign—Old Year.

At a Regimental Court Martial, whereof Captain Carnahan was President, John O'Neal, a private in the 8th P^a Reg^t, was tried for extorting his brother soldier an immoderate price for making a pair of breeches; but it appearing to the Court in the fullest manner, that the matter alledged was groundless & false, he was ac-

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for December 26-30 inclusive.

quitted by the unanimous opinion of the Court. The prisoner is, therefore, ordered to be released, & the Court dissolved.

To-morrow being New Years day, each non-commissioned officer & soldier is to be served with half a pint of whiskey, but only half the quantity to be issued in the morning, & the other half in the evening.

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[FORT McINTOSH, Jan. 22, 1779.]

The Colonel requests the favor of the officers to examine the chimneys of the barracks in which their respective companies are quartered, & oblige the soldiers to sweep them clean at least once every week, & where they are not well secured with mortar, oblige the soldiers to secure them from fire by the best method in their power.

A Court Martial to be composed of one Captain & two subalterns is to sit immediately for the trial of the prisoners in the Guard House, & the witnesses & parties are to attend at the Quarters of Capt. Jas. Carnahan, who is appointed President of the Court.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

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[FORT McINTOSH, Jan. 26, 1779.]

A Court Martial to consist of one captain, & two subs., to set immediately, for the trial of the tailors of the 8th P^a Reg^t, for burning two tents, & they are ordered to be immediately confined for that purpose.

FORT McINTOSH, January 27th 1779.

Parole—Mingo: Countersign—Munsy.

At a Regimental Court Martial, whereof Capt. Carnahan was President, John O'Neal & Sam^l Mitchell, soldiers in the same reg^t, were tried for negligence & burning two tents, the property of the United States, & sentenced to receive each 39 lashes—& to be put under stoppages not exceeding half their pay until the tents are paid for.

The Colonel thinks it right that punishments of this kind should be inflicted on all soldiers who are so careless of public property, & particularly when the delinquents have not otherwise obtained a fair character, & therefore approves the sentence

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns from January 1–22 inclusive.

² At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for January 23–26 inclusive.

of the Court Martial, & directs it to be put in execution this evening at Retreat beating.

The A. Q^r Master is to estimate the value of the tents, & the Captain of the company to which they belong will direct the paymaster to make the stoppages. The Court is dissolved.

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[FORT MCINTOSH, Feb. 1, 1779.]

Regimental Orders.

Neither officer nor soldier is to be absent from his quarters to the distance of one quarter of a mile, without leave in writing from the commanding officer.

In future the gates are to be locked immediately after sun-set, & taptoo beat punctually at 8 o'clock, after which every person in and about the garrison is to observe silence.

The officers are requested to attend the parade, & each morning examine the men's arms & accoutrements & see them equipt for action.

The enemy Indians have discovered the token used to distinguish the friendly Indians. They are, therefore, in future to wear a small piece of white flannel on their foreheads, and a bucks tail on the end of their wiping-sticks, which, on discovery of our men they are gradually to raise & lower three different times, of which all persons concerned are to take notice & treat them accordingly.

Non-commissioned officers & soldiers are not to be absent from the Block house or out-guards to the distance of three hundred yards without leave in writing from the officer or non-commissioned officer where no commissioned officer is present commanding such guard.

No person is to ease himself within one hundred yards of the fort, on pain of immediate punishment. The firing of three guns is to be considered as an alarm, upon hearing which the troops are immediately to parade & wait for orders, & those in the out-huts are to come into the fort when the gates are to be locked & the keys delivered into the hands of the commanding officer as usual.

The sentries on hearing a gun fired are immediately to call the serj^t of the guard & inform him of it, so that the commanding officer may be made acquainted with it.

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for January 28–February 1 inclusive.

A Court Martial to consist of one captain & two subs. is to sit immediately for the trial of the prisoners in the guard house, when the witnesses are to attend.

Proceedings of a Court Martial of the 8th Penn^a Regiment, held at Fort M^cIntosh, Feb. 1st, 1779.

Capt. Ja^s Carnahan, President.

Captain Finley (Members) Ensⁿ Guthrie.

Tho^s Murray, soldier in Capt. Clark's company, tried for neglect of duty: The prisoner pleads not guilty. The Court having considered the evidence for & against the prisoner, & are of opinion he is guilty, & sentence him to ride ten minutes on the wooden horse on the regimental parade.

Isaac Miller, soldier in the late Capt. Jack's company, tried for the same crime—The Court having considered the evidence for & against the prisoner, are of opinion he is not guilty of the charge.

The Colonel approves the proceedings of the Court Martial, & the sentence against Murray is to be executed immediately, & Miller is to be released.

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[FORT MCINTOSH, Feb. 4, 1779.]

A Court Martial to consist of one captain & two subs. to sit immediately for the trial of the prisoners in the guard-house, where the witnesses are to attend.

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[FORT MCINTOSH, Feb. 18, 1779.]

Guards & fatigues are to be served with an allowance of one gill of spirits p^r day, until further orders, but artificers are to draw no more than the usual rations of soldiers until a plentiful supply of provision arrives.

The lard lately arrived is intended only as an addition to the rations of officers & soldiers, & is not to be considered as a part of their rations. The Colonel orders that one pound of lard be issued to each mess consisting of six men in addition to their

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for February 2-4 inclusive.

² At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for February 5-18 inclusive.

rations for four days, & one half pound p^r week to each officer in the line & staff.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

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[FORT MCINTOSH, Feb. 21, 1779.]

A regimental Court Martial is to sit immediately for the trial of Serj^t Jervice, of the 8th P^a Regt.—Lt. Peterson is appointed President, no captain being present.

Proceedings of a Regimental Court Martial held at Fort M^oIntosh, Feb. 21st 1779. Serj^t Jervice tried for neglect of duty: The Court is of opinion that the prisoner [is guilty] of the charge against him, & sentence him to be reduced to the ranks—& approved by the Colonel.

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[FORT MCINTOSH, Feb. 24, 1779.]

Garrison Orders.

The troops are to be completed to thirty rounds p^r man, therefore the officers are requested to make returns of the quantity of amunition remaining with their company, as near as possible, & the quantity wanting to complete them. Each soldier is to have two good flints, which must likewise be returned, & on receipt of the amunition the officers will pass their receipt to the Commissary of Military Stores for the same, & be particularly careful not to suffer it to be imprudently expended or wasted but to make the soldiers accountable for their amunition.

Any fatigues wanting for the Q^r M^{rs} Department, which includes the forage Department, are to be ordered by the Adjutant upon application from the Q^r Master who is to see that the fatigues applied for in his Department are properly & diligently employed—& all orders for liquors for fatigues signed by the Quarter Master shall be sufficient, but artificers, waggoners & others, who are allowed extraordinary pay, are not to be served with liquor except on a special order from the commanding officer.

A Musket is to be fired every morning at break of day, at which time the Revelié is to be beaten, & all the troops to appear on the parade with their arms & accoutrements, when the Major will

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for February 19–21 inclusive.

² At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for February 22–24 inclusive.

form them into four grand divisions, each of which grand division is to have a proportion of officers & a bastion assigned to each of them

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[FORT McINTOSH, Feb. 28, 1779.]

A Regimental Court Martial is to sit immediately for the trial of the prisoners in the Guard House, confined for disobedience of orders—Major Vernon President, & two subalterns are to compose this court.

All soldiers & others who may hereafter discover canoes or other craft lodged on this shore at any other place than the boat yard, are to give immediate information of it to a commissioned officer, on pain of immediate punishment.

The articles of war relative to mutiny & desertion are to be read to the troops by the Adjutant twice a week on Mondays & Thursdays.

DANIEL BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

Proceedings of a Regimental Court Martial, held at Fort M^oIntosh, by order of Col. Brodhead, for the trial of the prisoners now in the guard house, whereof Major Vernon is appointed President,

Ensⁿ Ward (Members) Ensⁿ Clark

The Court having met, proceeded to the trial of John M^oPherson, Rich^d Richardson, Timothy Crowley, Timothy Rourk, & John Faughey, all confined for disobedience of orders, & laying out of the garrison without their arms, & without leave from the Commanding Officer, the prisoners plead not guilty of disobedience of orders, but guilty of laying out of the garrison without their arms & without leave, & in their defence plead ignorance of any orders to the contrary, & further say it was not with any ill design that they lay out.

The Court having maturely considered the prisoners' defence are of opinion that they are not guilty of disobedience of orders, but guilty of laying out of the garrison, & that they may be released from their confinement & join their respective companies. The judgment of the Court is approved by Col. Brodhead.

¹ At this point in the orderly book occur the paroles and countersigns for February 25-28 inclusive.