

Endeavours shall be continued. the Officers have procured the Blankets. Lieut. Long goes to Worcester to endeavour to get the Deserters to return to their Duty under an Assurance which we have presumed to give that on their immediate Return the past shall be forgiven. Cap^t Watkins and his men we are sorry to inform you are on very ill terms, the Cap^t has beat some of them, he says he had great cause. they say he had none. some of the men have said nothing shall induce them to continue in the company under Cap^t Watkins. We shall endeavour to keep the Remnant of the Company together under the care of the third Lieut^t until your Orders can interpose, for though an Inquiry seems to us to be necessary it cannot be had here; if the Independ^t companies should be regimented or even if the soldiers cloaths can be got, perhaps order may be restored in the company.

We have a letter of the 15th Instant from Capt Thomas from whence it appears our sick have not such care taken of them as they ought. we wish if it is in your power to send a skilful and attentive person who should have the immediate care of the Independ^t companies, you would do so. We have requested D^r Bond to recommend such a one that we may propose him to congress for this purpose, but from the Doctor's answer we almost despair of finding a suitable person here.

By a letter from Gen^l Washington of the 18 Inst. we had a little Brush on Monday in which the Enemy had about 100 killed and wounded. Our loss was considerably less. Report had much exaggerated our advantage. Major Leach of the Virginians is wounded though it is hoped he will recover. Some of Richardsons & Griffiths Battalions were in the action and behaved well.

Col^o Richardson told W. P. that he lodged in the same house as Capt. Watkins, that he is addicted to Drink and his appearance at several Times we have seen him bespeaks it. Perhaps Col^o Richardson would not choose that what he said should be mentioned to Cap^t Watkins.

We are Gent Your most obed^t Serv^{ts}

Tho^s Johnson Jr

W^m Paca

Sam^l Chase

T. Stone.

By a letter this minute received from Gen^l Washington dated the 19th we are informed that he expects a general attack on his Lines.