

c. s. c. near £900 by Hindman to purchase such deficiency as the Continental Store could not furnish, particularly shoes and stockings. I am about to draw pay for the troops that first marched with me, from the 6<sup>th</sup> of July (the time they were ordered to march, which will replace in my hands the half month's pay advanced by Council and half a month's pay advanced at Eliza. Town, out of the money advanced me by Council and our Deputies at Congress. I also paid Cap<sup>t</sup> Veazey's company out of the above sums a month's pay, they having had no advance from the Council upon their marching. I shall credit the Province with this sum, having charged it before the pay advanced by me to the soldiers &c and credited it with the sums received from the Council & Deputies. We have received no pay since in this service but £750 paid the men when marched to Long Island, and I got an advance from the Gen<sup>l</sup> of £750 more in part of the sum sent by Hindman. There is now due us down to the 31<sup>st</sup> August which is as late as they will pay us to near £3,000 inclusive of the Independents pay shou'd the Council not approve of my drawing and retaining in my hands that part of this sum that will be due to the Province, they will please signify and it shall be lodged to their order. My motive in drawing it being only to provide for contingencies, money not being to be drawn here when most wanted, for it has been the policy here to retain 2 or 3 months of the Eastern Troops pay to prevent desertion and retain them longer in service, by which better men often suffer and languish for their pay. there are severall vacancies now to fill up, but having no time to make out a list, must beg leave to defer it till I have more leisure. Lieut Ford behaving well has acted under brevet as Captain of Light Infantry which is in rotation agreeable to his seniority. We want medicine much, none can be had here, our sick have and are now suffering extremely, the number as you'll observe from the list is very considerable, owing in a great measure to the bad provision made for and care taken of them, the men being often moved and have been exposed to lye on the cold ground ever since they came here, after lying without their tents for several nights as is now the case, having been five nights and days without them, being ever since the enemy landed up here.

The inconvenience attending frequent removals of troops when there are not a regular supply of waggons for that purpose, which is much wanting here, no person can conceive who has not experienced it, besides when their tents and baggage cant attend them, they must be injured much by lying in the open air at this season and in this place where heavy dews prevail so much, and I may justly say our corps have