

From the Manner of making his Escape, and
his Situation if again captured, I am induc'd to
wage his safe to you - but if you are of Opinion
that he ought to ~~not~~ be conveyed thro' a Soldier,
I have to request in a particular Manner, ~~that~~
that you will permit him to return home and
that you will accept of a good Man in his Room,
he can procure one, and I will be answerable to you
for his Return on a faithful Compliance with your
Orders - I hope you will excuse the Freedom I have
taken, and be assur'd that no thing but a sound
Regard to what I think Justice should at any time
induce me to trouble you with Matters of this kind.

I am with the greatest Respect
to your most humble Servant.

10. 2^d March 1782

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Dear General,

The Bearer here of Charles Thompson being taken up by Captain Bruce as a deserter, has requested me to lay his Case before you, which I willingly do believing that his Case is more than commonly particular.

He enlisted with me in 1776 and served the Campaign faithfully and was in the second Regiment in 1777, and was captured on Staten Island with Major Steward, after being some Time in Goal, he agreed to enlist with the Enemy - and by that Means made his Escape, He says that Gen. Putnam engaged to discharge him, and directed him to the General for that Purpose, but the Army moved before he could get to the General - he returned home and has remained here in a public Manner ever since, three Years ago Major Steward was down here, and Thompson wanted on him, who as the Major told me thought that he ought not continue in the Army, because if he should happen to be captured he would be treated by the Enemy as a deserter, last Winter Steward was down here and I saw him and Thompson talking together, Steward afterwards told me that Thompson had again mentioned the Matter and that he had told him the same thing. Thompson says that he has frequently seen Major Davidson Cap. Manger and several other Officers but they never intimated to him that he ought to join the Regiment, for if they had, he would without Hesitation have done it.



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that he ought to ~~not~~ be considered still as a Soldier,
I have to request in a particular Manner of you,
that you will permit him to return home and
that you will accept of a good Man in his Room if
he can procure one, and I will be answerable to you
for his Return and a faithful Compliance with your
Orders - I hope you will excuse the Freedom I have
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Regard to what I think Justice, should at any time
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