

Town in the Jerseys, and there receive further directions from C. S. C. the Commander in Chief. Should the Honourable Continental Congress or those who have proper Authority, give any subsequent Orders you are to obey.

17 August 1776

[Council to George and Alexander.]

No. 149.

To Captains George and Alexander
Gentlemen

You are to prepare as expeditiously as possible to march to the Northward. We have wrote Colonel Hollingsworth about Tents for your Company. you will apply to him & afford him all the assistance in your power in procuring these. Colonel Richardson is appointed Colonel to your Battalion and will be with you in a few Days and give the further necessary orders. Knapsacks, Havresacks and Priming Wires shall be sent you from Baltimore and Cartouch Boxes from Kent.

17 August 1776.

[Footell to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen. I'm inform'd that the battalion in this City commanded by Col Hall has receiv'd orders to march. I had not the least idea, when I petitioned your Honours for a Surgeon's commission to attend that Battalion then quartered at Annapolis and which I presum'd was station'd, and there to remain for the protection of that city, that I should have been request'd to remove. My age and bad health, particularly at this season of the year, would have been a bar against a contract of that kind and interest another Impediment. I could scarce think of leaving home and between three and four hundred a year, arising from my practice of Physick and other advantages, to move into another province and leave my Family, consisting of a Wife a Daughter and a small son, for whom I have the most tender affection, and who in my absence must inevitably suffer, to embrace a surgeon's place, which pay would scarce defray my expenses as I should be oblig'd to travel with a servant and Horses, and perhaps be ordered by the Surgeon General to what department he pleas'd.

I have attended the sick soldiers with the greatest assiduity and care and I believe I have given general satisfaction both to the officers and soldiers. I have had great fatigue and trouble with regulating the Military Hospital shop and compounding various Medicines from the gross materials, which