

c. s. c. occurrences from our march to Long Island to the 12th when I was obliged to conclude rather abruptly, having received orders to march immediately for Phillip's Heights, four miles above King's Bridge, the enemy having landed a body of men on Frog's neck adjacent to these Heights. also a copy of a return made out in Philadelphia to be render'd the Congress of those articles appertaining to the Battalion & Capt Veazey's Company, being all the troops I marched from Maryland, which hope you'll find satisfactory, also a list of the killed and missing on Long Island, and a general weekly return as rendered Gen^l Washington, which will shew such men present as are effective, and such as are sick among which are included ten wounded. a general return of killed and missing was rendered General Washington the next morning after the action on Long Island and as the drafts of their pay are suspended till exchanged, have been directed to discontinue the entry upon the weekly return, for we cant ascertain, nor will the enemy indulge us with a list of such as were taken prisoners without which we cant ascertain who have been killed, perhaps you may require the names inserted in the Returns, agreeable to the returns of our muster rolls at Annapolis your letters do not urge this mode, but shou'd it be required, it shall be complied with.

I ordered the Independant Cap^{ts} on the 11th Inst upon receipt of the Presd^t of Convention's letter, to hand in their returns of arms, accoutrements, Camp equipage and utensils, 'till then I thought this had been done upon their leaving Philadelphia where I imagined they had supplied their men with sundry necessaries, and would of course make the natural returns, as their commands till their arrival there were distinct and unlimited by any other controul than that of Convention or Council, however I found this had not been done and I now find from the train they have kept their affairs in, it will be done with difficulty and perhaps be subject to loss, for I am apprehensive many things may have been lost upon their march from Philadelphia and since; which as they were not accustomed to inspect and make weekly general returns of arms accoutrements, cloathing, camp furniture and utensils &c some of these at this time they may not be able to account for: Cap^t Bracco complains he can't obtain a roll of, nor any accounts relative to his company and that Gen^l Bell has taken a fifer out of his company, Burrel by name, and keeps him in the Flying Camp. I have wrote Gen^l Bell concerning this Boy and his story is lame, but from what I can collect, he says the Council of Safety allowed him to take the Boy out of, and upon return of the Flying Camp he will return him to the Company. now if he belongs to, he certainly ought to be in