

go about the Country. Pray make Inquiry and deal with him c. c. according to Law; if he should be in Queen Ann's, write to Col<sup>o</sup> Hemsley.

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Kent County. }

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Valley forge May 29<sup>th</sup> 1778

Sir

I was last night honoured with your favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>  
Satisfied that an intercourse with Philadelphia would be productive of great disadvantages, I have endeavoured to prevent it, as far as I could; and have not in any instance granted passports for that purpose, but where the parties applying have been recommended, either by some public body or by Gentlemen in whom I had entire confidence; and where the objects of the applications have been materially interesting. Those whom you or the Council shall think proper to recommend, will always meet with a ready indulgence on my part; being convinced, that requests, not founded in necessity or on circumstances of an interesting nature will not be contemned. The permits must be obtained at Head Quarters, as the situation of the Army might make it expedient on some occasions, to defer granting them for a short time. From the present appearance of things, I flatter myself, we shall not be obliged to use these restrictions much longer, and that we shall be in full possession of the City. Every information leads to this hope, and it is generally imagined that New York, in case of an evacuation will be the first place of rendezvous of the Enemy now in this quarter

I have the honor to be, with great respect  
Sir Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
G<sup>o</sup> Washington

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

On the evidence of James Beck given before this Board on oath it appears that Richard Beck who was adjudged by Major Williams a Vagrant hath Constantly lived with his Mother ever since before Christmas and managed her Plantation and family on a Contract for one year and to have one half of the Crop and that therefore he cannot come under