

Original of the Soldiers and to follow my Directions in hospital Matters, as likewise to desire the quarter Master of the Sick to apply to me properly, and I shall be allways glad to concur with the Major in any Step for the benefit of the Service in a regular manner, And I will with Your permission take the Fort under my particular Care, The more so as I have all along contrivd a Medical School to bring up young Surgeons for Militairy Service, and in which I have the Satisfaction to have allready succeeded, instead of such, which after their hardly finish'd Apprentiship set up, and act the wise Doctor with all the Arrogance, at the expence of the patient, and I am apprehensive the Majors Ambition does not reach further. I once more ask Your Excellencies Pardon for this long Letter and am with the greatest Respect

Your Excellencys
Most hble & obed Scrvt
C Wiesenthal

[Dr. Wiesenthal to Maj. Smith.]

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Wiesenthal's
handwriting

Sir

I made a Visite to the Fort to examine that Part of the Barracks, which you have converted into an hospital and I think it will do very well for little triffling Disorders for the Reception of Patients when they are first taken ill untill the Doctor thinks it requisite to have them movd to a Safer place, but Sir the place will by no means do for a regular Hospital, in all Cases and at all times. And I am extremely Sorry, that you was so hasty, not only to conclude but actually to remove the patients, without even the knowledge, or Advice of the Doctor, whose Judgment in a Case like this, of establishing an hospital, would be deemed essentially Necessary even by the greatest General.

That the Fort is a very unfit place for an hospital must plainly appear even to you, upon mature Reflection because a situation Surrounded with Water in itself sickly must in Consequence make it more difficult for People allready sick to recover. And I beg that you will represent to your mind a Danger which you little thought of, I mean the impurity of the Air, when the Patients are obliged to swallow the Effluvia arising from their diseas'd Bodys which on Account of the Lowness of the Building can not properly rise and be ventilated, this will inevitably turn slight disorders into putrid and dangerous ones, nay in Case any Person should be taken with such a Complaint, (as we have had many) he must unavoidably infest the Rest, nay even the healthy for Instance if Poor who lately died had unfortunately been at that place, it would