

April 25 On Monday Morning I was Releived by another Company and After dismissing my Guard and the Remainder of my Company untill 4 o'clock P. M then to meet Arm^d and accouter^d and attend for further Orders. I was put under arrest for the following Charges—first for not Repairing with my Company when not only the alarm was Given but when I was Ordered thereto by M^r Hamilton—The Second Charge for being Drunk while on Duty.

To the first Charge I Plead that Being officer of the Main Guard and having a Prisoner in Custody Charg^d with a Capital Crime, and having no Subaltirn to assist or Relieve me, I thought it inconsistent with my duty to Leave my Post. But I Immediately Assembled the whole of my Company off Guard and had them Drawn up Arm^d and Accoutered at the End of the Guard House & Kept them there under Arms untill the Troops which form^d the Line at the Alam post were discharg^d when I dismiss^d those of my Company not on Guard untill they should be Called on Again.

The Second Charge I utterly Deny having not taken any more Liquor of any Kind than was necessary for the Support of my Constitution on a Hard Tour of Duty—but it may well be suppos^d that want of Rest and being Fateigued might alter my Phisiognomy.

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And please your Excell^{cy} & Honours Your favour of the 20th I received at Talbot Court House and that of the 10th with the order here on my return at Talbot I met with Col^o Blain with whom I conferred according to your order, am sorry it was not in my power to do more for him in the way of provisions, there being very little collected, and no returns made me by the Commissarys Except M^r Williams, Blake & Voorhees, M^r Williams provisions are all thats collected consumed by the Marqueses Troops, M^r Vooreheeses claimed by the Lieut of Kent for the recruits and Malitia, M^r Blakes salt provisions gone over to your Honours, the Flour and part the wheat I had ordered on board two Shallops in Corsica Creek to go to the Head of Elk (waggons not being to be had) but the Enemies Vessels coming up the Bay has induced me to take M^r Blakes opinion and order it up Chester River to the Head, to be there stored or sent to Col^o Blains order in the Delaware, this I was obliged to do as it was not possible to get waggons to remove it by Land, those in that neighbourhood being sent to Philadelphia for Arms and Amunition, could get two only to remove the Flour from M^r Hemsleys Mill to the Vessels at Corsica, have now sent down Ten from the Head of Chester to assist to remove the Flour. and then to be at the order of the Honourable Council of this Shore, who I have requested the commissarys to make their Returns to, (and to hasten their collections) the waggons that are now going down with the Arms and