

thus we lost part of our baggage - have since stripped from their bottoms several of our soldiers coats and had them severely scoured. Have purchased from the Continental Store Cloaths for much of the Independent Companies as their Captains inform me have received none before and I think a few good coats, amounts of which shall be transmitted, I think Thomas's company were paid for finding themselves, or at least he has paid this one day, when I was present at the Council, I will inform how this matter is, and whether you supplied him with money to purchase cloaths at Philadelphia, his company being as bare as those who have never had. I have dispatched Capt Hindman to Philadelphia after his company's cloaths which he tells me are ready made there, by whom Thomas has sent for his. I have sent near \$900 by Hindman to purchase much ~~clothing~~ as the Continental Store could not furnish, particularly shoes and stockings. I am about to draw pay for the troops that first marched with me, from the 5th of July (the time they were ordered to march) which will replace in my hands the half month's pay advanced by Council and half a month's pay advanced at Eliza Town, out of the money advanced me by Council and our Deputies at Congress. I also paid Capt Newzeys company out of the above sums a month's pay, they having had no advance from the Council upon their marching. I shall credit the Province with this sum, having charged it before the pay advanced by me to the soldiers and credited it with the sums received from the Council & Deputies. We have received no pay since in this service but \$750 paid the men when marched to Long Island, and I got an advance from the Gov^t of \$950 more in part of the sum sent by Hindman. There is now due us down to the 31st August which is as late as they will pay us to near \$20,000 inclusive of the Independents pay should the Council not approve of my drawing and retaining in my hands that part of this sum that will be due to the Province, they will be as rightly and it shall be lodged to their order. My motive in drawing it being only to provide for contingencies, money not being to be drawn here when most wanted, for it has been the policy here when most wanted, for it has been the policy here to retain 2 or 3 months of the Eastern Troops pay to prevent desertion and retain them longer in service, by which better men often suffer and languish for their pay, there are several vacancies now to fill up, but having no time to make out a list, must beg leave to defer it till I have more leisure. Lieut Ford behaving well has acted under brevet as Captain of Light Infantry which is in rotation agreeable to his seniority. He wants medicine much, none can be had here, our sick here and are now suffering extremely, the number as you'll observe from the list is very considerable, owing in a great measure to the bad provision made for and care taken of them, the men being often moved and have been exposed to lie on the cold ground ever since they came here after lying without their tents for several nights as is now the case, having been five nights and days without them, being ever since the evening landed up here.

The inconvenience attending frequent removals of troops when there are not a regular supply of waggons for that purpose, which is much wanting here, is