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Mr Secretary
of the Board of Trade
President of the State of
Pennsylvania

Lancaster July 14th 1781.

Sir

I have the Honor of Inclusive to your
Excellency a Petition of the Cooperation of
the Borough of Lancaster, at the request of
the Inhabitants, who are very desirous of having
the Convention Troops removed, Your Excellency
will at the same time receive Doctor Hustons
Certificate shewing the necessity of the
Removal of those Troops. I hope the
Hon^{ble} Council will take it into their
serious Consideration & if possible remove them
from this place, I have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's Obedt^l Serv^t

This Excellency
Joseph Reed Esq^r?

Paul Tantzinger

Lancaster July 16th 1811

Sir,

My Opinion being desired concerning the State of
the Fever of the Prisoners in the Barracks in this Borough
I think my Duty to assure you that the Jail Fever at-
tended with the most malignant Symptoms prevails very
generally among them — that it will be extremely
difficult to eradicate it from those already there without
some additional Quarters or Buildings, & morally
impossible if ~~many more~~ ^{those of the Congouton} ~~buildings~~ be added — &
that the Inhabitants of the Borough, especially those
any way concerned in the Care of them, are in the
most imminent Danger of contracting the Contagion

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

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Paul Fantzinger Esquire

Petition of Lancaster Bury
1781 July 7th

Received of the
Petition of Lancaster Bury

July 7th 1781

James Thomson
Secretary

To his Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive
Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:

The Petition and Memorial of the Corporation of the
Burgesses & Inhabitants of the Borough of Lancaster
in the County of Lancaster,

Most Humbly Sheweth

That they conceive themselves under
the indispensable Necessity of addressing your Honourable
Board respecting your late Resolution, that all the
Prisoners of War now in this Borough should be accomo-
dated within the Quarters & beg Leave to suggest the follow-
ing Facts to Council, which may not be deemed altogether
unworthy of their Notice.

The Barracks at this Post have been
generally considered sufficiently roomy to contain nine
hundred or at the most one thousand healthy Men but not
a greater Number without the greatest Inconvenience.

The Prisoners of War ^{& Conventionally} amongst
us at present are computed to be fourteen hundred exclu-
sive of Women & Children (supposed to be near six hundred

more)

more) amongst whom a most contagious Disorder has raged for some Time, which notwithstanding the greatest Care, has proved fatal to very many of them.

The Barracks here have been considered as a kind of temporary Stage for Prisoners, having & reshaping & have been occupied as such for some Time.

The Country adjacent has been exceedingly drained of Provisions for some Years past, owing to the great Number of Soldiers & Prisoners, as well as others, who have lived in this Borough. Of the Want of Flour we complain not, but we find Beef & Pork very scarce Articles.

The Insecurity of the Town from such a Body of Prisoners being stationed in one Place is too obvious to need any Comments: We are sensible there are too many disaffected Persons in the Vicinity of this Borough who would count it meritorious to be instrumental in their Escape.

The Corporation take the Liberty of stating the above Facts to the Honourable Council. To deduce Arguments from them would be superfluous. They wish not to be thought desirous of assuming undue Liberties or to be disposed

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bitants and Security of the Town as well as the Rights of
Humanity towards our Enemies are the sole Inducements
to this Address. It will be our Pride to co-operate
in every public Measure calculated for the Common
Safety. If the matters suggested have any Weight
We doubt not they will be duly attended to by his Excel-
lency the President & the Supreme Executive
Council.

Lancaster Borough July 15. 1781.

Paul Lantime, Ch. Burgess,
Clerk

- John Hopson
- George Musser
- Ludwig Laeven
- Migeldiffen vörfv
- Matth. Yonne
- Jacob Glatz