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101 August 24th 1860
George W. Adams: Secretary
Treasurer of the County
of Lancaster

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The Secretary, Joseph Reed Esquire
David's Ferry N. S.

(Republican Service)

Sir

Lancaster August 5th 1781.

Your favour of the 30th Ult^o, accompanied by a Resolution of Council, relative to Mr. Rodfong's Disaffection, came to hand last evening.

I take this early opportunity of replying to it, and by leave to lay before your Excellency & Council, Capt. Rodfong's, particular Conduct for some time past.

He, whether from Disaffection, or any other cause, did, when thereto regularly required, positively refuse, noticing the third Class of his Company, to a tour of duty - and in an unbecoming manner, went to his Colonel & throw'd down his Orders, with all the disdain imaginable, putting to defiance, him, and every body else, to make him do what he did not choose. In consequence of which Conduct, that Class (not being regularly warned) escap'd their tour of Duty.

This matter being represented to me by Mr. Barber Sub-Lieut. of that district - Jurate to Colo. Ziegler (of the 4th Batal^y.) desiring, if not yett done, he would put Mr. Rodfong in Arrest, for a breach of the 3rd Sect. of the Militia Law.

It appears, that he was alarmed at his conduct, and apprehensive of some disagreeable consequences, which might ~~follow~~ ^{attend} the arrest. — has taken the Advantage, and imposed on Council, judging they were not acquainted with his Conduct and

and probably advanced, some other means - in order to carry his point, to induce Council to accept of his resignation, & by that means escape the sentence of a court-martial -

He has heretofore, acted under this Commission in the 14th Battalion, and never offered his resignation here.

I shall withhold the determination of Council on his Application, - until I can hear from your Excellency, which he will be as soon as possible - ~~He~~

Should he escape, and the matter be drop'd it will give him reason to exult, and cause great Contusion in the Battalion.

With respect to the Conventine Troops, they are gone some days since to York County, and the Guards here dismiss'd, excepting 130 Men, which Genesee will be necessary for the Stores, Prisoners &c. here.

Council will please to take notice that the term of the present Guards is nearly completed and furnish me with orders for calling a Relief. - were I to enumerate the difficulties which I meet with in procuring the Guards &c. Council I fear would scarcely give Credit to it - let it suffice to say, that Genesee oblig'd in last Call of the Militia to direct 14 Regimental Colours to furnish the number required & had not the Lancaster Colours been amongst the number, I should not have got my Complement, adding to this the kind of Officers which we have in general in the Country, makes my situation truly disagreeable

were it not that I received some assistance from
the town-officers, who are on duty, I should scarcely
have a moment to myself - The ignorance of those
Officers in general is almost invincible.

I have the honor to be, with every
respect - Your Excellency most Obedient Servant

Wm. Hubley

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