

18 July 23rd 1844
Genl Comd of Purchases
Adj Genl

Your letter of the 11. Inst. has
been duly received & hope by this time you have got
the Affairs of the Prisoner in some way of suitable
Arrangement. We delayed then Months on a suggestion
that they might be accommodated at Lancaster should
we could have had the saving of a guard of mount other
Expense but found it impracticable. We presumed
you had by this time been informed by Mr. Morgan
that on the 20. Inst. your Purchases was to exceed
Mr. Morris being undetached to supply by Contract
we must observe that this will not extend to the
Post at Mr. Callister's Inn which you will still
consider under your care for the present. But
we could wish you to contract with some Person
there to supply the ⁵⁰⁰⁰ Accounts with Rations at so
much of Rations - Or if the Prisoner are at 5 Miles

Distance from the Town of York we hope as
 it might do to keep the Major known of his Duty
 as that Place is what (and I think) Contrast
 might include them. - With Respect to ^{the} Ambition
 the Ground where the Sumner's are to be but we
 must show that the State has no Interest
 find any Troops with Wood - that is the Duty
 of the Quaker Master, or his Deputies: We should
 suppose that it would be proper to have an Estimate
 made of the Value by indifferent Persons of that
 the Quaker Master Gen. would include ~~it~~ as a
 proper Article of the Department. ^{But} As we do not
 mean to make the State accountable: The Expenses
 are brought into Conn. by Order of Gov.
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 we apprehend you will bear in the Conn.

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 guards. - The remaining Duties will fall upon the superior
 extending Continental Office to keep good Order. The
 Contractor under Mr. Morris to supply them with Pro-
 visions of the L^d.s. Master to provide for the Soldiers of
 his Department as Wood, Tools, Waggons &c. &c.

With Respect to the old Continental
 Money in your Hands we desire you to send it down
 to Mr. Rittenhouse the State Treasurer of the said State
 with take Order respecting it - The said Money
 has no Claim upon the State for their Pay - they must
 look to your Continental Soldiers of must look to
 the Paymaster of the Regiment to which they respectively
 belonged. At the Impertinency of some of the Lieutenants
 of some ^{old} Continental Money was out of Circulation
 we gave Dispensations to pay them 50 p^{ts} of a Month of
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that whenever the Troops with whom they served
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 should receive also - but this is not the Case
 there were 13 Months due of which they only received
 three. When it is considered that their Men received
 large Bounties because the Continental Pay was so
 trifling it seems extraordinary that they should be so
 importunate as at the time of Settlement they expens
 ed more than 50 of Genl. Mordaunt. But they certainly
 have no just Claims of Preference over the Troops
 who continue in service. And the Answer to them
 may very properly be that when the old Soldiers receive
 their Pay for that time, they will be paid also.

It is not to have the desert. Accounts made
 up as soon as possible. You know it is Subject them
 our Enemies capture. - I am Sir

William Scott Esq
 Commr. &c

Your Obedt. Servt

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