



Recreated 42nd Grenadier Company
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4th British Grenadier Battalion Order Book, Kept by Adjutant and Lieutenant John Peebles, Grenadier Company, 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, August 1 to October 17, 1776

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Introduction to the Transcription

Each British infantry serving in America during the War for Independence had a grenadier company, which was historically positioned on the right flank of the line when serving with the regiment in the field. This positioning caused them to be termed a “flank company” as was also each regiment’s light infantry company which formed on the left flank of the arrayed line.

Captain Bennet Cuthbertson’s 1776 manual for the management of a battalion of infantry describes the selection of grenadiers indicating that “...*the Grenadier Company is to be constantly kept compleat, from the best and tallest Men in the Regiment..., and have such Men only in it, as are perfect masters of their business... as experience proves that [a] Grenadier Company, which covers most ground when under Arms,[is] to be much superior in point of Marching, and every sort of fatigue...*”

Except during a brief period following the return to the New York area in 1778, the grenadier companies, rather than actually remaining with their “home” regiments, were as a general rule detached from those regiments to form composite grenadier battalions. Two such battalions were formed at Halifax on May

14, 1776, from the regiments that had been at Boston. A third battalion was formed in 1776 from the grenadiers of the regiments that had been with Lieut. Gen. Henry Clinton's unsuccessful attempt to take Charleston, South Carolina.

Following the arrival of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment and the 71st (or Fraser's Highland) Regiment at New York in July and August, 1776, General Sir William Howe ordered the formation of a fourth grenadier battalion under the command of Major the Honorable Charles Stuart, 43rd Regiment of Foot. The battalion was made up of three large Highland grenadier companies from the two Highland regiments. Captain Charles Graham's grenadier company of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment was authorized one captain, three lieutenants, five sergeants, five corporals, two drummers, two pipers (who stayed with the regiment) and one hundred privates, for a total of 116 officers and men. Although the grenadier company of the 1st Battalion, 71st Regiment was captured at Boston in June 1776, a company was reformed at New York under Captain Francis Skelly and was of similar strength to Graham's. Captain Patrick Campbell's grenadier company from the 2nd Battalion, 71st Regiment was the third company of the new 4th British Grenadier Battalion.

About six weeks after its formation, a significant number of the men of the 4th Grenadier Battalion had become sick and on September 19 Major Stuart issued a battalion order to address the situation writing "... *By the Number of Sick men that have lately been sent to the Hospital & those that daily complain, the Commanding Officer has great reason to fear that the Battalion in a few weeks will be incapable of doing duty, to prevent which disgrace falling upon a Corps of Grenad^{rs}. It is the Majors orders that a NonCommissioned Officer per Company see that the Men bath or wash their feet thrice a Week. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys}. to be answerable that this order is comply'd with – An Officer of a Comp^y. to visit the Messes of their respective Comp^{ys}. daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook'd –*" Based on a later order it appears that most of the sick were from the two 71st Grenadier companies.

By early October, Maj. Stuart's prediction on the state of the battalion came true and General Orders were issued on Oct. 8, 1776 that "... *The two 71st. Grenadier Company's of the 4th. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. being very Sickly are to join their Reg^t. The 42^d. Grenad^r. Company of said Battⁿ. will join the 3^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. under the Command of Major Marsh and Major Stewart.*"

During its brief existence the 4th British Grenadier Battalion was active in the 1776 campaign in the New York area including the following engagements:

Aug. 22, 1776	Lands on Long Island in first wave of amphibious assault.
Aug. 26-27, 1776	In Battle of Long Island, Grenadier battalion part of Gen. Howe's right flank attack.
Sept. 15, 1776	Grenadiers are part of first wave at Kip's Bay landing on Manhattan Island.
Sept. 16, 1776	Supported Light Infantry and 42 nd Highlanders in the Battle of Harlem Heights, New York.

Key Documents

Captain Bennet Cuthbertson's Comments on Grenadier Selection, London, 1776

As the Grenadier Company is to be constantly kept compleat, from the best and tallest Men in the Regiment, whenever the Captain of it wants a Man to compleat, or improve it, he should fix on one in the Battalion Companies, and then apply to the Commanding-Officer, who, if he approves of the Man fixed

on by the Captain, will of course order him to the Grenadiers, and if only an exchange was desired, will direct the worst looking Man of the Grenadiers to be transferred to the Battalion.

That none of the Battalion Companies may in particular suffer, by giving away their best Men to the Grenadiers, and in their room, receiving those of a more indifferent figure, it will be necessary to establish a Roster, for furnishing them by turns, beginning with the eldest Company, and so down to the youngest, by which means, it will not signify from which of them the choice is made, as the Captain, from whose Company the Grenadier is taken, has by this method, a right (if it is not his turn to furnish one) to demand the best man from that Company, whose turn it appears to be on the Roster: in this case, the Man transferred from the Grenadiers must join that Company; or if the demand for a Grenadier was to compleat, the vacancy would remain in the Company, whose turn it was to give one.

Recruits are improper for the Grenadiers, as that Company should always appear at Exercise, as compleat as possible, and have such Men only in it, as are perfect masters of their business: it will also be necessary, during the low establishment in time of Peace, for each Battalion-Company occasionally to strengthen the Grenadiers, at Exercise, with an additional Man, who must be of a proper size and figure, and in every respect clothed and appointed like a Grenadier.

It is a mistaken notion, that size alone is a qualification for Grenadier, if a full face, broad shoulders, and well proportioned legs do not accompany it, his figure does no great credit to the judgement of whoever chose him, as experience proves that Grenadier Company, which covers most ground when under Arms, to be much superior in point of Marching, and every sort of fatigue, to one, which only boasts of Size.

Source: *Cuthbertson's System for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry*, Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson, Printed for A. Gray, London, 1776, Google Books, pp.15-17.

General Order Forming the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Staten Island, New York, August 6, 1776

Dyker's ferry, 6th. Aug^t. 1776...

The Corps de Reserve consists of 4 Battalions of Grenad^{rs}., 33^d. and 42^d. Reg^{ts}. The 4th. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. to be formed of the Grenadier Company of the 42^d. Reg^t. and two Grenad^r. Companies of the 71st. Reg^t. under the Command of Maj. [Hon. Charles] Stuart of the 43^d. Reg^t.

Source: 4th British Grenadier Battalion Order Book.

Excerpt of Account of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion at the Landing at Kip's Bay and the Battle of Harlem Heights by Major the Hon. Charles Stuart, 43rd Regt., September 15-16, 1776

Blomindel Heights Camp, Sept. 26, 1776

On the 16th [15th] of this month we marched from Newtown Camp, and the Corps of Reserve consisting of three Battalions of Lt. Infantry, the German Jagers, my Battalion of Highland grenadiers, the 42nd and 33rd Regts., embarked on board flat-bottomed boats in Newtown Creek, from whence we proceeded on our way to land upon New York Island. A 50 gun ship and two Frigates were drawn up to cover the landing.

Upon the enemy perceiving our boats, they sent several columns of men to line sunk breast-works that they had previously made to prevent a landing. We steered to the right and landed about three miles above the town under an incessant fire from the shipping.

A more glorious scene I never beheld; the thunder of the ships, the appearance of the enemy, the ardor of our troops, the whole army drawn up on Long Island ready to support us, surpassed everything of

magnificence. So well did the army do their business that the enemy evacuated their lines, and we landed without opposition.

We immediately rush'd for wood and took possession of a Hill about a mile from the spot where we landed. In our way we had some skirmishes in which our Brigadier Gen. [John] Vaughan was wounded, and some few men of the Hessians; when the whole army was landed we proceeded on the Harlem road to these Heights. The enemy made a show of giving us battle several times as they retreated; we lay on our arms that night. The next morning we were alarmed by some musquetry on the left, the grenadiers were ordered to march to the support of two Battalions [2nd and 3rd] of Lt. Infantry who, with more zeal than prudence, had ventured too near the enemy, which gave [American Gen. George] Washington the advantage of trying a ruse which had nearly proved fatal to them all.

Gen. [Sir William] Howe had sent a small party to take possession of a house, which was effected; then Washington, to decoy them still further, took possession of the next house, having flung a thousand men into the woods right and left hoping to surround them. Upon our coming to their assistance, we found our people smartly engaged, hemmed in and almost surrounded.

The Lt. Infantry were ordered to retire, which they were enabled to do under cover of three Companies of the 42nd.

In this brush we had more than 100 killed and wounded, three men of my Batt. wounded, and, what was more singular, my dog as he was lying by me. We afterwards encamped on this spot.

Source: *New Records of the American Revolution, The Letters, Manuscripts and Documents sent by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Stuart, to his Father, the Earl of Bute, 1775-79...*, Published by L. Kashnor, London, 1927, p. 11. Contrary to Stewart's account there were five ships supporting the landing and the 42nd Regt. crossed the East River in a transport as part of the second wave, not in the first wave flatboats.

General Order Disbanding the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, New York, October 8, 1776

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 8th. Oct^r. 1776...

The two 71st. Grenadier Company's of the 4th. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. being very Sickly are to join their Reg^t. The 42^d. Grenad^r. Company of said Battⁿ. will join the 3^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. under the Command of Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regiment] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stewart [43rd Regiment].

Source: 4th British Grenadier Battalion Order Book.

Definition of Grenadier from Military Dictionary, London, 1778

Grenadier. A foot soldier, armed with a sword, firelock, bayonet, and a pouch to hold his grenades. They are cloathed differently from the rest of the battalion, and wear high caps. Each regiment of late years has a company of grenadiers, which take always the right of the battalion. The grenadiers are generally the tallest and briskest fellows, and always the first upon attacks...

Source and Note: *A Military Dictionary, Explaining and Describing the technical Terms, Phrases, Works, and Machines used in the Science of War*, Printed for G. Robinson, London, 1778. Although published in 1778, this definition had been used at least as early as 1745. By the period of the American war, grenades were no longer used by the grenadier battalions.

Identified Officers

42nd or Royal Highland Regiment Grenadier Company

Capt. Charles Graham
Lt. John Peebles
Lt. William Graham

(Duty as Adjutant)

Lt. Harry Gilchrist

1st and 2nd Bn., 71st Highland Regiment Grenadier Companies

Capt. Francis Skelly	1 st Bn.
Capt. Patrick Campbell	2 nd Bn.
Lt. David Kinlock	
Lt. Thomas Fraser	
Lt. Dougald Campbell	
Lt. Patrick Cumming	
Lt. James Fraser	
Lt. George Stewart	
Lt. Thomas Fraser	
Ens. Angus McDonald	

Transcription Standards

Information in square brackets was added by the transcriber/editor. The spelling is as shown in the original order books. Many of the words are phonetically spelled. In general, abbreviated words have the last letter of the word shown in superscript as in the original document. Occasionally line spaces were inserted to separate battalion and higher organization orders.

Following the end of the Order Book for the 4th Grenadier Battalion, Lieutenant John Peebles continued to document his experiences in the American war. His journal has been published by The Army Records Society as *John Peebles' American War*, edited by Ira D. Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa.), 1998. The 4th British Grenadier Battalion order book was not included in this work.

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Order Book

Orderly Book
4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}
4th Battalion Grenadiers

Notes: Although the original notebook is labeled as above, the first portion of the notebook, from July 30, 1776 to Aug. 15, 1776, is a 42nd Regt. order book. The 4th Grenadier Battalion orders begin after Aug. 16, 1776, when the author, Lt. John Peebles, is appointed Adjutant of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion. At the beginning of the order book the 42nd and 71st Regiments had just arrived at New York after sailing together from Greenock, Scotland on Apr. 29, 1776.

Ship Greyhound Sandy hook 30 Juni 1776

General Orders

The Army to Land on the Shortest Notice –

As the Inhabitants of this Country are known to be well affected to Government and consequently have suffer'd great depredations from the Rebels, The Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe] fully convinced of the superiority & humanity of the Troops under his Command, recommends to their protection the families & property of the People of the Country – Any person belonging to the Army, or

Transports found guilty of plundering, & any soldier stragling from his platoon, will be executed on the Spot.

The flatboats to be immediately hoisted and a sentry kept always onboard of them for their security – no boat to be Allow'd to go on shore on any Account

Sign'd J: Patterson
Adj^t. Gen^l.

Head Q^{rs}. Dykers ferry Staten Island 1st. August 1776 –

Parole Hanover C^r. Sign Bolhon

The 1st. Brigade to furnish a Working party of a Cap^t 2 Sub^s. & 100 Men for 3 days to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment tomorrow Morn^g. at 5 O'Clock –

Upon the removal of the Army each Regiment (the Artillery, Light Dragoons Light Infantry Gren^{rs}. 42^d. & 71st. Reg^{ts}. excepted) will Embark on board one Ship only; The Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts}. will therefore immediately move their Women & heavy Baggage out of the Ship they make choice of to contain the Reg^t. & put them on board of the second Ship, to be prepared to make room for their Camp Equipage –

The Light Infantry, Grenadiers, 4th. 42^d. 43^d. & 71st. Reg^{ts}. are to receive their orders of Embarkation from the D.Q.M.G^l.

Reports in writing to be made to the Adj^t. Gen^l. as soon as the above order is complied with –

The Infantry without exception is order'd upon all occasions to form two deep with the files at eighteen inches interval till further orders.

A Pacquet to Sail in a few days for England: all letters to be sent to the Adj^t. Generals Clerk – Reg^{tal}. Orders for States of Companys Excercise Morn^g. & Even^g., the Q^r. M^r. to receive 5 Butts of Porter & take an Account of the Camp Equipage & blankets on Borad [sic]Ship.

Notes: The “*Watering place*” was a brook near present day Tompkinsville, Staten Island that was used by ships to replenish their water supplies. The “*D.Q.M.G^l*” is the abbreviation for the Deputy Quartermaster General. “*Reg^{tal} Orders*” or regimental orders (sometimes abbreviated further as R.O.) are those issued by the regimental commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling in contrast to the “*General Orders*” issued by Gen. Sir William Howe. It is Lt. Peebles' style to often leave out the term “*General Orders*” and list only the date of the order. He does, however, always designate the regimental orders (*R.O*) or grenadier battalion orders (*B.O.*).

Head Q^{rs}. Dykers ferry Staten Island, 2^d. Aug^t 76

Parole Clinton C^r. Sign [sic]

Four days provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual.

John Hunter, private Soldier of his Majesty's 42^d. Reg^t. try'd by the Gen^l. Court Martial of which L^t. Co^l. Sir Henry Calder [49th Regt.] is Presid^t. for disirtion The Court is of Opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the Crime laid to his charge & therefore adjudge him to suffer death.

The Com^f. in Chief is pleas'd to approve of the Sentence, and to order the Court Martial to be dissolved –

States of the Eight Regiments under the Command of Lieu^t. General [Henry] Clinton that have join'd the Army, to be made up agreeable to a form that will be delivered to them by the D^y. Adj^t. Gen^l., and given tomorrow at orderly time – The Light Infantry & Grenad^{rs}. of those Regiments are to continue under the Command of the Officers appointed by L^t. Gen^l. Clinton.

The 50th. Reg^t. to remain on board of Ship till further orders.

The Reg^{ts}. Encamp'd are strictly forbid to destroy any Enclosures or fences or commit any depredations Whatsoever.

The Major of Brigades of the Corps will receive a Copy of the Standing Orders of the Army which he will immediately communicate to the respective Reg^{ts}. –

R: O) [Regimental Order] When the Men disembark, they are to take nothing with them, but 3 Shirts, 2 p^{rs} of hose & their Leggings which are to be put up neatly in their packs, leaving their knapsacks & all their other necessaries on board o [sic] Ship which are carefully to be laid up by the Commanding

Officers of Companys in the safest manor they can contrive. A small guard to be left on board each ship and only 4 Women per Com^y to come ashore.

Note: Lt. Gen. Clinton was arriving in New York from his unsuccessful attempt to seize Charleston, S.C. "*Majors of Brigade*" were the principal staff officers of the brigade commanders.

Dykers ferry 3^d. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Cornwallis C^t. Sign Willimstadt

The Reg^{ts}. under the Command of Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton that have lately join'd the Army are to be paid to the 24 Aug^t. inclusive by [Dep. Paymaster Richard] Molesworth Esq^r.

Those that have Recruits on board are immediately to send for them –

Dykers ferry, 4th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Vaughan C^t. Sign Berwick

A working party of a Cap^t. 2 Sub^s. & 100 Men for 3 days to be furnish'd by the 42^d. & 71st. Reg^{ts}. to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment at 5 O'Clock tomorrow Morning.

L: Co^l. [Thomas] Stirlings Ordrs [sic]

The 42^d. takes the working party tomorrow, the 71st. to have it for tuesday and wednesday.

Note: After the loss of a number of transports captured by the Americans, there were about 900 soldiers of the 42nd Regt. and 1500 soldiers of the 71st Regt. available for duty. Accordingly the working parties are weighted by regimental strength.

Dykers ferry, 5th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Chichester C^t. Sign Richmond

The 50th. Reg^t. to be in readiness to be drafted immediately –

Sir William Erskine is appointed Brigadier Gen^l in America –

Major [Hon. Henry] Johnston of the 28th. Reg^t. is appointed to the Command of the 3^d. Battⁿ. Light Infantry – Lieu^t. [Bryan] Bell of the 4th. Reg^t. is appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen^l. [John] Vaughan and is to be observed as such –

The Provision Guard at Watson ferry to be Augmented to one Subaltern 2 Serj^{ts}. 2 Corp^{ls}. & 20 privates –

Dyker's ferry, 6th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Goodwood –

Four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual

The Reg^{ts}. lately join'd the Army under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton are posted as follows:

The	5 th . Reg ^t	to the	1 st . Brigade
	28 th . d ^o .		2 ^d . d ^o .
	37 th . d ^o .		3 ^d . d ^o .
	46 th . d ^o .		4 th . d ^o .
	54 th . d ^o .		5 th . d ^o .
	57 th . d ^o .		6 th . d ^o .

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Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton will Command the 1st. Line of British, Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy the 2^d. and Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis with Major Gen^l. [John] Vaughan the Reserve.

The 42^d. Reg^t. to be formed into two Battalions, under the Command of Lieu^t. Col^l. [Thomas] Stirling. – [Brevet] Major [William] Grant of that Reg^t. is appointed second Major to it. The 71st. Reg^t. to

be form'd into three Batt^{ns}. under the Command of Brig^d. Gen^l. Sir Will^m. Erskine – The Light Company of the 42^d. Reg^t. to join the 1st. Battⁿ. Light Inf^{ty}.

The 57 Recruits raised for the 26th. Reg^t. are to be turn'd over to the following Reg^{ts}. the first 40 on the list to 23^d. Reg^t. The remainder to be equally divided between the 4th. 5th. 38th. & 43^d. Reg^{ts}.

A Serj^t & 4 Light Dragoons to mount at Head Q^{rs} at 6 O'Clock in the Morning till further Orders.

The Reg^{ts}. that have lately join'd are to apply immediately to the Artillery Store for Materials to make up cartridges to complete them to the order of 60 *p* man.

All Application for forage to be made to M^r [George] Brinley at the forage Camp, where attendance will be constantly given –

A Return of the Effective Horses of the Officers of the 17th. Dragoons to be given in tomorrow at orderly time.

The Reg^{ts}. in Camp near the Watering place to take the Guard of Provision Store till further Orders –

Note: The reserve was considered a position of honor. Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis was the Colonel of the 33rd Regt. which likely explains its selection for the reserve under the command of the Earl. In this order the 1st and 2nd Bn., 71st Regts, which lost about 500 men to the rebel navy, are being split further into three temporary battalions for service in America.

Dykens Ferry 7th. Aug^t. 1781 [sic]

Parole Spithead C^t Sⁿ

A list of the Officers of each Reg^t. to be given tomorrow, Specifying the Rank & date of their Commissions –

Muster rolls to be immediately prepared by the 17th. Light Dragoons, the 15th. 28th. 33^d. 37th. 46th. 54th. & 57th. Reg^{ts}. of foot from the time they were last Mustered to the 24th. June inclusive –

The Commissary of Musters will wait on the Com^d officer of course & fix the time for their being muster'd –

The 15th. 28th. 33^d. 37th. 46th. 54th. & 57th. Reg^{ts}. to give a working party for 3 days of a Cap^t. 2 Sub^s. & 100 Men to parade at 5 O'Clock tomorrow Morn^g. & to receive their orders from the Engineer – The Command^g. Officer of course, contiguous to the Watering place are upon no Account to suffer the water to be disturb'd, & will order sentries to be placed as he shall judge proper for that purpose –

A Corp^l. & six Men from the Corps of Grenad^{ts}. lately Arrived to mount tomorrow Morn^g at 6 as a guard at the Gen^l. hospital near the Artillery Encampment

Lieu^t [Ralph] Gladstones Light Company 28th. Reg^t. is appointed to act as Adjutant to the 3^d. Battalion of Light Infantry, Serj^t. Hewlett of the 37th. Reg^t. to act as Quarter M^r. to the said Battⁿ.

R:O:) The 9 companies to parade tomorrow Morn^g. on the Exercising ground at Reveille beating –

Notes: The rebel brig *Andrew Doria* captured the transport *Oxford* carrying Capt. John Smith's Company on May 29 on the way to America. Accordingly there were only nine companies in the 42nd Regt. present at this time.

Staten Island 8th. Aug^t. 1776

Morn^g. Regimental Orders.

[Brevet] Major [William] Grant is appointed to Captⁿ. [Charles] Grahams Company & Captⁿ Graham is appointed to the Grenadiers. –

Lieu^t. [Harry] Gilchrist is appointed to the Grenad^f. Company in room of L^t. [Alexander] Munro who is appointed to Cap^t. [Archibald] Erskines, Lieu^t. [Thomas] Lyttleton to the Light Infantry in room of Lieu^t. [James] Cramond Appointed to the Majors.

The Grenad^f. Company to March tomorrow Morning to Richmond & join their Brigade [battalion] under the Command of Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart and receive their orders from him.

The Light Infantry Comp^y. to march at same time & join the 1st Battⁿ under the Command of Major ^{Brigr} Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie & receive their orders from him. [Brevet] Major [William] Grants & [Brevet] Major [Duncan] M^cPhersons Comp^{ys}. to take up their Quarters –

Notes: Although a Brevet-Major, William Grant held a captain's position as the grenadier company commander when appointed to command the 2nd Bn. Accordingly he had to give up command of the grenadier company to Capt. Graham, and took Capt. Graham's "*battalion company*" in the 2nd Bn. Lt. Peebles recognized Alexander Leslie was a brigadier general and wrote "*Brig*" above "*Major*" in the order.

Gen^l. Orders 8th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Carrisbrook.

Cap^t. [Archibald] Erskine of the 42^d. Reg^t. is appointed Major of Brigade –
The prisoner John Hunter of the 42^d Reg^t is to suffer death on Monday the 12th inst^t in consequence of the sentence of a Gen^l Court Martial of which L^t Col Sir Harry Calder was President. –

Notes: The Major of Brigade was the primary staff officer of the brigade commander. Initially Erskine was major of brigade to Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine who commanded a brigade made up of three temporary battalions of the 71st Highland Regt.

Dykers ferry Staten Island 9th. Aug^t. 76

Parole Redbridge –

The 3^d. Battⁿ. of Light Infantry to be under the Command of Brig^t. Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie
The Reg^{ts}. lately join'd the Army are for the future to make out all Returns upon the new
Establishment –

The 50th. Reg^t. to parade tomorrow Morn^g at 8 O'Clock to be drafted on the Exercising ground of the 5th Brigade –

Necessary Rolls for each Man to be prepared – The Mens Acco^{ts} to be Settled to the 24th. Aug^t. inclusive & the Balances to be deliver'd over to the Reg^{ts}. that receive them – each draft to have his Arms Accountments & Ammunition compleat.

The Adjutants of the 4th. 5th. 10th. 17th. 22^d. 23^d. 38th. 43^d. 44th. 45th. 40th. [sic] 49th. 52^d. 63 [sic] & 64th Reg^{ts}. to Attend to receive their drafts and the Mens Acco^{ts}. –

The Reg^{ts}. lately join'd the Army under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton will as soon as possible remove their heavy Baggage & Women to the Transports allotted to them for that purpose of which they will make a Report to the Adj^t. Gen^l.

Dykers ferry Staten Island, 10th. Aug^t. 1776 –

Parole Stockbridge.

The Reg^t. Encamp^d who have got upon bad ground have permission to change it as their Commanding Officers shall think most expedient – Strict orders to be given to fill up the necessary houses before any Reg^t. Attempts to move.

Cap^t. [Henry] Bruen of the 63^d. Reg^t. is appointed Deputy Q^r M^t. Gen^l. to the Army

Lieu^t. [James] Cramond 42^d. Reg^t. is appointed an Assistant to the Adj^t. Gen^{ls}. Department.

The Troops will receive 4 days Provisions as usual –

The Reg^{ts}. Encamp'd near the Watering place are to furnish a Working party for 3 days of a Cap^t. 2 Sub^s. & 100 men to morrow Morn^g. at 5 O'Clock in front of the Artillery Encampment. –

Dykers ferry 11th. Aug^t. 1776 –

G: O:) The Picquets of the 1st. & 3^d. Brigade Under the Command of a Field Officer to parade tomorrow Morning at 10 O'Clock at Dykers ferry to attend the Execution of John Hunter soldier in the 42^d. Reg^t condemned to suffer death for desertion by sentence of Gen^l. Court Martial. L^t Col. [William] Butler 38th. [Regt.] for this duty –

Forty Cartridge Boxes containing 18 rounds ball Cartridges each to be delivered from the Artillery Store to Major [Hon. Henry] Johnston of the Light Comp^y. 28th. Reg^t. –

Dykers ferry 12th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Georgi C^r Sign Prince of Wales

The Troops to be provided till further notice with three days salt provisions & three days bread drest, those Corps who have not convenience for Cooking their provisions on shore must have it drest on board their Transports –

A Return to be given in to the Adj^t. Gen^l. of the names of such Men as have been employed & do understand carrying works by sap, Should there be occasion for these sappers they will be paid according to the nature of their work – when they are not immediately employ'd on that service they will assist the facine layers and receive the usual Allowance of 1 shilling *p* day & ½ a pint rum each man.

A Return to be given in to the Adj^t. Gen^l. of such Men as thoroughly understand facine laying – A Return to be given in to the Chief Engineer of the Several working parties that have been employ'd in that department since the Troops arrived in Staten Island to the 10th. Aug^t. inclusive that pay lists may be made out, when the Q^rMasters of the different Corps will be acquainted therewith & directed where to receive the Money that the whole may be immediately paid –

The 42^d. and 71st. Reg^{ts} to be in readiness to be muster'd, the Commissary of Musters will wait on the Commanding Officers & settle the term for their being Muster'd –

The following appointments to take place in the 71st. L^t. [Thomas Tawse] Taas to be Adj^t. and Volunteer [William] Rankin to be Q^rM^r. to the 2^d. Battⁿ. – L^t. [Robert] Hutcheson to be Adju^t. Volunteer M^cAlpine to be Q^r.M^r. M^r [John] Stewart Surgeon & M^r Murdoch Mate to 3^d Battⁿ.

R:O:) The 7 companies to Embark on board the Brilliant Thames Glasgow & Houston – The officers are to carry nothing with them but their Tents bedding [sic] & a Portmateau [sic]

Notes: Fascines were long bundles of sticks used to support walls of fortifications. There is no record of the ordered muster of the 42nd Regt. in the UK National Archives. With the grenadier and light infantry companies having joined flank battalions, there are now only seven companies in the 42nd Regt. formed into two provisional battalions. The transports *Brilliant, Thames, Glasgow* and *Houston* were part of the fleet carrying the 42nd Regt. to America.

Dykers ferry 13th. Aug^t. 1776

In consequence of a Representation from the Officers of the 4th. Reg^t. respecting some improper conduct of Cap^t. [William] Holmes of that Reg^t. & which the Gen^l. transmitted to the Secretary at War to be laid before his Majesty. The King's pleasure has been signified, that his Majesty does not think it proper that Cap^t. Holmes should not be continued in the Service, the Gen^l. therefore Suspends Cap^t. Holmes from further duty & he has liberty to go to Europe. –

Promotions [sic]

Notes: The results of a court-martialed for Capt. Holmes was published in general orders in Boston on Sept. 2, 1775. He had been tried and found guilty for “*Unsoldier like behavior upon Service in his Willfully neglecting his Duty by pretending to be Ill making practise of it and thereby imposing a hardship on the Officers of his rank in the Regiment.*” Holmes was sentenced to be reprimanded by a general officer at the head of his brigade.

Dykers ferry 14th. Aug^t. 1776

The Order of the 12th. instant for three days provisions to be ready dres'd is suspended till further Orders

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint Major [Mathew] Dixon Chief Engineer to the Army in America

Cap^t. [John] Montresor [Royal Engineers] is appointed Aid de Camp to the Com^r in Chief
Cap^t. [Jeremiah] Tinker 33^d. Aid de Camp to Lord [Charles] Cornwallis

Note: Miscellaneous notes which were likely written on end papers have been moved to the correct chronological position at Sept. 7, 1776.

G:O: Head Q^{rs} Staten Island 16th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Dimmell

L^t. [John] Peebles of the 42^d. Gren^{rs}. is Appointed Adju^t & Serj^t [Alan] Stewart of d^o. is Appointed Q^r. M^r. to the 4th. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}.

G: O: Dykers ferry
Head Quarters Staten Island 19th. Aug^t. 1776
Parole Mirbach
C: Sign Donope

Cap^t. [Richard Symes] Sims of the 52^d. Reg^t. is appointed Major of Brigade in the Room of Major [Daniel] Disney [71st Regt.].

L^t. John Rutherford is appointed adjutant and Serj^t. Ja^s. Stirling to do the duty of Q^r. M^r. to the 2^d. Battⁿ. of the 42^d. Reg^t.

Those Reg^{ts}. that have Received Canteens, Hatchets, Camp Kettles, or any other kind of Camp Equipage, are order'd to replace them immediately into the Quarter M^r. Gen^{ls}. Store, on board the Fanny, out of their new Camp Equipage lately arrived –

Battⁿ. Orders 4th. Battⁿ. Grenadiers

The officers to send their heavy Baggage on board of Ship tomorrow Morn^g by the Provisⁿ. Waggons

Cap^t. [Patrick] Campbells [2nd Bn., 71st Regt.] Comp^y. to Parade every Morn^g. at 6 O'Clock, and the other 2 Comp^{ys}. at Seven

for Picquet tomorrow night L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.]

Cap^t. [Charles] Grahams [42nd Regt.] & Cap^t. [Francis] Skellys [1st Bn., 71st Regt.] Compa^{ys}. are to Embark in the Thames, and Cap^t Cap^t [sic] Campbells [2nd Bn., 71st Regt.] Comp^y. in the Experiment Transports –

Gen^l Orders Dickers ferry 18 Aug^t. 76

Parole Westphalia –

Counter Sign Munster –

The 15th. 28th. 37th. 46th. 54th. 57th. Reg^{ts}. to Embark tomorrow at 9 O'Clock at the Watering Place they are to go on board the Single Ships they have made choice of; the 71st. Reg^t. to Embark tomorrow at 9 O'Clock at Coles ferry –

The Corps under the Command of L^t. Colo: [William] Dalrymple [14th Regt.] are to march from their present Ground at five O'Clock tomorrow Morning & Encamp at the Center Redoubt, where they will be furninsh'd with Tents from the D^y. Q^r. M^r. G^l.

The 2^d. 3^d. & 4th. Brigades as soon as Relieved in their Cantonments will march to the Watering place in order to Embark on Tuesday –

The 6th. Brigade to Embark at Coles ferry on Tuesday Morning at 9 O'Clock –

Colo: Duopis^{Danou} [likely Donop's] Detachm^t. to Embark from the Hessian Head Quarters on Tuesday at 9 O'Clock – The Gen^l. Officers will Embark with their Respective Brigades on Tuesday Morning at 9 O'Clock –

Colo: [Edward] Mathews of the Guards is appointed Brigadier Gen^l. in America – Cap^t. [Edmond] Stevens is appointed Major of Brigade to the Brigade of Guards – If the Guards should not be Disembark'd in their proper turn, the Gen^l. desires they may understand it is on account of the distant Situation of their Transports –

The Detachm^t. of Hessians under the Command of Major Gen^l. [Johann David] Stern that were to have march'd this Morn^g. are to March tomorrow Morn^g at 4 O'Clock according to the Orders given yesterday by the Adjut^t. Gen^l. – The Masters of Transports on board whose Vessels the Troops are now Embarking, or are Embarked, are to deliver three days Provisions to the Troops to be Cook'd on tuesday Morn^g., to consist of 13 oz^s. & a half of Pork Pursers weight, *p* man, *p* day, & one pound of bread *p* man *p* day full w^t.

The following Gentleⁿ are appointed to the Commissary Gen^{ls}. Department
Major John Morrison }

Pet. Premuire Esq^r. } Deputy Commissarys
Geo: Brunlee Esq^r. }

Ja^s Christie Gent: } Assisting Commissarys
Ja^s Portis Gent. }

Battⁿ Orders

For Piquet tomorrow night L^t. [Thomas] Fraser [71st Regt.]

Note: Lt. Col. William Dalrymple Corps was a collection of convalescents and recruits. As the new adjutant of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Lt. John Peebles' order book now includes the battalion orders (B.O.) of that battalion and not of the 42nd Regt.

[B.O.] Morn^g Orders, 19th. Aug^t.

The Battⁿ. to Parade, Arm'd & Accounted at [sic] with their Packs, haversacks & Canteens and every thing else as for a March, at 12 OClock at the Exercising Ground. all the officers to attend –

Head Quarters Dekers Ferry Staten Island

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Parole Paderborne
Counter Liepstadt –

His Majesty has been pleased to approve of Major Gen^l. [James] Robertsons acting as Major Gen^l. in North America –

The Light Infantry, Grenad^{rs}., 33^d. & 42^d. Reg^{ts}. & Colo^l [Carl von] Dunope's Corps with the New York Comp^{ys}. & Volunteers are to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the shortest notice –

Any Convalescent Soldiers that cannot march with their Reg^{ts}. are to do duty with Colo:
Dalrymples Corps – All orders deliver'd by Cap^t [William] Congreve of the Royal Artillery from the Commander in Chief are to be considered as coming from an Aid de Camp –

The Recruits arrived for different Reg^t. onboard the Jersey Hospital Ship to be sent for immediately by their respective Corps – the Officer Commanding on board the Jersey is order'd to deliver them when demanded.

M^r Hawkins Surgeons Mate of the Hospital to do duty as Surgeon to the 4th. Battalion of Grenad^{rs}.

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Battⁿ Orders –

The Women of the different Companys to go on board their Respective Ships tomorrow Morning at 6 OClock. The Cap^t. of Companys to be Answerable that this order is punctually complied with, A Waggon goes at that hour to the landing place which will carry their luggage –

The Piquet tomorrow night Ensⁿ [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.]

Note: This order begins the preparations for the amphibious attack on Long Island on Aug. 22. "The "New York Comp^{ys}" were two provincial (or Loyalist) companies commanded by Capt. Archibald Campbell and Capt. Alexander Grant. Although Ens. M^cDonald was assigned on paper to the 1st Bn., he did duty with the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Co.

Head Quarters Staten Island 20th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Lorain Countersign Mosselle

The Army will Land in four Divisions, the first consisting of three Batta^{ns}. Light Infantry & the Reserve under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton, L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis, Maj^r. Gen^l. [John] Vaughan and Brigadier Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie.

The 2^d. Division to consist of the 1st. 2^d. & 3^d. Brigades of British under the Command of Maj^r. Gen^l. [James] Robertson, Major Gen^l. [Sir Robert] Pigot & Major Gen^l. [Valentine] Jones, with a Detachm^t. of Hessian troops under the Command of Colo^l. [Karl von] Donop.

The 3^d. Division to consist of the Brigade of Foot Guards, 4th. 5th. & 6th. Brigades, under the Command of Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy, Major Gen^l. [James] Grant, Brig^r. Gen^l. [Edward] Mathew, Brig^r. Gen^l. [Francis] Smith and Brig^r. Gen^l. [James] Agnew –

The 4th. Division to consist of the three Ba^{ns} of the 71st. Reg^t. under the Command of Brig^r. Gen^l. Sir W^m. Erskine.

These Troops to have three days Provisions ready dress'd tomorrow Morn^g. – Colonel Donops Corps to Embark tomorrow Morn^g. at 9 OClock at the Hessian Head Quarters –

The Pioneers of each Brigade to form in the rear of their respective Brigades, und [sic] the Direction of an Engineer appointed by the chief Engineer –

The Corps that are Encamp'd are to stack their Tents tomorrow Morn^g. and put their Camp Equipage onboard their respective Transports –

When the Troops Land, they are to carry nothing with them but their Arms, Ammunition, Blankets and three days Provisions –

The Commanding Officers of Companys will take particular care that the Canteens are properly fill'd with Rum & Water & it is most earnestly recommended to the Men to be as Saving as possible of their Grog –

The Commanding officers of those Reg^{ts}. whose Light Companies form the 3^d. Battⁿ. L. Infantry, to make good the defficient Arms & Accoutrm^{ts}. of their Respective Companies immediatly in the best manner they are able –

Chief Engineer
Engineers Employed with the Army
Major [Mathew] Dixon

First Brigade

Captains { Ab^m. D'Aubant
{ John Camble

1st. Lieu^t Will^m. Parker
2^d. Lieu^t Will^m. Hesterman

Assistants { Arthur Forth
{ Brown

Second Brigade

Captains { Arch^d. Robertson
{ Tho^s. Hartcup

1st. Lieu^t. Alex^r. Sutherland
Assistants { Cap^t. Adair
{ L^t. [George] Sproule [16th Regt.]
{ L^t. Doyle

Third Brigade

Captains James Moncreiff
1st. Lieu^t Mathew Potts
2^d. Lieu^t { Rich^d. Bendyshe
{ Will^m. Fyers

Assistant Manly Dixon

In Consideration of the distance this Army is from Great Britain & of the Loss which the Regimental Surgeons must sustain by ordering out all the Necessary Medicines, from the Allowance

unusually made them, it is directed that they be furnish'd in future as occasion Shall require, from the Gen^l. Hospital – The Quantity & Quality of medicines required being first, Assertained by the Physicians & Surgeons of the Hospital, & also that no Stores be destroyed or rejected as Unserviceable except by an Order from the Hospital board on due consideration –

Major [Samuel Johannes] Holland is appointed Aid de Camp to his Excellency Gen^l. [Leopold Philip] D^eHeister –

Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart will March tomorrow Morn^g. with his Corps of Grenad^{rs}. & take up the Cantonments of the 71st. –

The New York Companies will march immediately toward the Watering place –

Battⁿ Orders

The Companys to Parade tomorrow Morn^g. at 3 oClock fully Arm'd & Accoutrid in readiness to march. three days provisions to be dress'd this Night –

Notes: The reserve was made up of the four British grenadier battalions, the 33rd Regt. and the two battalions of the 42nd Regt. All companies of the 42nd Regt. were in the first division to land. The 42nd Light Inf. Co. with the light infantry battalions, the 1st and 2nd Bns., 42nd Regt. and the 42nd Grenadier Co. in the Reserve. "Cantonments" were military quarters in existing buildings.

The Gen^l. Orders of the 21st. follows the Battⁿ. orders

Battⁿ. orders 21st. Aug^t.

The Companys to parade tomorrow Morn^g with their Arms Accoutrements & Packs at half after 2 OClock at Major [Hon. Charles] Stewarts Quart^{rs}. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys}. to be particularly carefull they do not excid this hour.

G: O: Dukirs ferry Head Quarters Staten Island

8 O'Clock P.M. 21st. Aug^t.

The Light Infantry & Reserve to be upon the beach at Coles Ferry tomorrow Morn^g. at 4 O'Clock in order to embark. 1st. Battⁿ. on the Right, the 2^d. on the left, the 3^d. in the Center – The Grenad^{rs}. are to form to form in front of Gen^l. [Francis] Smiths Quarters, 1st. Battⁿ on the Right, the 2^d. on the left of the 1st. The 3^d. on the left of the 2^d, & the 4th on the left of the Brigade – The 33^d. & 42^d. Reg^{ts}. are to Embark at a small distance from the left of the 4th. Grenad^{rs}. The 33^d. on the Right & the 42^d. on the left – The Volunteers & New York Companys to embark on the left, of the first Debarkation. The Whole to be under the direction of Commander [William] Hotham & the Sea Officers under his Command –

Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton will embark with Command^r. Hotham [50-gun *HMS Preston*] at Coles Ferry – Brigad^r. Gen^l [Hon. Alexander] Leslie at the same place with Cap^t. [George] Vanderput [64-gun *HMS Asia*]. L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis & the Grenad^{rs}. with Cap^t. [Benjamin] Caldwell [32-gun *HMS Emerald*]

Maj^r. Gen^l. [John] Vaughan & the Division of the 33^d. and 42^d. Reg^{ts}. with Cap^t. Ogilvie –

L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy will be pleas'd to embark with the 17th. Reg^t on board [transport] Felicity where a Barge will be sent to receive his orders. The other Gen^l. Officers will go on board the eldest Reg^{ts}. of their respective Brigades when they come to anchor and will Disembark with the Sea Officers Superintending the Debarkation of their respective Divisions.

The Provincial Corps will receive their orders of embarkation from the Deputy Quar^r. Master General on the Beach –

Head Quarters New Utrecht Long Island, 22^d. Aug^t. 1776 –

Parole Hotham C: Sign Donop

The Gen^l. Officers are Authorized to post such Guards as they shall judge Proper for the Security of their Quarters –

A communication must be kept open between the Battalions particularly to the Rear where there may be a necessity for support –

It is strongly recommended to the Army to preserve good order & discipline and upon no account to molest or commit any depredations upon the Inhabitants of the Island –

Each Reg^t. is to send early tomorrow for their Tents, Camp Kettles, & Knapsacks. The Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. will endeavour to furnish Waggons to convey them from Water side and it is hoped that Officers will bring as little Baggage as possible on shore and & for some time make use of Soldiers Tents or fly Tents.

In the present distribution of Cantonments the Brigade of Guards is to furnish the Guard at Head Quarters to consist of one Serjeant 3 Corp^{ls}. & 20 Men, to mount as usual at 8 O'Clock with an Orderly Serj^t. –

All Horses & Cattle that may be seize'd on the Island are to be immediately sent to head Quarters for the use of the Army & the owners will be paid for them.

The Volunteers under the Command of Cap^t. [John] Stanton [14th Regt.] are order'd forthwith to join their Reg^{ts}. B.O. For Piquet Lt. [David] Kinlock [71st Regt.] & 30

Notes: Each mess of five soldiers was issued a tent, tent poles, hatchet and tinned camp kettle for camp equipment. A fly tent was similar to a soldier's tent except that it had an additional canvas stretched slightly above the tent to provided additional protection from the elements. The "Picquet" (or picket) was a small number of soldier posted as sentinels in front of the line to provide advance warning and to delay any attacking force to allow the regiments to assemble.

New Utrecht Long Island, 23^d. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Luximberg

C^r. Sign Atetz

The Brigade of Guards, 1st. 2^d. 3^d. 5th. & 6th. Brigades to Encamp tomorrow, the Ground of 1st. 3^d. & 5th. Brigades will be marke'd out by order of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton. The Ground for the Guards 2^d. & 6th. Brigades will be mark'd out by the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. at Six OClock tomorrow Morn^g. –

The Corps de Reserve will be Encamp'd by order of L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis –

The Commander in Chief desires it may be Signified to the Army that he is determined to show no mercy to any man found Guilty of Marauding –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades are desired to order the Rolls to be called & to take every step they shall judge necessary toward Suppressing such Scandalous & infamous behavior –

The Army to receive three days Provisions tomorrow at 12 OClock at the Store House near where the Artillery were Landed & where the 23^d. Regt are now Quarter'd –

A Serj^t. & Eight Drag^{ns}. to be detach'd every Morn^g. by order of Sir W^m. Erskine to Head Quarters – It is requested that Officers will not detain Waggons longer than is absolutely necessary, Otherwise the business of the Army must Stand Still –

[Reserve] Brigade Orders by L^t. Gen^l. E: Cornwallis

A Piquet consisting of one Field Officer two Cap^{ts}. Six Sub^s. & 200 Men to Parade immediately at the Head of the 33^d. Reg^t. L^t. Colo: [James] Webster [33rd Regt.] for this Duty

	Detail	C.	S.	S.	C.	D.	Privates
4 th . Batt ⁿ . G ^{rs} .		1	1				27

B: Orders for Piquet Cap^t. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.] & Lt. Doug^l. Campbell [71st Regt.] –

Notes: "C S S C D" is an abbreviation for Captains, Subalterns (Lts. and Ens.) Sergeants, Corporals and Drummers.

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Head Quarters, New Utrecht, 24th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Burgundy

C^r. Sign Tyrol

The order of the 22^d. ins^t. with respect to Horses seized in the Country is to be Stricly complied with All Waggons also are to be sent to Head Quarters in order for a proper distribution of them to be made thro' the Army –

The Reg^{ts}. Encamp'd are to mount a Piquet consisting of a Cap^t. Subⁿ. & 30 Men & a Quarter Guard of 1 Subⁿ. & 18 Private They are to have Sentry's on each well –

The Corps that have Landed more Tents than they have occasion for are to Embark them again immediately. The Light Infantry are not to have Tents as they expect to be in constant motion

The Brigade of Guards will immediately mount a Serj^t. & 12 at L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percys Quarters –

[Reserve] Brigade Orders –

Field officer of the Piquet this Evening Major [William] Murray [1st Bn., 42nd Regt.]

Gen^l After Orders

A Working Party of two Captains four Subalterns Six Serjeants Six Corp^{ls}. & 200 Men to Parade before Earl Cornwallis' door at 8 OClock this Even^g.

Gr ^{rs} .	Detail				
	C	S	S	C	Privates
1 st .	1	1	1	1	39
2 ^d .	1	1	1	1	41
3 ^d .		1	1	1	27
4 th .		1	1	1	30
33 ^d Reg ^t .		0	1	1	28
42 nd .		0	1	1	35
	2	4	6	6	200

Battⁿ. Orders

For Piquet tonight L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] & 33

For the Working Party Ensⁿ. [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.] & 30

The Commanding Officers of Companys will give the necessary orders for keeping the Streets of their Camp Clean & the ground near it, Necessary Houses will be made in the Rear which the men will go to & nowhere else near the camp –

Morn^g. Battⁿ. Orders 25th. Aug^t. 1776

The Commanding Officer of Companys will take particular care that the Non Commissioned Officers of Squads or Messes see the Men comb their hair & clean themselves before they come to the Parade –

The Comp^{ys}. to Parade in their respective Streets a quarter of an hour before the Troop & Retreat beats, When the Commanding Officers will review the Mens Arms Ammunition & march them in order to the front of the Bell Tents where they will form the Battalion in open order –

The Parties from the 4th. Battalion (or Highland) Grenad^{rs}. sent upon Detachment, are not to load without express Commands from the Officer Command^g. the Detachment –

All Parties returning from duty are to be march'd to the Battⁿ. Parade and there regularly dismissed –

Notes: "Bell Tents" were small conical tents placed at the front of a street of tents to hold the soldiers muskets.

G: O:

Head Quart^{rs}. New Utrecht 25th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Dijon C^r. Sign Rhone

The Gen^l. wishes to Express his Satisfaction at the Diligence & good order with which the Artillery & the Stores were Landed on the 22^d. instant And desires his thanks may be given in Public Orders to the

Officers & Men of that Corps as well as to M^r. Land Agent of Ordnance Transports – The Gen^l. also highly approves of the Spirited behavior of Cap^t. [Archibald] Campbell & [Alexander] Grant & Detachm^t. of New York Comp^{ys}. upon the Scouting parties of yesterday

Reg^{ts}. are to prepare formers so as to be able for the future to make up their own Cartridges and it is impossible for the Artillery to supply the Whole Army –

L^t. [John] Piper of the 6th. Reg^t. is appointed as a Assistant D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. –

The Undermention'd four Hospital Ships are in Rotation to send boats daily for the Reception of Sick & wounded. Viz. Dutton Grovenor, British King, & Pigot. These boats to Attend on the beach near the Stone House where the provisions are issued –

A Guard of a Corp^l & Six men to mount immediately from the 2^d. Brigade at the Gen^l. Hospital –

Note: "Formers" were wooden dowels used to roll the paper the proper size to fit the muskets in order to make a cartridge of powder and ball. The "Stone House" was likely the home of Mr. Denyse, at Denyse ferry.

[Reserve] Brigade Orders –

An Adjutant of the day to be in waiting till further orders –

Adj^t. of the day for tomorrow 1st. Battⁿ. Gr^{rs}.

The Piquet to mount at Six this Even^g.

For Piquet this Even^g. Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.]

	Detail				
Gr ^{rs} .	C	S	S	C	Privates
3 ^d .	1	1	1	1	31
4 th .		1	1	1	32
33 ^d Reg ^t .	1	1	1	1	32
42 ^d .		1	1	1	45
Hessians		1	1	1	30
	2	5	5	5	170

After Brig: orders ½ 5

A Working Party of 2 Cap^{ts}. 4 Sub^s. & 170 Men to parade at 7 O'clock –

	Detail				
Gr ^{rs}	C	S	S	C	Privates
1 st .		1	1	1	31
2		1	1	1	31
3.	1	1	1	1	21
4.	1		1	1	24
33 ^d Reg ^t .		1	1	1	27
42 ^d .		1	1	1	30

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G: O:

Head Quarters Long Island, 26th. Aug^t. 76

Parole Geneva C^r. S. Coni –

Plundering is become so excessive that Commanding Officers of Corps must be responsible that the Soldiers do not quit their Encampments unless upon Duty in which case the Officer Commanding is to be answerable for their behavior of his Men.

The Mens Canteens are to be immediately filled with Rum & Water. Their Provisions & Necessaries put up in the best Manner for Carriage –

The Commander in Chief desires that the Soldiers may not Huzza in getting in our out of their Boats –

M: Bⁿ. Orders The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys}. will see that the Mens necessary's are pack'd up in their Blankets immediately.

It is expected in future that the Men constantly Parade with their Packs & that they do not undo them until Night –

An Officer of a Comp^y. constantly to see the Mens Rum mixed, if the Men cannot get Buckets they must see the Canteens carried to the Well –

Notes: "Necessaries" generally means the soldiers' extra clothing, shoes and musket tools. This order likely means some smaller subset of the necessities were to be carried into battle are carried in their rolled up blankets, here called "packs," while the knapsacks are left under guard with the remaining articles.

G: After Orders, 5 O'Clock –

The Army will Strike their Tents & Load their Baggage at 8 O'Clock this Night to form at the head of their respective Encampments & there wait for further orders, the men to carry their Canteens, Camp Kettles, Provisions & Necessarys, no more than two Waggons can be allowed to each Reg^t. for their Tents & Baggage, the overplus of Rum that Reg^{ts}. may have in Store is to be carried in the Waggons with the Mens Tents –

The Advance Guard Consisting of three Squadrons of Cavalry, three Battalions of Light Infantry, four Batt^{ns}. of Grenad^{rs}. 1st. Brigade 33^d. & 71st. Reg^{ts}. will receive their orders from L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton with L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis Major Gen^l. [John] Vaughan & Brig^{ts}. Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie & Sir W^m. Erskine four light 3 pounders 2 Howitzers & 6 Six pounders will Attend this Corps –

The Advance Guard is to be follow'd by the Brigade of Guards with two 6 pounders & two Howitzers – The 3^d. Brigade with two 12 Pounders. The 5th. Brigade with four light 12 Pounders & two 6 Pounders, and 2^d. Brigade with two 6 Pounders, the 49th. Reg^t. with four medium 12 Pounders & four Waggons with intrenching Tools to form the Rear Guard –

L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy will take Post with the Brigade of Guards at the Head of the Line –

The Men are not to Load till ordered by their respective Commanding Officers & the greatest Silent Attention to be Observ'd by the Troops.

The Reg^{ts}. to Wheel by half Companys & march from the Right, each Reg^t. will have a flanking Party of a Non Commissioned Officer & four Men per Company under the Command of a Commissioned Officer of the Reg^t. –

A Serj^t. & Six Men of each Reg^t. to take charge of the Baggage under the Command of a field Officer one Cap^t. & 4 Sub^{ns}. of the Line –

The Hospital Waggons with their own Guard to follow the 49th. Reg^t. –

Gen^l. Officers Baggage with their Respective Guards next, & then the baggage of the Line –

The Q^r. Masters of Reg^t. & Pioneers are to form at the head of each Brigade under the direction of an Engineer, one Wagon is allowed to each Gen^l. Officer. L^t. Gen^{ls}. will have two if they can be procured –

The 4th. & 6th. Brigades will receive particular orders for their march. Six 6 Pounders two 3 pounders & two Howitzers will Attend these two Brigades. Cap^t. [James] Moncrieff Engineer & an Assistant Engineer. to receive their Orders from Major Gen^l. [James] Grant

The Baggage of the 6th. Brigade will be embark'd in flat Boats at Gravesend –

The New York Comp^{ys}. are immediately to Escort the Artillery from Head Quarters to Denys's House where they will receive further orders –

Detail for Baggage Guard

	F.O.	C.	S.	S.	C.	Private
1 st . Brig ^e .	1	1	1			[sic]
2 ^d . d ^o .			1			
3 ^d . d ^o .			1			

Notes: This order documents the preparations made for the Battle of Long Island on Aug. 27, 1776. The 4th British Grenadier Bn. took part in Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton's flanking movement around the rebel left. Artillery of the period was designated by the weight of the cannonball, accordingly a "6 Pounder" threw a cannon ball weighing six pounds, etc.

Gen^l. Orders Head Quarters Bedford
Long Island 27th. Aug^t. 1776
Parole Brooklin
C^r. Sⁿ. Flatbush

The Advance Guards of the British to be taken by the Piquets, of the 1st. 2^d. 3^d. & 5th. Brigades (49th. Reg^t. excepted) & Colo^l. [Karl von] Donops Corps

The Picquets to consist of 1 Cap^t. 2 Sub^{ns}. & 50 Men under the Command of two Field Officers & a Brigadier Gen^l. of the Day They will be posted by L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton to whom they are to make all Reports. These Picquets to Parade at 5 OClock this Evening behind the Hill near the Bedford Road

The Reg^{ts}. to Encamp as soon as the Picquets are Posted – The Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. will give them their Ground –

Brigadier Gen^l. for this Evening Brig^r. Gen^l. [Edward] Mathews [sic] Major of Brigade [Edmond] Stevens, who will wait on L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton & receive his orders for Posting the Picquets

G: O: Head Q^{rs}. Bedford Long Island, 28th. Aug^t. 1776
Parole London C^r. Sign Fontenoy

Gen^l. Officer for this Even^g. Brig^r. Gen^l. [Francis] Smith, who will Report to L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy, field Officers for Piquet L^t. Col^l. Sir Henry Calder [49th Regt.] & Major [Rawlins] Hilman [22nd Regt.], Major of Brigade [Frederick] M^cKenzie.

The Gen^l. Parade to be on the Ground in front of the 38th. Reg^t. –

The Commander in Chief is thoroughly sensible of the very distinguish'd behavior of all the Troops that were yesterday Engaged, & of the Universal Ardor he perceived throughout all Ranks of the Army of discharging their Duty with Spirit & conduct –

A Return of the Killed, Wounded, taken prisoner by the Enemy, & Missing to be given in tomorrow at orderly time –

A Working Party of a Field Officer, 2 Cap^{ns}. 6 Sub^{ns}. & 400 Men, to Parade this Even^g. at Gun firing, & Receive their orders from the Chief Engineer. Field Officer for this Duty L^t. Col: [William] Walcot [5th Regt.] – A Detachment of 300 men under the Command of a field officer to be taken from the Picquets of the Line to Cover the Working Party –

40 Sappers & 20 fascine Layers to be Attach'd to the Engineers Corps till further orders.

A Serj^t. from the first Brigade to be sent to the Sappers, & one from the 2^d. Brigade with the fascine layers, the Whole to Encamp with the Corps of Engineers –

A Morning & Evening Gun to be fired at the Artillery Park –

The Commanding officers of Brigades will take care that a free communication is open between the Reg^{ts}. in front of the Camp –

The two Comp^{ys}. of Marine Grenad^{rs}. are to be join'd in one, under the Command of Cap^t. [Thomas] Averte –

Cap^t. [John] Campbell of the Corps of Engineers to attend Brigad^r. Gen^l. Sir W^m. Erskine –

All Arms taken with Prisoners are to be sent to the Artillery Store, the Captors will be paid for them according to the Regulation.

Such of the Wounded as can be Removed will be carried to New Utrecht; a Return of the Numbers in each Corps to be given to the D^y. Adjut^t. Gen^l. tomorrow at orderly time that Waggons may be provided accordingly.

The Reserve will move their Ground to the Right. L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will take his orders from the Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe]. 1st. & 3^d. Battⁿ. of Light Infantry to hold themselves in readiness, to Attend L^t. Gen^l. Earl Cornwallis, from whom they will receive their orders. The 2^d. Battⁿ. to remain as they are till further orders –

four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops at the Stone House near the Landing from the 29th. Aug^t. 1776 to 1st. Sept^r. inclusive.

The Reg^{ts}. that got Horses from the D^y. Q^r. Gen^l. to Return them immediately.

The Q^r. Masters of the Different Corps will Attend the D^y. Comm^{ry}. [Commissary] Gen^l. near Head Quarters at five this afternoon to receive Cattle for their respective Corps –

The 4th. & 6th. Brigades & 49th. Reg^t. being Omitted in yesterdays detail to do duty in the Line –

The Reg^{ts}. are to sink wells for themselves as near their ground as possible –

The Return of Women for Nurses to be given in by the Several Reg^{ts}. in Line tomorrow at orderly time – Any Man who discharges his firelock when in Camp or Quarters without leave of his Commanding Officer shall be punished with the utmost Severity –

Note: The Battle of Long Island was fought against the large number American forces posted in front of the line of defensive positions across the western end of Long Island. After the American forces were defeated in the battle, Gen. Howe ordered the defensive works to be taken by traditional 18th century siege techniques of digging a set of ever closer trenches. Fascines were long tied bundles of small straight limbs used to shore up earthworks.

Head Q^{rs}. Bedford Long Island 29th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Guilford C^r. Sⁿ. Courtray –

Bushwick, Earl Cornwallis's orders for the Reserve – The Piquets Consisting of 2 Capt^{ns}. 5 Sub^{ns}. & 150 men to Parade this Even^g. at 5 O'Clock at the Head of the 3^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}.

A field Officer of the Day to Visit the Piquets, for this duty L^t. Colo: [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

It being represented to L^t. Gen^l. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis that several Horses have been taken today from people well Affected to Government [sic], his Lordship desires all horses taken on the March today may be sent to [Maj.] Gen^l. [John] Vaughan's Q^{rs}. to be return'd to the owners that may prove their right to them.

	Detail for the Piquet					
	Cap ^{ts} .	Sub.	Serj ^t .	Corp ^l .	D ^{rs} .	Private
1 st . Batt ⁿ . Gr ^{rs} .	1	1	1	1		35
2 ^d . d ^o .	1	1	1	1		30
3 ^d . d ^o .		1	1	1		25
4 th . d ^o .		1	1	1		27
33 ^d . Reg ^t .		1	1	1		33
	2	5	5	5		150

Battⁿ. Orders –

For Piquet this Night L^t. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.] 1 Serj^t. 1 Cor^l. 27

Head Q^{rs}. Bedford Long Island 30th. Aug^t. 1776

Parole Petersfield C^r. Sⁿ. Lisle

Field Officer for the Day & to Visit the Picquets Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

H: Q^{rs}. Newtown Aug^t. 31st. 1776

Parole Utrecht C^r. Sⁿ. Paris

Field Officer for Picquet Colo. [James] Webster [33rd Regt.]

The Picquet to Mount at 6 O'Clock consisting of 2 Cap^{ts}. 5 Sub^s. & 150 private, Adju^t 4th. Bⁿ. B^f. G for Pic^t. L^t. [Thomas] Fraser [71st Regt.]

Notes: During the night of Aug. 30, the rebel commander, Gen. George Washington, successfully withdrew his forces from Long Island, ending the need for the British siege of the Brooklyn defensive positions.

G: O: Newtown Long Island 31st. Aug^t. 1776 [sic]

The Gen^l. again repeats it in orders that no mercy will be shown to any Man found guilty of Plundering –

The Q^r. Masters of Corps will attend Cap^t. [Benjamin C.] Payne [18th Regt.] a D. Q. M. G. tomorrow at Bedford to receive Rum & Bread. They will take the Waggons now in their possession for that purpose, which Waggons they will keep till further orders

Head Q^{rs}. Newtown, Long Island 1st. Sept^r. 1776

G: O: Parole Exeter C^r. Sⁿ. Portsmouth

Gen^l. Officer for this Even^g. Brig^r. Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie who will Report to Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy –

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphreys [52nd Regt.] –

No Officer or Soldier to go beyond the out Posts except upon duty – The Advanced Posts or Pickets are to continue out till relieved –

Reserve Orders

A Review of the State of the Ammunition and the deficiencies to be made good immediately – Field Officers [sic] for Picquet Major [Edward] Mitchell [5th Regt. and 1st Bn. Grenadiers]

Detail	C	S	S	C	D	Privates
4 th . Batt ⁿ .			1	1		27

Adj^t. for the day tomorrow 33^d. Reg^t.

G: O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 2^d. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Devonshire C^r. Sⁿ. Embden

The Q^r. M^{rs}. of Corps to Attend Immediately at the Publick House near Head Q^{rs}. to receive 4 days bread & Rum they will bring the Waggons Assign'd for the use of their Corps to take it away.

Reserve Orders) The Picquets to mount this Even^g. at ½ after 5 O'Clock Consisting of 1 Cap^t. 4 Sub^{ns}. 5 Serj^{ts}. 5 Corp^{ts}. 2 Drum^{rs}. & 98 Private – Field Officer for the day & to visit the Picq^{ts}. L^t. Col [Robert] Abercrombie [37th Regt.]

Adj^t for tomorrow 1st. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}.

Orderly Serj^t. for tomorrow 4th. Grenad^{rs}.

Notes: A "Publick House" was a tavern or inn. The assignment of Lt. Col. Abercromby in the reserve orders is unusual. Although he later commanded the 1st Lt. Inf. Bn., at this point in the war he was still commanding the 37th Regt. in the 3rd Brigade. It is likely Lt. Peebles inadvertently included a General Order for field officer duty in the Reserve Order section.

Gen^l. Orders continued) The Commanding Officers are desired to place Sentries over the Corn in the neighbourhood of their Respective Posts that the Men may not make use of it for Straw until it is thrished out – Major [Thomas] Dilkes of the 49th. Reg^t. is appointed to the 2^d. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}.

The Commander in Chief in order to Establish the Current Value of Gold for Payment of the Army in all Situations without regarding local Currency, directs that the Contractors Agents shall pay the Gold to the D^y. Pay M^r. Gen^l. in the following manner & that they shall pay it to the Troops accordingly Viz^t

A Guinea weighing 5^{dwt} 7^{grs} to be received equal to 4 Dollars & two thirds – A Single Johannes 9^{dwt} 3^{grs} equal to 8 Dollars – The Dollar to pass for 4/8 Stirling or 8/NYork Currency, which will serve to regulate proper Currencies less in Circulation but whose weight & Value may be determin^d. by thus Specified – The Agents supplying Money or those who pay it to the troops are not to Offer Gold of less weight, & no allowance will be made for any overplus weight –

B: O:) The Major is extremely sorry to be under the necessity of reminding the Officers that a Battⁿ. newly form'd required their Strictest care & Attention

No Officer whatever to quit the Camp without mentioning it to the Major –

It having been represented that men from the 71st. Comp^{ys}. taken away Articles from, & otherwise ill treated several persons near this Encampment

The Commanding Officer requests that the Officers make diligent search to discover s^d. offenders & that they pay such Attention to their non Commission Officers and Men as may prevent them in future from being guilty of the like infamous practices –

An Officer of the Day – His duty is to Visit the Men before Roll Calling see that their Tents are made clean the Straw taken out & air'd the Canvass roll'd up – They will allso see that the Messes are properly regulated & that the Men are fed by tattoo – The 2 Comp^{ys}. of the 71st. to parade every Morn^g. at 6 OClock till further orders –

For Picquet L^t. Tho^s Fraser [71st Regt.] for the day tomorrow L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.]

Notes: “Dollars” refers to Spanish milled dollars, common coins in the American colonies. For some reason the lieutenants of the 42nd Grenadier Co. are not listed for any duty in the 4th British Gren. Bn. Lt. John Peebles, as Adjutant, would perform rotating duty in that position, but there is no known reason why Lt. William Graham and Lt. Harry Gilchrist are not listed for any duty.

G: O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 3^d. Sep^r. 1776

Parole Dorset C^r. Sⁿ. Prague –

All the Waggons & Horses belonging to Staten Island employed in the Army, to be sent in immediately in order to be exchanged, those nearest to Bedford to be deliver'd to the D^y. Q^r. M^r. G^l. there, & those nearest to Newtown to be sent to Head Q^{rs}. –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt. and 4th Battn. Grenadiers]

Adju^t. for Tomorrow 2^d. Battⁿ.

Orderly Serj^t. 33^d. Reg^t. –

Six men from each Battⁿ. of the Reserve w^o a Commissioned Officer to go out immediately to drive in fresh Stock –

Battⁿ. Orders) Officer for tomorrow L^t. Dougal Campbell [71st Regt.] –

For Picquet tonight 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 17 –

G: O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 4th. Sept^r. 76

Parole Blandford C^r. Sⁿ. Long Island

The fascines & picquets order'd to be made by each Reg^t. to be immediately sent off in the Reg^{tal}. Waggons to L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clintons Q^{rs}. –

Two days Salt Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow, those Reg^{ts}. who have not rec^d. Provisions to the 7th. inst^t. inclusive are to draw tomorrow for what may be due to them to that day. –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [John] York [33rd Regt.] –

Adj^t. 3^d. Battⁿ. Orderly Serj^t. 1^s. Battⁿ.

4th. Battⁿ. Sub Serj^t Corp^l. D Private

Bⁿ. O: For Picquet tonight Ensⁿ. [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.]
For the day tomorrow L^t. Tho^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 5th. Sept^r. 76
Parole Bristol C^r. Sⁿ. Amsterdam

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet L^t. Colo^l. [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

Bⁿ. O:) Officer for tomorrow L^t. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.]

Camp Long Island 6th. Sept^r. 1776

Morn^s. Reserve Orders) For the future when the Picquets are allowed to return to Camp in the Morning some non Commissioned Officers of the old Picquet will attend the parade of the New one to show where it is to be posted.

A man to be sent from all guard [*illegible*] main out before the time of the relief to conduct the New Guard – The Adju^t of the Day to see that this order is observed –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 6th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Nottingham C^r. Sⁿ. Vienna

The Commander in Chief disapproves of the Sentences of the Gen^l. Court Martial of Whi^h. [which] L^t. Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57th. Reg^t. was President, and orders the Court to Assemble again tomorrow the 7th. at 9 O'Clock & revise their Proceedings.

The Provost Martial has a Commission to Execute on the Spot, any Soldier he finds guilty of Marading [sic] & to take up all Soldiers above one mile from their Posts.

The Absolute necessity of frequently calling the Rolls in the presence of all of the Officers off Duty is once more Strongly urged & recommended, as the present licencious behavior of the Troops is a disgrace to the Country they belong to –

It is the Gen^{ls}. order that no person shall sell a Horse taken upon this Island unless he can produce a receipt, for the Money he paid for Him –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^s. Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.] – Adjut. for the day 33^d. Reg^t.

Orderly Serj^t. 3^d. Battⁿ.

Detail

4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub. 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 17 Private

Bⁿ. O) For Picquet to Night L^t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.]
Officer for tomorrow Ensⁿ. [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 7th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Canterbury C^r. Sⁿ. Berlin

A Return to be given in tomorrow at orderly time by each Corps of the Number of Officers & Men they have prisoner with the Rebels.

The Army to be Supply'd till further orders with fresh Provisions for two days only in this week.

Two days fresh & two days Salt Provision from the 8th. to the 11th. inst^t. inclusive will be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the Public House near Head Q^{rs} –

R. O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [James] Webster [33rd Regt.] – Adju^t. for the Day 1st. Baⁿ. Orderly Serj^t. 1st. Battⁿ.

B: O:) Officer for the day tomorrow L^t. Tho^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 8th. Sept^r.
Parole Rochester C^r. Sⁿ. Munster

One days Provision to be kept ready dress'd till further orders –
The Detachment of Artillery will draw Provisions with the Brigade or Corps they do duty with –
A Return of Horses in each Corps to be given in tomorrow at orderly time in order to ascertain the number intitled to receive forage, Specifying the Officers Names to which they belong – Three men per Reg^t. to be Appointed to do duty with the Brigade Guns till further Orders –
The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions Viz^t:
23^d. Reg^t. 2^d. L^t. John Wilkinson to be 1st. L^t. vice [Benjamin Bernard] Barnet deceas'd 21st. Aug^t. [Francis] Dulival Gent: to be 2^d. L^t. vice Wilkinson promoted d^o.
49th. Reg^t. [Bartholomew] Fuller to be Surgeon vice [Meredith] Jenkins by Purchase 7th. Sept^r.
1776.

52^d. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. Rob^t. Bourne from the 10th. Reg^t. to be L^t. Vice [John] Fuge who resigns for the Value of his Ens^{cy}. 26th. Aug^t. 1776

57th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. W^m. Augustus Thompson to be L^t. Vice [William] Davies deceas'd 1st. Sept^r. –
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Staff – Surgeon Richard Procter from the 5th. Reg^t. to be Apothecary to the Hospital Vice [John] Jameson deceas'd 7th. Sept^r.

Reserve Orders) Field officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49th Regt. and 2nd Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

Adju^t. for tomorrow 2^d. Battⁿ. – orderly Serj^t. 4th Battⁿ. –
Detail
4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub: 1 Corp^l. & 17 Private

B:O:) For Picquet L^t. Doug^l. Campbell [71st Regt.]
Officer for tomorrow L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

Notes: The Commander-in-Chief in North America was authorized to make promotions in most regiments subject to final approval by the King. The commissions bore date from the date issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 9th. Sept^r.
Parole Dover C^r. Sⁿ. Halifax –

Two days Provisions to kept ready dress'd till further –
Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [Robert] Abercrombie [37th Regt.] –
Adju^t. for tomorrow 3^d. Battⁿ. Orderly Serj^t. 33^d. Reg^t.
Detail 4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub. 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 17 Private

Memo^m. All Horses found with the Kings Mark **GR** to be seiz'd and sent to the Artillery –

Note. “GR” was an abbreviation of the Latin words “Georgius Rex” meaning King George.

B: O:) For Picquet L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] officer for tomorrow L^t. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.] –

After Orders 5 OClock
Each Reg^t. to make 30 fascines a day till further orders –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 10th. Sept^r.

Parole Dartford C^r. Sⁿ. Boston

John Winters private Soldier in his Majestys 59th. Reg^t. tryed by the Gen^l. Court Martial whereof L^t. Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57th. Reg^t. is President & found Guilty of Desertion is Sentenced to suffer Death – The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Order it to be put in execution tomorrow the 11th. inst^t. between the hours of eight & ten before Noon, at the head of the 6th. Brigade.

The Picquets of the Line that are not advanced to Attend the Execution –

John Dun & John Lusty private Soldiers in the 57th. Reg^t. tryed by the above Gen^l Court martial & found guilty of having committed a Rape are Sentenced to Suffer Death.

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to Approve of the above Sentence.

John Kelly private Soldier in the 27th. Reg^t. of Foot tryed by the above Gen^l. Court Martial & found guilty of pillaging & plundering is Sentenced to receive 1000 Lashes –

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to confirm the above sentence & to order the prisoner to his Reg^t. on order to receive his punishment at the discretion of the Command^g. Officer –

The Prisoners John Scoffield, Henry Swaffield & Tho^s Ingram of the 28th. Reg^t of foot are to be released & sent to their Reg^t. The above Gen^l. Court Martial is Dissolved –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotion Viz

5th. Reg^t. Edw^d. Gair Mate to be Surgeon vice [Richard] Proctor removed to Gen^l. Hospital 7th. Sept^r. 76

Memo:

A Return of the N^o. of Officers Serj^{ts}. Dr^{rs}. and Rank & file who will be able to Embark –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Edward] Mitchel [5th Regt. and 1st Bn. Grenadiers] – Adju^t. for y^e. day 4th. Battⁿ.

Orderly Serj^t. [sic] –

Detail 4th. B: 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. 1 Dr^r. & 17 Private

B:O) For the day tomorrow L^t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.]

Notes: The embarkation report requested in the memorandum is the beginning of the preparations to make the amphibious assault on Manhattan Island from Long Island which occurred on Sept. 15. The word “ye” is short for “the” and uses an old English letter called a thorn (which looks like the letter “y”) for the sound “th.”

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island Wednesday 11th. Sept^r.

Parole Newark C^r. Sⁿ. Hanover

Four days Provisions from the 12th. to the 15th. inclusive will [sic] issued to the Troops tomorrow

The Paymasters of Reg^{ts}. are desired to send as soon as possible their Subsistence Acco^{ts}. from 25th. Aug^t. to 24th. Oct^r. inclosed to Cap^t [Robert] Mackenzie [43rd Regt.] Secretary to the Command^r. in Chief at Head Q^{rs}. in Newtown & that Warrants may be made out for the same in the without delay, The Commanding Officers of Corps will give necessary directions for setting the provision Stoppages from 25th. June, to Aug^t. sending one of the receipts when sign'd, to Captⁿ. M^cKenzie –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt. and 4th. Bn. Grenadiers] – Adju^t. for y^e. day 33^d. Reg^t. –

Detail

4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub: 2 Serj^{ts}. & 13 private

Memo:

David Bruno aged 47 years 5 feet 4 & ¼ high & fair complexion, has a Small Scar on the left temple, wears Sandy Hair. Henry Gadmin aged 36 years 5 feet 2 & ¾ high fair complexion, lost several

of his foreteeth, & has a Crucifix on his left arm (a Waterman). The above men Straggled from the [HMS] Eagles Boat the 8th. Sept^r. whoever Apprehends them shall be intitled to the reward as Stragglers

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L^t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 12th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Dresden C^r. Sⁿ. Scotland –

Reserve orders) Field officer for Picquet this Evening Major [John] York [33^d Regt.] –
Adju^t. 1st. Battⁿ. –

B:O: For the day tomorrow Ensⁿ. [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 13th. Sept^r.
Parole Quebec C^r. Sⁿ. Wolf

The Majors of Brigade are to Attend at Head Q^{rs}. at half past 4 this Afternoon for Orders –
All the Troops to remain in Camp till further Orders –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Bn. Grenadiers]

B:O: The Rolls of the Comp^{ys}. to be call'd every halfehour [sic] in presence of an Officer P^r Comp^y. who is to report the absent men to the Commanding Officer –
For the day tomorrow L^t. Tho^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

General After Orders 13 Sept^r. 1776 ½ past 4 O'Clock

An attack upon the Enemy being shortly intended, the Soldiers are reminded of their evident Superiority on the 27th. Aug^t. 1776 by charging the Rebels with their Bayonets even in Woods where they thought themselves invincible, they now place their security in Slight Breastworks of the weakest construction & which are to be carried with little loss by the same high Spirited mode of Attack. The Gen^l. therefore recommends to the Troops an entire dependence on their Bayonets with which they will ever command that Success which their bravery so well deserves –

The Army to draw tomorrow morning two days fresh Provisions to the 17th. inclusive, which they will use tomorrow & next day & keep their salt provisions ready dress'd

Morn^g. Bⁿ. O) A Court Martial to sit at 10 O'Clock to try the Prisoners Sam^l. Williamson & Don^d. M^cLachland Soldiers in Cap^t. [Charles] Grahams Comp^y. [42nd Regt.] – Cap^t. [Patrick] Campbell [2nd Bn., 71st Regt.] President, L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] and L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.] Members – The Prisoners at be acquainted & Evidence to attend –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Newtown Long Island 14th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Westminster C^r. Sⁿ. Nassau –

Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to Attend at 5 o'clock this Afternoon for Orders.

Reserve O:) For Picquet this Even^g. Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.],
Adju^t. for tomorrow 3^d. Battⁿ. –
Detail 4th Battⁿ 1 Sub & 13 privates –

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Tho^s. Fraser [71st Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

General After Orders 5 O'Clock

The Brigades Encamped in the Environs of Newtown will Strike their Tents at two in the Morn^g.

–
The Tents & Baggage to be put up in the Reg^{tal} Waggon & left upon the ground with a Small Guard from each Reg^t.

The Corps will form at the head of their respective Encampments having their Blankets & two days Provisions as formerly directed & there wait for further Orders –

The Hessian Brigade from L^t. Gen^l. [Leopold Philip] D^eHeister's Corps will form at 4 in the Morn^g. in the Rear of the 4th. Brigade of British at Bedford & both Brigades will march immediately –

One Squadron of Dragoons will march so as to be at Newtown at Six in the Morning & to send forward an Officer to Head Q^{rs}. for orders –

The 71st. Reg^t. will detach at Gun firing this Even^g. a Guard for the Artillery park, of an Officer & 20 Men who will take their orders from Brig^r. Gen^l. [Samuel] Cleveland

L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton will Command the first Embarkation –

L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy will Command the Second –

L^t. Colo^l. [William] Dalrymple [14th Regt.] will give orders the Recovered men are regularly sent from Staten Island as soon as they are able to do their duty to their respective Corps –

All Reg^{ts}. having Demands for Bounty for drafts received are to send the returns of them to the Secretary's Office as soon as possible –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions Viz^t.

10th. Reg^t. [Vol.] Alex^r. Brodie [42nd Regt.], Gen^t. to be Ensⁿ. vice [Robert Bourne] Bairn by purchase 13th. Sept^r. 1776

43^d. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. Ja^s. Rivers to be L^t. vice [William] Gubbins who retires d^o.

After Reserve O) The Reserve to be ready to march at 5 O'clock tomorrow morn^g. The Commanding Officers of Battalions to see that the Tents & Baggage are pack'd up before that time, a proper Guard from each Corps to be left with them. The Troops to carry their provision with them, but it is left to the discretion of the Command^g. Officers of Corps whether the men should carry their Blankets or leave them with the Tents. 42^d. Reg^t. to be at [Maj.] Gen^l [John] Vaughans Q^{rs}. precisely at 5 O'clock

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B: O:) A Guard of 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 12 Private to be left with the Baggage –

Notes: This order gives directions for the British Army's amphibious landing at Kip's Bay on Manhattan Island on Sept. 15, 1776. New York City was taken soon after the landing as the rebel army retreated up the island.

Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 16th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Brunswick C^r. Sⁿ. New York

The Brigade of Light Infantry the Reserve the 3^d. & 4th. Brigades of British & the Hessian Brigades of Stirn & Donop are to be under the Command of L^t. Gen [Henry] Clinton, who will give his Orders for Posting them –

The Brigade of Guards with the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades to be under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy who will give his orders for Posting them – The 5th. Brigade to take the Guards in & about New York. Major Gen^l. [James] Robertson will Command in New York –

His Excellency L^t. Gen^l. [Leopold Philip] D^eHeister will be pleased to remove his Camp from Brooklyn to Hell Gate on Long Island & Encamp upon the Heights where the Brigade of Guards was Encamp'd –

The 1st. Brigade of British to Report to Brig^r. Gen^l. Sir W^m. Erskine & remain Posted as they are till further Orders –

The 71st. Reg^t. to remain also as at present Posted –

Cap^t. [Archibald] Campbells New York Comp^y. to Continue at Bedford & to give Such Guards as are necessary there, These Corps to be under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. D^eHeister

Cap^t. [Alexander] Grants New York Comp^y. to be posted in the Battery upon Brooklyn Height & to report to Major Gen^l. Robertson Commanding at New York –

The Turtle Bay & Provost Guards to be taken by the Brigade of Guards, 2^d. & 6th. Brigades, & to mount immediately –

All prisoners to be kept in N: York in the Hospital or wherever Major General Robertson shall judge proper –

The Camp Equipage of the Army to be got over as soon as possible –

All Magazines & Stores of every kind taken in N: York are to be secured for His Majesty – The Barrack M^r. Gen^l. is order'd to take possession of all empty Houses he shall judge necessary for the more Effectually carrying on the Kings Service. And the Commanding Officer of that Quarter will Afford him the Assistance he may require for the above purpose –

[Lt.] Gen^l. [Henry] Clintons Orders

The Troops are to take up their Ground which they occupied last night excepting the 2^d. & 3^d. B^{ns}. of Light Infantry which will be posted by Brig^r. Gen^l. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie –

The 33^d. Reg^t will march first then the 42^d. then the 4th. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. then the 1st. and 3^d. Batt^{ns}. of Grenad^{rs}. then the 2^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}.

The 2^d. & 3^d. Batt^{ns}. of L: Infantry, the Hessian Chasseurs & the 1st. Battⁿ. of L: Infantry.

The two Six pounders will march at the Head of the 1st. Battⁿ. of Gren^{rs}. The 2 three pounders with the 1st. Battⁿ. Light Infantry –

Notes: After the 2nd and 3rd Lt. Inf. Bns. advanced too far against the rebels, one battalion of the 42nd Regt. and the grenadiers were heavily engaged in supporting them against the rebel army in the Battle of Harlem Heights fought on this day. The "*Hessian Chasseurs*," also called Jägers, were often former huntsmen armed with rifles and performed skirmishing duties.

Head Q^{rs}. New York Island Tuesday 17th. Sept^r. 76

Parole Blemheim C^r. Sⁿ. Marlborough

A Return of killed wounded & missing on the 15th. & 16th. ins^t to be given in tomorrow at orderly time distinguishing the loss of each day.

The Commander in Chief entertains the highest opinion of the bravery of the few Troops that yesterday beat back a very Superior body of the Rebels & he desires to return his thanks to the Battalions & to the Officers & Men of the Artillery that came to their Support, with that expedition which so Strongly marks the prevailing Spirit in this Army & which of properly temper'd must always insure Success to His Majesty's Arms, but at the same time he finds himself under a necessity of disapproving of want of Attention in the Light Companies pursuing the Rebels without that proper discretion to be observ'd where there are not Troops to Support –

The Gen^l. has also much Satisfaction in taking notice in the Steady behavior and activity of the Troops under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton who made good the Descent on this Island the 15th. Ins^t. –

Four days Provisions from the 18th. to the 21st. inclusive will be issued to the Troops at Turtle Bay as soon as can be Landed –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades will press all the Waggons & Carts in possession of the Corps & immediately [illegible] them for bringing up Provisions for the Troops without loss of time –

Memo^m.) [Lt.] Gen^l. [Henry] Clintons 3 Batt^{ns}. of Light Infantry, Reserve, 3^d., 4th. & Hessian Brigade of Donop to receive for the future their Provisions at Hell Gate –

Division Orders by L^t. Gen^l.

The Picquets to be given from the Reserve except the 42^d. Reg^t. – from the 3^d. Brigade except the 38th. Reg^t. and from the 4th. Brigade

Will consist of a Field Officers three Capt^{ns}. Six Sub^{ns}. & 200 Men. They will parade at the Head of the 3^d. Battalion of Grenad^{rs}. this Afternoon at 5 O'Clock, when an Officer will Attend to shew them where they will be Posted

	Strength of the Reserve				
Field Off ^{rs} .	Cap ^{ts} .	Sub ^{ns} .	Serj ^{ts} .	Rank & file	
8	32.	61	98	1660	

Note: The 2nd and 3rd Light Infantry Bns. are being criticized for being pulled too far forward as part of the rebel plan to flank them with circling units. The rebel army took positions on Harlem Heights and was able to preven further British movement up the island.

Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 18th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Petersborrow C^r. Sⁿ. Spain

One Hundred fascines are to be made up per each day per Reg^t. till further orders by the Brigades of the 2^d. Line and lodged at their Respective Quarter Guards the dimensions as formerly directed – 4 pickets for each fascine –

Cap^t. [Andreas Emmerich] Emirik is appointed Cap^t. of the Guides & is to be obey'd as such –
Forge will be deliver'd to the Army at Hursts Wharf near L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy's Q^{rs}. –
The Q^r. Masters of Corps will take care that all the Hay & Straw that has been in use with the Rebels near their respective Q^{rs}. or Camps be immediately destroyed –

Divisional Orders by L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton

The Pickets are to Consist of a Field Officer 3 Capt^{ns}. 6 Sub^{ns}. & 200 Men to [sic] given from the Reserve excepting the 42^d. Reg^t. the 3^d. Brigade except the 10th. Reg^t. and from the 4th. Brigade They will parade at 5 O'Clock this Afternoon at the Head of 3^d. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. where an Officer will Attend to shew them where they are to be Posted –

L^t. Gen^l. Clinton requests the favour of the Gen^l. Officers of the Corps under his Command to Spare to the Troops as much of the Straw they may find in their respective Q^{rs}. as they may not have occasion for themselves.

Detail

	Field Officer for Picquet L ^t . Colo [Charles] Mawhood [17 th Regt.]					
	Cap ^{ts} .	Sub ^s .	Serj ^{ts} .	Corp ^l .	Dr ^s .	Private
Reserve	1	3	4	4	2	80
3 ^d . Brigade	1	1	2	2	1	52
4 th . d ^o .	1	2	2	2	1	60
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>192</u>

	C.	S.	S.	C.	D.	P.
4 th . Batt ⁿ . Reserve	1	1			1	15

Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 19th. Sept^r. 1776 Thursday
Parole Orange C^r. Sⁿ. Namus

The Purveyor of the Hospital is to send a Return weekly to the Adjutant Gen^l. of the Names of the Men that die in the Gen^l. Hospital Specifying the Reg^{ts}. they belong to.

A Return of Volunteers & to what Corps Attach'd with their respective dates of Service to be given in tomorrow at Orderly time –

No Officers are to take possession of Houses in New York but by application to Major General [James] Robertson thro' the Barrack M^r. Gen^l. –

An Engineer to Attend & to receive his orders from Major Gen^l. Robertson at New York –

The Commissary Gen^l. of Stores & Commissary Gen^l. of Artillery or their Deputy's are to Attend and take charge of all Stores left by the Rebels on the Island of New York –

A Guard of an Officer & 20 Men from the Brig^e. of Guards to do duty at Greenwich to protect all Boats & to preserve order Amongst the Seamen there. this Guard to parade at 4 O'Clock this Afternoon a guide will attend to conduct them –

The Cap^t. of the Guides & all the Guides off Duty are to Attend at Head Q^{rs}. daily at orderly time & there to remain till dismiss'd –

Division Orders) The Picquet to parade at half past 4 O'Clock & to take their orders from Cap^t. [Charles] Eustace [33rd Regt.] –

Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Andrew] Bruce [38th Regt.]

Detail

	Serj ^t .	Corp ^l .	Private
4 th . Batt ⁿ .	1	1	15 –

B:O:) By the Number of Sick men that have lately been sent to the Hospital & those that daily complain, the Commanding Officer has great reason to fear that the Battalion in a few weeks will be incapable of doing duty, to prevent which disgrace falling upon a Corps of Grenad^{rs}. it is the Majors orders that a NonCommissioned Officer per Company see that the Men bath or wash their feet thrice a Week. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys}. to be answerable that this order is comply'd with –

An Officer of a Comp^y. to visit the Messes of their respective Comp^{ys}. daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook'd –

Those Gentlemen that call themselves Volunteers, having been sent to the 4th. Battⁿ. as Private Soldiers it is the Majors Orders that they attend all Parades & are not exempt from any duty; Duties of fatigue they are at liberty to exchange with the Men –

Notes: Volunteers were young gentlemen serving as private soldiers in hopes of showing their merit for commissions as vacancies occurred due to battle losses and promotions.

G:O:) Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 20th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Amherst C^r. Sⁿ. Canada –

The 3^d. & 4th. Brigades will send one Carefull Woman per Reg^t. to Attend the Gen^l. Hospital at Hell Gate, these Women will be paid and relieved weekly, any one that quits her duty will be immediately sent home –

All the fascines & pickets made by the 3^d. & 4th. Brigades of British & the [Hessian] Brigade of Stirne to be Carried in the Waggons belonging to the Corps to Jones's House near the North River, those made by the Brigade of Guards 2^d. & 6th. Brigades to be Sent in the same manner to Major [Thomas] Musgrave's [64th Regt. and 1st Lt. Inf. Bn.] advanced Post on the left of M^cGowan's House; these Troops to continue to make fascines & picquets & to carry them daily to the above mention'd places –

A Vessel will sail for England in a few day's letters will be receiv'd by L^t. [James] Cramond [42nd Regt.] at the Adjutant Gen^{ls}. Q^{rs}. –

Lord Barrington Secretary at War having Signify'd his Majesty's pleasure that the Appointments taking place on the 25th. Aug^t 1775 are to Superseed [sic] those made by Gen^l. [Sir William] Howe in that promotion all such Commissions therefore give by the Commander in Chief are hereby cancell'd & the Officers to Rank from his Majestys Commission, Cap^t. [Robert] M^cKenzie [43rd Regt.] will Notify to the Respective Reg^{ts}. a list of the Promotions Alluded to Received from the War Office & if any doubt should arise relative to other Appointments the Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts}. are desir'd to communicate them to Cap^t. M^cKenzie for further Explanation –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions

5th. Reg^t. W^m. P. Bennet Superceidid [sic] on the Augmentation to be Ensign Vice [Henry] King 15th. April 1776 – Ambrose Russell d^o. to be Ensⁿ. Vice [Burton Gage Burbett] Barbet 7 Aug^t. 1776 – 10th. Reg^t. John Leonard Superceidid [sic] in the 35th. Reg^t. on the Augmentation to be Ensⁿ. Vice [Thomas] Murray 28th. Dec^r. 1775 – 15th. Reg^t. Rob^t. Walker Superceidid in the 64th. Reg^t. on the

Augmentation to be Ensⁿ. Vice [George] Thomas 13th. May 1776 – 38th. Reg^t. Daniel Ord Superceidid in the 63^d. Reg^t. on the Augmentation to be Ensⁿ. vice [Shapland] Swiny 4th. May 1776 – 40th. Reg^t. Charles Monk Superceidid in the 44th. Reg^t. to be Ensⁿ. vice Hogg 28th. Dec^r. 1775 –

Divisⁿ. O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo^l. [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 21st. Sept^r. 76

Parole Cumberland C^r. Sⁿ. Fontenoy

Four days Provisions will be Issued tomorrow from the 22^d. to 25th. inclusive –

The Corps under the Command of Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton to receive theirs at Marstens Wharf. That under L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy & the Artillery at Turtle Bay.

The Troops in Town will receive their provisions there.

The Majors of Brigade & orderly Officers to Attend for orders at 5 O'Clock this afternoon

Division Orders of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton

The Picquet to be Augmented to a Field Officer 4 Capt^{ns}. 8 Sub^{ns}. & 250 Men to mount at 5 O'Clock –

The Picquet not being compleat last night the Majors of Brigade of the day will for the future be so good as to see the numbers order'd are present

for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.] Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.]

Detail for the Picquet

Reserve

	Cap ^l .	Sub	Serj ^t .	Corp ^l .	D ^r .	Private
Reserve	2	4	5	5	1	109
3 ^d . Bri ^e .	1	3	3	3	1	46
4 th . B ^e .	1	1	4	4	1	83
Total	4	8	12	12	3	230

Adju^t. for the day 4th. Battⁿ.

Detail for Reserve

	Cap ^l .	Sub	Serj ^t .	Corp ^l .	D ^r .	Private
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	1	2	2	2	1	25
2 ^d . d ^o .	1	1	1	1		22
3 ^d . d ^o .			1	1		18
4 th .		1				21
33 ^d . Reg		0	1	1		23
	2	4	5	5	1	109

After Orders –

The Hessian Chasseurs having been by Accident omitted in the thanks of the 17th. the Gen^l. is happy to take the earliest opportunity of acknowledging their alertness & of thanking them for their great readiness to Support the L: Infantry

The Hessian Brigade of Stirne to be in readiness to march at 9 tomorrow with their Blankets & one days provision –

The Corps under Orders to Parade this Morn^g. at Six to be in readiness tomorrow at Nine.

The fascine making to be Stop'd till further Orders The Commissary Gen^l. will issue fresh Provisions to the Men in Hospital According to the Returns given in by the Commanding Off^{rs}. of Reg^{ts}. –

A Detachm^t. of an Officer Serj^t. & 10 Dragoons to put themselves immediately under the Command of Major Gen^l. [James] Robertson at New York & to be Relieved every 24 hours –

The 3^d. & 4th. Brigades & 2^d. Light Infantry are to take the duty for the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades & 3^d. Light Infantry at 7 O'Clock tomorrow morn^g. –

A Working party of 400 Men with Officers in proportion to parade tomorrow Morn^g. at day break & march to M^cGowans Hill where an Engineer will attend to conduct them – this Party to leave off Work at Noon, to retire to Camp & be replaced by the same number at 2 O'Clock & continue till 10 at night.

For this duty L^t. Col: [Charles] Mawhood [17th Regt.]

Detail 4th. Battⁿ. 1 Serj^t. Corp^l. & 25 private

G:O: New York Island 22^d. Sept^r. 1776

Parole London C^r. Sⁿ. Great Britain

The 2^d. & 6th. Brigades 3^d. Bⁿ. Light Infantry & Artillery as order'd for today are to March tomorrow at 9 O'Clock under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy

The Packet for Europe will be ready to Sail on Tuesday the 24th. Instant.

A Spy from the Enemy [Capt. Nathan Hale, 7th Connecticut Regt.] by his own full confession Apprehended last night, was this day executed at 11 O'Clock in front of the Artillery Park –

Divisional Orders –

F:O: for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46th Regt.]

Major Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.], Adju^t. for the day for the Reserve 33^d. Reg^t. –

Detail for Work at Day Break

Field Officer L^t. Colo: [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Bn. Grenadiers]

	Cap ^t .	Sub	S	C	D ^r .	Private
Reserve	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	1	1	1	1		35
2 ^d . d ^o .	1	1	1	1		32
3 ^d . d ^o .			1	1	1	25
4 th . d ^o .			1			25
33 ^d . Reg ^t .			<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>33</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>

Detail for tomorrow at 2 O'Clock

	Cap ^t .	Sub	S	C	D ^r .	Private
Reserve	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	1	1	2	2		35
2 ^d . d ^o .	0	0	1	1	0	32
3 ^d . d ^o .	1	2	0	0	0	25
4 th . d ^o .	0	0	1	1	1	25
33 ^d . Reg ^t .	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33</u>
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>150</u>

Bⁿ.: O: for the Working party tomorrow Morn^g. Lieu^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.]

G:O: New York Island 23^d. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Magdeburg C^r. Sign Ferdinand

Regulation of Carriages & Horses for the Army:

	Horses	Waggons
L ^t . Gen ^l .		3
Major Gen ^l .		2
Brig ^r . Gen ^l . or Col ^l . Com ^g Corps		1
Aid De Camps	2	

Majors of Brigade	2	
Adju ^t . Gen ^l .	4	
D ^y . Adju ^t . Gen ^l . }	3	1
Assistants }	2	
D.Q.M.G. }	4	
Assistants }	2	
Baggage of each B Reg ^t .		4
Each Hessian Reg ^t .		6
Field Off ^{rs} . Com ^g . Reg ^{ts} .	3	
Majors	2	
Off ^{rs} . under the rank of }	2	
F: O: Commang ^g . Reg ^{ts} . }		
Each Staff Officer	1	
A Com ^y . of Hessian Chasseurs		1
Each Waggon to have	2	

The Gen^l. expects that the Strictest obedience will be paid to this regulation not only the immediate situation of this Country but the future operations of the Army make it indispensably necessary

—
Commanding Officers of Corps will be responsible to the General for the due observance of it. Those Officers who have purchased Horses & by the Establish^d regulation are not allowed to keep any may send them to the D.Q.M.G. & on producing a receipt they will receive the money they have paid for them —

All Horses taken from the Rebels or taken up in the Country are to be sent to the D^y. Q. M: G: for the public Service —

The Horses for the Gen^l. Officers is not regulated the Gen^l. being persuaded they will not have more than are Absolutely necessary for their Service.

The fascines remaining with the different Reg^{ts}. are to immediately sent to Jones's House.

L^t. Adam Goldney 22^d. Reg^t. of foot is Appointed Adju^t. to the 1st. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. in the Room of Q^r. M^r. [George] Fowler 38th. Reg^t. —

Division Orders —

For Picquets this Even^g. Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49th Regt. and 2nd Bn. Grenadiers]

Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] —

F:O: for Work at Day Break L^t. Col. [Enoch] Markham [46th Regt.]

d^o. at 2 O'Clock L^t. Colo: [James] Webster [33rd Regt.] —

The 1st. & 2^d. Batt^{ns}. of Light Infantry 1st. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. & the Hessian Chasseurs will receive a days bread at the Bakehouse at Hell Gate Fort tomorrow between 8 & 9 O'Clock.

Detail for the Picquet Reserve						
	Cap ^l .	Sub	S	C	D	Private
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>120</u>
1 st . Batt ⁿ . G ^{rs} .	1	1	1	1	1	23
2 ^d .		0	1	1		21
3 ^d .		1				16
4 th .	1				1	16
33 ^d .			2	2		21
42 ^d .		2	1	1		23
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>120</u>

Detail for Work at Daybreak						
	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve	2	4	5	5	2	202
1 st . Batt ⁿ . G ^{rs} .	1	1	1	1	1	38
2 ^d .	1	2	1	1	1	35
3 ^d .			1	1		27
4 th .		1	0			28
33 ^d .			1	1		35
42 ^d .		1	1	1		39
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>202</u>

for Work at 2 O'Clock						
	Cap ^t .	Sub	S	C	D	Private
1 st . B		1	1	1		38
2 ^d .		1	2	2		35
3 ^d .	1	1			1	27
4			1	1		28
33	1	1			1	35
42			1	1		39
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>202</u>

R:O: [Reserve Orders] Adju^t. for the day 42^d. Reg^t.

Bⁿ. O For Picquet this Ev^{ng}. Cap^t. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.]
for Work at day break L^t. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.]

G:O: New York Island 24th. Sept^r. 1776
Parole Worcester C^r. Sⁿ. Denmark

The Working Party at M^cGowan's Hill to consist of 200 Men only till further orders. to Parade at day break & be relieved as directed in the After orders of the 21st. –

The Brigade of Guards 2^d. & 6th. Brigades, to furnish one Subⁿ. 3 Serj^{ts}. & 100 Men to be employed in making Cartridges, they will parade at Six O'Clock tomorrow Morn^g. & march immediately to Turtle Bay where they will receive further Directions –

The Establishment of the Brigade of Guards being equal to that of the Hessians the same N^o. of Waggons viz^t. Six per Battⁿ. are to be allowed them. Cap^{ts}. of the Guards as field Officers of the Line are as Such Allowed forrage for two horses.

Division Orders

Field Off^r. for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Edward] Mitchell [5th Regt. and 1st Brit. Gren. Bn.]
Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.]

Detail for the Picquet Reserve						
	Cap ^{ts} .	S	S ^t .	C	D	P
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>120</u>
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	0	1	1	1		23
2 ^d . d ^o .	1	2	1	1	1	21
3 ^d . d ^o .	1		1	1		16
4 th . d ^o .	0	1				16
33 ^d . Reg.	0		1	1		21
42 ^d . d ^o .	<u>0</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>23</u>

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For Work a [sic] Day break tomorrow

Detail for work Reserve

	C	S	S	C	D	P
1 st .	1	1			1	19
2 ^d .						17
3 ^d .			1	1		14
4 th .						14
33 ^d .			1	1		18
42 ^d .	1	1	1			19
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	1	2	3	3	1	101
1 st .			1	1		19
2 ^d .	1	1	1	1	1	18
3 ^d .		1				14
4 th .						14
33			1	1		17
42						19
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	1	2	3	3	1	101

R:O: Adju^t. for the day 1st. Battⁿ.

B:O: For Picquet L^t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 25th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Eugene C^r. Sⁿ. Savoy –

A Guard of a Corp^l. & 4 Men from Cap^t. [Alexander] Grants New York Comp^y. to mount immediately at Brookland Hospital –

Four days Provisions from the 26th. to the 29th. inclusive to be issued to the Troops tomorrow.

Officers who from Wounds or Infirmity are not able to march with their Comp^{ys}. to apply to the Commanding Officers of their respective Corps, who will make a Return of their Names to the Commander in Chief for permission to have horses –

The Working Party at M^cGowans Hill to consist of 100 men only till further Orders –

The Commander in Chief is pleas^d to make the following Promotions. 64th. Reg^t Lord [George] Viscount Deerhurst to be L^t. Vice [James] Galbraith by purchase 25th. Sept^r. 1776 –

Division Orders

For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [William] Butler [38th Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.]

Detail Picquet Reserve

	Cap ^{ts} .	Sub	S	C	D	Private
	2	4	6	6	1	120
1 st . Batt ⁿ .						
2 ^d .						
3 ^d .						
4 th .	1		1	1		16
33 ^d .						
42 ^d .						

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. Cap^t. [Patrick] Campbell [2nd Bn., 71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 26th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Lancaster C^r. Sⁿ. Bristol –

All Returns that are call'd for are to be given in at Head Q^{rs}. by the Majors of Brigade or Adjutants at orderly time –

The Pay Masters of British Corps are desired to give in immediately to L^t. Colo: [William] Sherriff [47th Regt.] DQMG the Names & Rank of Such officers as have join'd the Army since last distribution of Batt & forrage [sic] Money that their Acc^{ts}. may be forthwith made up –

Cap^t. Henry Knight of the 43^d. Reg^t. is appointed Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief –

Cap^t. [Robert] Fenwick of the Royal Reg^t. of Artillery is appointed Bridge M^f. in the Room of Captain [William] Congreve –

The Battalions of Light Infantry instead of an additional Waggon will have a horse *p^r* Comp^y. allow'd them –

Regulation of forage to issued by the Commissary Gen^l. – the Ration for Dragoon horses of both Officers & Men is to consist of 14 lb^s. of Hay & 10 lb^s. of Oats or 7 lb^s. of Indian Corn the ration for Waggon horses is to consist of 12 lb^s. of Hay 8 lb^s. of Oats or 5 lb^s. of Indian Corn –

Memo^m.

All Persons who can give any information of the incendiary's who set New York on fire are to wait upon [Maj.] Gen^l. [James] Robertson early tomorrow Morn^g. for that purpose –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphries [52nd Regt.]

Brigade Major [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Bns.] –

Detail for Picquet Reserve

	Cap ^{ts} .	Sub	S	C	D	Private
1 st . B ⁿ .	1	1	1	1	1	
2 ^d .		1	1	1		
3 ^d .		1	1	1		
4 th .						16
33 ^d .			2	2		
42 ^d .	1	1	1	1		

for Work at Day Break 4th. Battⁿ. 7 Private d^o. at 2 OClock & 1 Suba^{ts}.

Reserve Orders

Adju^t. for tomorrow 3^d. Battⁿ.

B:O: For Fatigue at 2 OClock tomorrow L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 27th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole York C^r. Sⁿ. Gibraltar –

The Gen^l. having considered the inconvenience that may arise to Capt^{ns}. not having horses in the course of active Service allows one horse of each Cap^t. of Infantry, notwithstanding the restriction so absolutely necessary upon forage, in the present State of this Country no forage to be drawn but effective horses –

Lieu^t. [Robert] Lawson of the Roy^l. Artillery is appointed Assistant to Cap^t. [Robert] Fenwick Brigade M^f. [Major]

A Gen^l. Court Martial to be held at New York on Monday the 30th. inst^t. at ten O'Clock Consisting of 3 Field Officers 6 Capt^{ns}. & 4 Sub^{ns}. from the 5th. Brigade for the tryal of all such prisoners as shall be brought before them – L^t. Colo^l. [John] Gunning of the 43^d. Reg^t. Presid^t. The dates of the

Members Commissions Prisoners Names & Crimes & Evidence Names to be given to the D^y. Judge Advocate –

Two days fresh provisions to be issued to the Troops tomorrow Morn^g. early at Hell Gate, which Victuals them to 1st. Oct^r. inclusive.

Memo: Those Cap^{ts}. who have sent horses to the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. on applying & returning the money may have them again –

Division Orders –

Field officers for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo^l. [Robert] Abercrombie [37th Regt.] – Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.]: Adju^t. 4th. Battⁿ.

Detail for Picquet Reserve

	Cap ^{ts} .	S	S	C	D	Private
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	1	1	1	1		23
2 ^d . d ^o .	1	1	1	1		21
3 ^d .	1	0	1	1	1	16
4 th .		1				16
33 ^d . Reg ^t .		1	1	1		21
42 ^d . d ^o .			2	2		23

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.] & 16

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island Saturday 28th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Potsdam C^f. Sⁿ. Silesia –

A Working party of 100 Men with Off^{rs}. in proportion to Parade tomorrow Morn^g. at day break upon the road to the right of Jones's House where an Engineer will attend & receive them. This party to work till twelve at Noon & be replaced by the like number who will work till sunset.

Fifty more men to be added to the Cartridge makers from the same Corps order'd to give them before –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [James] Cousseau [37th Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.] – Adj^t. 33^d. Reg^t.

Detail for Picquet R.

	FO	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve		2	4	5	5	1	120
3 ^d . Brigade	1	1	1	3	3	1	44
4 th . d ^o .		1	3	4	4	1	74
	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>238</u>

Reserve Detail

	Cap ^t	Sub:	S	C	D	Private
1 ^s . Batt ⁿ .	1	1	2	2	1	23
2 ^d .		1	1	1		21
3 ^d .		1				16
4 th .			1	1		16
33 ^d . Reg ^t .	1					21
42 ^d .		1				23
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>120</u>

Work Detail at Day Break 29th

C	S	S	C	D	Private
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Reserve	1	1	1	1	51
3 ^d . Brigade	1	1	1		18
4 th . d ^o .	1	1	1		31
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	1
					100
1 st . Batt ⁿ .		1	1		10
2 ^d .				1	9
3 ^d .					7
4 th .					7
33 ^d .	1				8
42 ^d .					10
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	51
Work at Noon					
Reserve	1	1	1	1	51
1 st . Batt ⁿ .	1				10
2 ^d .					8
3 ^d .					7
4 th .	1				7
33 ^d .					9
42 ^d .					10
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	51

B:O: for work tomorrow at Noon Cap^t. [Patrick] Campbell [2nd Bn., 71st Regt.]

Morn^g. B:O: 29th. Sept^r. 1776

The Battalion to Attend Divine Services by the Chaplain [James M^cLagan] of the 42^d. or Roy^l. Highland Reg^t. at 12 O'Clock in front of the Camp –

Notes: Many of the Highlanders had limited understanding of the English language. Chap. M^cLagan was a Gaelic scholar and was known during the French and Indian War to alternate giving his sermons in English and Gaelic.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island Sunday 29th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole S^t. Phillips C^r. Sign Mahon

The Pay Masters to make out the Acco^{ts}. in the usual form of the Baggage Batt & forrage Money, due to the Officers of the respective Reg^{ts}. that have join'd since the last distribution, also Specifying those that have been promoted since that time –

A Working Party of 300 Men from the Brigade of Guards 2^d. & 6th. Brigades to parade tomorrow Morn^g. at daybreak & March to the Battery in New York where an Officer of the ordnance will receive them, they are to be employed in making Cartridges & will take their formers with them –

Officers & Men belonging to the Garrison of Halifax are to be in readiness to Embark for that Place at the Shortest Notice.

The following Gentlemen having offered their Services to raise a Brigade of Provincials of 3 Batt^{ns}. of 500 Men each, for the Service of His Majesty & the Suppressing of the present unnatural Rebellion, the Commander in Chief has made the follow^g Appointments.

Oliver Delancy Esq^r. Brigadier Gen^l. & Colo^l. of the 1st. Battⁿ. John H. Cruger Esq^r. L^t. Colo^l. Cap^t. [Joseph] Green late of the 40th. Reg^t. Major.

2^d. Battⁿ., G [George] Brewerton Esq^r. Colo^l., Steven Delancy Esq^r. L^t. Colo^l., Tho^s. Bowden Esq^r. Major. 3^d. Battⁿ. Gab. Ludlow Esq^r. Colo^l. Rich^d. Hewlett Esq^r. L^t. Colo: A: [Alexander] Menzies Esq^r. Major & A: Campbell Esq^r. Major of Brigade –

Division Orders

Field Off^r. for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [John] Campbell [57th Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Bns.]. Adju^t. for tomorrow 42^d. Reg^t. –
 Work at Day Break 30th. Sept^r.

	C	S	S	C	D	Private
Reserve	1	2	1	1	1	51
4 th . Batt ⁿ .						7

Work at Noon

Reserve	2	1	1	51
4 th . Batt ⁿ .				7

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. J: [James] Fraser [71st Regt.]

Note: “*Baggage Batt & forrage Money*” was additional money paid to deployed officers ostensibly for the upkeep of baggage animals.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 30th. Sept^r. 1776

Parole Peru C^r. Sⁿ. Mexico

Fifty more men with Officers in proportion to be added to the Working party are order'd to be Paraded to the right of Jones's House

Returns to be immediately given in to Major Gen^l. [James] Robertson by the different Departments of the Stores they have respectively secured in & about New York for His Majesty's Service to enable him to make a Report of them to the Command^r. in Chief –

Cap^t. Will^m. Bumford of the 40th. Reg^t. is appointed Town Major to the Garrison of New York – Serj^t. Major Thompson of the 37th. Reg^t. is appointed Town Adjutant to the Garrison of New York. they are to be Obey'd as such –

L^t. Mich^l. Seix of the 64th. Reg^t. is Appointed Barrack M^r. to the Garrison of New York –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following Promotions ...

10th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. Rich^d Sands from 25 foot [actually 45th Regt.] to be L^t. vice [John] Arnold deceas'd 13 May 1776

17th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. F: Augustus Vicherall [Frederick Augustus Wetherall] to be L^t. Vice [William Stone] Mortimer By Purchase to Endemify [sic] Ensⁿ. [James] Obrien who first Purchased this L^{ty}. while he was otherwise provided for 3^d. of May 76 –

Volunteer [Robert] Amiel from 1st. Battⁿ. Light Infantry to be Ensⁿ. Vice [William] Ash promoted 17th. Aug^t. 1776 – Cap^t L^t. John M^cPherson to be Cap^t. Vice Sir Alex^r. Murray kill'd 27th. Aug^t. 1776. L^t. Tho^s Walsh from 23^d. Foot to be Cap^t. L^t. vice M^cPherson promoted d^o.

Volunteer G: [George] Inman from 1st. Battⁿ. Light Infantry to be Ensⁿ. vice [William] Bunbury promoted d^o. – 22^d. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. [William] Proctor of [Late] Gorams [Rangers] to be Ensⁿ. Vice Hamilton promoted Aug^t. 7th. –

23^d. Reg^t. 2^d. L^t. W^m. Wills to be 1st. L^t. Vice [Thomas] Welch promoted 27th. Aug^t. 1776 –

Volunteer W^m. Price from 1st. Gren^{rs}. to be 2^d. L^t. Vice Wills d^o. – 33^d. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. Geo: Ward to be L^t. Vice [Warren] Simonson Promoted d^o. – W^m. Norford Gentleⁿ. to be Ensign vice Ward promot'd d^o. – 40th. Reg^t Major Thomas Musgrove from 64th. foot to be L^t. Colo^l. vice [James] Grant Kill'd d^o.

Ensⁿ. Alex^f. Grant 42^d. Reg^t. to be Lieu^t. vice [John] Graham promoted d^o. – Volun^r. [Allan] M^cLean from the 2^d. Light Infantry to be Ensign vice Grant d^o. – Alex^f. Innes Gentleⁿ. to be Ensⁿ. Vice [Alexander] M^cKenzie, dead of his Wounds, 21st. Sept^r. 1776. – 45th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. W^m. Hill Superceded to be Ensⁿ. Vice [Richard] Sands promoted 13th. May 1776 – 49th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ. W^m. Bunbury from 17th. foot to be L^t. vice [John] Powell promoted 27th. Aug^t. 1776.

52^d. Reg^t. ___ Hamilton late Ensⁿ. in the 38th. Reg^t. to be [Ensign] vice [Robert John] Harrison promoted 29th. May 1776 – Ensⁿ. [Charles] Monk from 40th. Reg^t. to be L^t. vice [Thomas] Williamson d^o. to indemnify L^t. [Francis Grose] Groce who succeeded by Purchase on L^t. [Andrew Mackilweine] M^cIllwains retiring when he Groce was otherwise provided for 5th. April 1776 –

Cap^t. L^t. Tho^s. Williamson to be Cap^t. vice [Andrew] Nielson killed 27th. Aug^t. 1776

L^t. John Powell 49th. foot to be Cap^t. Lieu^t. Vice Williamson d^o.
 64th. Reg^t. Cap^t. Rob^t. M^cIllwraith [M^cLeroth] to be Major Vice [Thomas] Musgrave promoted d^o.
 – Cap^t. L^t. John Lewis to be Cap^t. vice M^cIllwraith d^o. – L^t. Warren Simonson from 33^d. foot to be Cap^t.
 L^t. Vice Lewis d^o. – 71st. Reg^t. Cap^t. L^t. Sir Ja^s. Baird to be Cap^t. Vice [Charles] Cameron deceased. L^t.
 John Graham from 42^d. foot to be Cap^t. L^t. vice Sir Ja^s. Baird promoted –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt. and 4th Bn. Grenadiers]
 Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.] – Adju^t. tomorrow 2^d. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}.

	Detail 4 th B ⁿ					
	C	S	S	C	D	P
Picquet	0	0	0	0	0	16
For Work at day break						
4 th . Batt ⁿ .						14
at 2 O'clock						
4 th . B ⁿ .						10

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 1st. Oct^r. 1776

Parole Cuba C^r. Sⁿ. Havannah –

No Soldier (Parties upon duty & Off^{rs} Servants excepted) are to be allowed to go to New York –
 No Soldier to be absent from his Camp after Even^g. Gun firing –

Complaints having been made that the Reg^{tal}. Waggons are Work'd upon every occasion which
 has rendered many of their horses unfit for use, it is expected that the Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts}. will
 be answerable that they are not used excepting upon the necessary Service of the Reg^t. The Soldiers &
 Women except the Sick, are not to be carried in the Waggons.

Intercession having been made by the injured party in favour of two prisoners under Sentence of
 death for committing Rape, the Commander in Chief hoping that an act of Mercy will have the proper
 effect is pleas'd to grant his pardon to John Lusty & John Deen of the 57th. foot. they are forthwith to join
 their Comp^{ys}. –

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions. 14th. Reg^t. Ensⁿ.
 [Thomas] Park 45th. to be L^t. vice [Andrew] Laurie promoted [to Capt. in 2nd Bn., 71st Regt.] 30th. Sept^r. –
 27th. Reg^t. John Gordon Volun^r. 28th. to be Ensign Vice [John] Arbuthnot promoted 7th. Aug^t. – 45th. Reg^t.
 Ja^s. Wogan Volun^r. 45th. to be Ensign vice [Thomas] Park promoted 30th. Sept^r. – 57th. Reg^t. Ja^s. Grant
 Volun^r. 55th. to be Ensⁿ. vice [William Augustus] Thompson promoted 1st. Sept^r.

Four days provisions from the 2^d. to the 5th. inclusive to be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the
 usual places.

The Reg^{ts}. that have not already received Straw since they arrived on this island are to receive it
 tomorrow Morn^g. at Commiss^y. Morrissons Store near [Brig.] Gen^t. [Edward] Mathews's Q^{rs}.

Division Orders

Field Off^r. for Picquet this Even^g. Major [Samuel] Bradstreet [40th Regt.] Major of Brigade [Benjamin]
 Baker [5th Regt.], Adju^t. 2^d. Battⁿ. G^{rs}. –

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.] & 14

For Work at daybreak 10 d. at noon	S.	C.	P.
	1	1	10

Division After Orders

At Eight o'clock tomorrow Morn^g. the 3^d. & 4th. Brigades will Strike their Tents & move forward
 to the ground & Posts now occupied by the Light Infantry & Reserve, who will move nearly to the ground
 which these Brigades quit – the 10th. Reg^t. as being the Right of the 3^d. Brigade will occupy the Post at

M^cGowans House, the 38th. will Encamp to the right of that Post to sustain M^cGowans the 52^d. on the left of road & the 37th. its left so as to Support the right redoubt on the Hill.

Two Batt^{ns}. of the 4th. Brigade will Encamp where the 42^d. are at present & the other two so as to Sustain them –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 2^d. Oct^r. 1776

Parole S^t. Johns C^r. Sⁿ. Albany –

The Pay Masters of Reg^t. to call at the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^{ls}. Office in New York tomorrow Morn^g. at 10 O'Clock to settle & receive y^c. Batt & forage Money due to their respective Officers

The Reg^{ts}. to compleat their Light Com^{ys}. immediately –

1000 fascines with picquets in proportion to be immediately made by the Corps under L^t. General [Henry] Clintons Command and sent as soon as possible to the Rock Redoubt on right of Jones's House –

Division Orders

Field Officer for M^cGowans House Major [John] Vattass [10th Regt.] Field Off^r. for Picquet Major [John] York [33rd Regt.]

Maj^r. of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Battalions], Adj^t. 3^d. Battⁿ

Memo^m. the 4th. Battⁿ. of Gr^{rs}. & 33^d. Reg^t may receive 3 days bread tomorrow.

33 fascines p^r. Battⁿ.

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. L^t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 15 – Work at day break 8 private d^o. at Noon 8 –

It having been represented to the Major that yesterday Even^g. the Picquet of the 4th. Battⁿ. refused to be march'd home & contrary to the express desire & order of the Cap^t. who commanded them ran irregularly to their Tents in consequence of which it is the Majors Orders that the Cap^{ts}. reprove their several Companies for their insolent & disobedient behavior, & acquaint them with the Enormity of the Crime –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 3^d. Oct^r. 1776

Parole Tudor C^r. Sign Plantagenet

The Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts}. are to Apply to the Barrack M^r. Gen^l. for Store houses in New York that they may immediately be able Land their Cloathing & Reg^{tal}. Baggage from their Respective Transports

Lieu^t Humphry May of the 17th Light Comp^y. is Appointed Adju^t. to the 1st. Battⁿ. Light Infantry.

All Witnesses that have been Summoned by the D^y. Judge Advocate are order'd to Attend the General Court Martial now setting in New York untill regularly discharged by the Court –

Division Orders

The Picquet to consist of 200 Rank & file till further orders – Field Off^r for Picquet this Even^g. Major [William] Murray [1st Bn., 42nd Regt.] – Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.]. Adju^t. 4th. Battⁿ.

Memo^m. found a Silver watch on Soldier who has been wounded in the Belly by a Sword, the Makers Name B. Barnwell N. York enquire of the Adj^t. 2^d Battⁿ Guards

B: O. For Work tomorrow at Noon L^t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.].

Morn^g. B:O: 4th. Oct^r 1776

A Court Martial to Sit at 10 O'Clock for the tryal of Serj^t. Evan M^cPherson 42^d. Reg^t.

Cap^t [Francis] Skelly [1st Bn., 71st Regt.] Presid^t.

L^t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.] } { L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

	} Members	{
L ^t . [Dougald] Campbell [71 st Regt.]	}	{ L ^t . Tho ^s . Fraser [71 st Regt.]

The Prisoner to be Acquainted & Evidences to Attend

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 4th. Oct^r. 1776
Parole Boisledue C^r. Sⁿ. Brabant

A Corp^l. & Six Men to be posted at Gun firing this Even^g. by Cap^t. [Andreas] Emerich [Guides] upon the North River Shore near little Bloomingdale to allow no boat to ply there with^t. a proper pass. The 4th. Brigade to take this duty from the two Batt^{ns}. in their Rear. A Guide to be sent by Cap^t. Emerich in the Morn^g. to conduct the Relief –

The Appointments of Ensⁿ. [Charles] Monk of the 40th. Reg^t. to be Lieu^t. & of [John] Hamilton Superceded in the 38th. Reg^t. to be Ensⁿ. in the 52^d. Reg^t are hereby recall'd there being a Mistake in the Vacancy Supposed. The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to Make the follow^g promotions. 5th. Reg^t. [John] Hamilton Superceded as Ensⁿ. 38th. foot to be Ensⁿ. vice [Nicholas] Revitt deceas'd 30th. Aug^t. 1776 – R. High^d. Emigrants. Ensⁿ. Ronald M^cDonald to be Adju^t. to the 2^d. Battⁿ. 25th. June 1775. Extra Staff Serj^t. Terrett of 15th. Reg^t. Gr^{rs}. to be Q^r. M^r. 3^d. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. vice [Warren] Simonson [33rd Regt.] 28th. Aug^t.

Division Orders –

Field Off^r. for Picquet this Even^g. L^t. Colo^l. [Charles] Mawhood [17th Regt.] Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.] Adju^t. 33^d. Reg^t. –

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. Cap^t. [Francis] Skelly [1st Bn., 71st Regt.] & L^t. Tho^s. Fraser [71st Regt.] 1 Serj^t. 1 Corp^l. & 14 Private
For Work a day break 8 Private d^o. at Noon 8

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 5th. Oct^r. 1776
Parole Ermesdolff C^r. Sⁿ. Frankford

Four days Provisions from the 6th. to 9th. Inst^t. inclusive will be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the usual places –

The Picquet to be Relieved tomorrow at 10 O'Clock and to mount at that hour for the future –
Field Off^r. for Picq^t. this Even^g. L^t. Colo: [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st Bn. Grenadiers] –
Field Off^r. for tomorrow at 10 O'Clock [Brevet] Major [William] Grant [2nd Bn., 42nd Regt.] – Major of Brigade [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] – Adju^t. 42^d. Reg^t. –

B:O: For Picquet this Even^g. 14 Private d^o. at 10 O'Clock 14 Private –
All Officers to be present on the Parade at Morn^g. & Even^g. Roll Call –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 6th. Oct^r.
Parole Paderborn C^r. Sⁿ. Breda

Major Gen^l. [Sir Robert] Pigot being indisposed Brigadier [Hon. Alexander] Leslie is appointed to the Command of the 2^d. Brigade till further Orders

The 2^d. & 6th. Brigades of British are to March tomorrow to Bedford, the next day to Jamaica where they will put themselves under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Leopold Philip] D'Heister the boats will be ready at 7 O'Clock tomorrow Morn^g. to receive them –

A Squadron of 17th Dragoons on the Island of New York will march tomorrow & join the Reg^t. at Flushing the 16th. Dragoons will take all their Guards, this Even^g. at Gunfiring. A Dragoon to be sent at 4 O'Clock from each of the Dragoon Guards to New York to conduct the Relief –

Fifty men only for Work tomorrow at Jones's House with Off^{rs}. in proportion

The Reserve to take the Guards of the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades at 4 O'Clock this Afternoon –

Division Orders

The Picquet is reduced to 179 Rank & file till further orders.

Field Off^r. for Picquet tomorrow Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Bn. Grenadiers].
Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.] Adju^t. 1st. Battⁿ. –

B:O: For Picquet tomorrow Ensⁿ. [Angus] M^cDonald [71st Regt.]
For work at day break L^t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.]

Morn^g B:O:

A Court Martial to sit at ten OClock to try the prisoners in the Q^r. Guard

Cap^t. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.] Presid^t.

L^t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.] & L^t. Ja^s. Fraser [71st Regt.] Members

The Prisoners to be Acquainted and Evidences to Attend –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 7th. Oct^r. 76

Parole Brandenburg C^r. Sⁿ. Kinsale

The Detachm^{ts}. of 42^d. Reg^t. at Flat Bush and New Utrecht are to join their Reg^t. as soon as relieved by Detachments from Brig^r. Gen^l. [Oliver] Delancys Brigade.

A Detachm^t. of an Officer, 2 Serj^{ts}. & 20 Men of Brig^r. Gen^l. [Oliver] Delancy's Brigade, will march immediately After they have got their arms to Utrecht & Flat Bush & relieve the 42^d. doing duty there, taking charge of all Stores &c^a. that may belong to His Majesty –

Brig^r. Gen^l. Sir W^m. Erskine is appointed Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. to this Army –

The Honble Cap^t. [Henry Edward] Fox of the 38th. Reg^t. is Appointed a Supernumerary Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief –

The 3^d. & 4th. Brigades will take their proportion of the duty of 2^d. & 6th. Brigades as [Lt.] Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton shall be pleas'd to direct

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the following promotions

5th. Reg^t. Hugh Sutherland Volunteer 71st. to be Ensⁿ. vice [William] Russel promoted 6th. Oct^r. 1776

23^d. Reg^t. Cap^t. L^t. Fred^k. M^cKenzie to be Cap^t. vice [Grey] Grove deceased d^o. – 1st. Lieu^t. Tho^s. Gibbings [Gibbons] to be Cap^t. L^t. Vice M^cKenzie promoted d^o. – Ensⁿ. W^m. Russell from 5th. Reg^t. to be 1st. L^t. vice Gibbings d^d. d^o.

54th. Reg^t. Tho^s. Dante 2^d. Grenad^{rs}. Volun^r. to be Ensⁿ. vice [William Love] Patterson deceased d^o. – John M^cDonald Volun^r. to be Ensⁿ. 2^d. Battⁿ. R: High^d. Emigrants vice [John] Day promoted 7th. Oct^r. –

Notes: "*Brig^r Gen^l Delancys Brigade*" was an American Loyalist brigade from New York.

Division Orders

The 3^d. & 4th. Brigades to take the Guard of the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades tomorrow furnished this Morn^g. by the Reserve –

The Guard at the Hessian Hospital to be Relieved tomorrow by the Hessians a man to be sent from that Guard to conduct the Relief – Field Off^r. for Picquet tomorrow L^t. Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46th Regt.] Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.] Adju^t. 2^d. Battⁿ.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 8th. Oct^r. 1776

Parole Poland C^r. Sⁿ. Warsaw

Major Gen^l. [Richard] Prescott is Appointed to Command of the 1st. Brigade. Cap^t. Lieu^t. [Thomas Welch] Walsh of the 17th. Reg^t. is appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen^l. Prescott –

The two 71st. Grenadier Company's of the 4th. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. being very Sickly are to join their Reg^t. The 42^d. Grenad^r. Company of said Battⁿ. will join the 3^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. under the Command of Major [Francis] Marsh [46th Regt.] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stewart [43rd Regt.].

An Orderly Officer to attend daily at Head Q^{rs}. from the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades of British at Jamaica. These Brigades to hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the Shortest notice –

Division Orders

Field Officer for Picquet tomorrow Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49th Regt. and 2nd Grenadiers] Brigade
Major [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Battalions] Adju^t. [sic]

Notes: Although the 4th British Grenadier Bn. was disbanded, Lt. Peebles' kept up his order book until Oct. 17, 1776 at which point he began keeping a journal of the war.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 9th. Oct^r. 1776

Parole [sic] –

Six days Provision will be issued tomorrow at the usual places – It is Strongly recommended to the Commanding Officers of Corps that no part of them be Wasted –

L^t. [Charles] Hastings of the 12th. Reg^t. is Appointed to do duty with the 23^d. Light Company

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. New York Island 10th. Oct^r. 1776

The Troops will dress their four remaining days fresh Provisions tomorrow Afternoon.

M^r. Stapleton Surg^{ns}. Mate of the 22^d. Reg^t. & M^r. Wood late Surg^{ns}. Mate of the 48th. Reg^t. are appointed Mates to the Hospital –

The Rev^d. M^r. Moore is Appointed Deputy Chaplain to the Gen^l. Hospital –

Twenty Women from the 1st. 3^d. & 4th. Brigades & 71st. Reg^t. to be sent to Hores [Horne's] Hook tomorrow Morn^g. at 8 O'Clock to be employed in the Gen^l. Hospital. The Purveyor of the Hospital will apply to Com^g. Off^{rs}. in Town for What Women he may want

Notes: "Horne's Hook" is located at Carl Schurtz Park on E. 89th St.

[3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.] Morn^g. Battⁿ. Orders –

The Commanding Officer recommends to the Off^{rs}. to send to the Battⁿ. Store in N York all the heavy baggage & such of their Camp necessarys as are not immediately required for the Men – Waggons are now ready.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. N. York Island 11th. Oct^r. 1776

No Officer or Soldier is to be out of Camp at 5 O'Clock in the Afternoon except upon duty till further orders –

The Majors of Brigade & orderly Officers are to Attend at the Artillery Park at five O'Clock this afternoon –

Gen^l. After Orders 5 O'Clock

As soon as the Troops move against the Enemy Lieu^t. Gen^l [Henry] Clinton will Command the 1st. Division Consisting of the light Infantry, Reserve, Hessian Grenad^{rs}. and Chasseurs – Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Hugh] Earl Percy is to Command on N. York Island & Posts depending His Lordship will give his Orders Accordingly.

The Troops that are under orders for March^g. will Strike their Tents at Six this Evening, put their Baggage on Board & be ready to March immediately.

The Patrol's of the Advanced Posts are to be very alert in Securing all Suspected persons

Notes: Blocked by the strong American positions at Harlem Heights, on the night of Oct. 11, Gen. Howe moved his forces around the American positions by water up the East River and through Hellgate to land at Throggs Neck (also called Frog Neck). Throggs Neck is a peninsula jutting into Long Island Sound about ten miles east of Harlem.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck Saturday 12th. Oct^r. 76

The Picquets of the British Reserve & Hessian Grenad^{rs}. to be Posted by Lieu^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clintons orders the Picquet to consist of 1 Sub: & 30 men from each Reg^t. with a Cap^t. from each Brigade – The Picquets of the remaining Corps to be posted by the respective Comman^d. Off^{rs}. in front of their Q^r. Guards.

A Picquet of a Sub: & 30 Men from the 1st. Brigade to march immediately to Head Q^{rs}. where they will be posted –

The Greatest order & regularity is once more recommended to the Troops.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck 13th. Oct^r. 76 Sunday

As soon as the Army in their several Movements come to their Ground y^e. Major of Brigade & Orderly Off^{rs}. will Attend the Adju^t. Gen^l. for Orders at Head Q^{rs}. – At the same time & place, an Orderly Serj^t. from Each Brigade, or Corps not Brigaded is ordered always to Attend in order immediately to convey any necessary Orders or intelligence

A Cattle Guard of a Serj^t. Corp^t. & 12 to mount immediately at the Q^r. M^r. Gen^{ls}. Q^{rs}. to receive all Cattle that may be taken up in obedience to the Orders of 22^d. Aug^t. last

G: O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck Monday 14th. Oct^r. 1776

The Commanding Officers of Corps will Apply to the Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. for Sloops to Embark their Baggage on board of, in order to be ready to move upon the Shortest Notice –

A Major of Brigade of the British line is to Attend at Head Q^{rs}. every Even^g. at 5 in case of the necessity of distributing Orders to the Several Brigades. This duty to be taken in turn – Major of Brig: this Even^g. [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th Regt. and Grenadier Battalions]

A Picquet of an Officer Serj^t. Corp^t. & 20 men from the Brigade of Guards to Parade this Even^g. half an hour before Gunfiring at the Q^r. M^r. Gen^{ls}. Q^{rs}. where they will receive Orders from Major [John] Small [Royal Highland Emigrants] –

B: O: [3rd Brit Gren. Bn.] No Officer to quit the Battⁿ. Encampm^t. without leave from the Commanding Officer [Maj. Francis Marsh, 46th Regt.] or Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt.] An Addition to this Order of Yesterday of the Rolls being call'd every hour, it is to be in presence of an Off^r. p^r Com^y.

The heavy Baggage remaining w^t. the Reg^{ts}. to be sent tomorrow by break of day to Stephens Point frog Neck & put on board the Vessels Allotted for them –

Thirty fascines to be made by each Reg^t. immediately & all the Waggon to be sent to Head Q^{rs}. as soon as they have taken the Baggage to the Shore –

[3rd Brit Gren. Bn.] B:O:) An officer to put the Battalions Baggage on board the Gage Sloop at day break tomorrow –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck Monday 15th. Oct^r. 1776 –

Thirty more fascines to be made by each Reg^t. – four days Provisions to the 19th. inclus^e. will be immediately issued at the Landing Place & it is to be dress'd as soon as possible

Fresh Provisions for the Hospital & Off^{rs}. will be distributed at the Q^r. M^r. G^{ls}. Q^{rs}. this day at Noon – The Wounded Men are to be put on board the Peace & Plenty Hospital Ship & the Sick Men on Board the Fame –

Complaint having been made that the Women declined serving in the hospital Ships the Commander in Chief is determined not to Allow any Woman remain with the Army y^t. [that] refuses to take a Share of this Necessary duty

A Working party of 200 Men with Officers in proportion from the 2^d. & 6th. Brigades to parade at Gun firing on the Road near Lord [Charles] Cornwallis's Q^{rs}. where an Engineer will Attend to receive them – The fascines & Piquets made by the Several Reg^{ts}. to be carried this Afternoon at 4 O'Clock & lodg'd on the road opposite to L^d. Cornwallis's Q^{rs}.

The Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to Attend at 5 this Afternoon for orders –

D. [Division] O a Picq^t. of 1 Cap^t. 2 Subs 2 Serj^{ts}. 1 Drum & 52 Rank & file to mount at 5 this Even^g. –

Gen^l. After Orders 5 O'Clock

As nothing can mark the unsteadiness Troops more than the frequent & useless firing of the Advanced Posts, the Commander in Chief flatters himself it is unnecessary to remind the Army of the Superiority they must have in discipline over the Enemy oppos'd to them – All the fascines not carried to the Posts order'd this Morn^g. to be taken to the right of the 2^d. Brigade –

The Guns belonging to the Brigade under the Command of his Excell^y. L^t. Gen^l. [Leopold Philip] DeHeister to be taken to Head Q^{rs}. tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock –

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck Monday 16th. Oct^r. 1776 –

If there should be occasion to Embark, the Light Infantry & Grenad^{rs}. of the Allied Army they will Embark under the Command of L^t. Gen^l. [Henry] Clinton in the follow^g. order –
3 Batt^{ns}. L^t. Infantry, Chasseurs, 3 Battⁿ. of British Grenad^{rs}. & 3 Batt^{ns}. of Hessian Gr^{rs}.

No Officer or Soldier is to quit his Camp after Gun firing – The Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers are to Attend at 5 this Afternⁿ. for Orders –

His Majesty has been pleased to make the follow^g. Promotions

17 th . L.D. [Light Dragoons]	{ Qr. M ^r . [John] Jones of 20 th . foot to be Cornet vice { [John St. Clair] Sinclair who Accepts	} 14 th . June 76
16 th . Reg ^t .	{ Martin Ramsey Gent: to be Ens ⁿ . vice [Napier] Christie { removed to F ^t . Guards	} 27 May
22 ^d .	{ Ja ^s . Bulkley Gen ^t . to be Ens ⁿ . vice [Thomas] Barrow prefer'd	} 5 July
28 th .	{ Morris Green Festing Gent to be Ens ⁿ . Vice [William] Stewart prefer'd	} 27 May
37 th .	{ Leigh Gent: to be Ens ⁿ . Vice Pierce [Pearce] Addi ^l . Com ^y .	} 6 June
38 th .	Rich Brown Ens ⁿ . Vice [Lovet Ashe] Ash prefer'd	19 th . June
47 th .	Tho ^s . Spronor [Spooner] Gen ^l . [sic] Ens ⁿ . Vice [Arthur] French pre ^d .	22 ^d . July
62 ^d .	{ L ^t . Rich Bailey of 23 ^d . Reg ^t . to be Cap ^t . Additional Comp ^y .	} 1 st . March

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the follow^g promotion –

23^d. Reg^t. 2^d. L^t. Jn^o. Campbell to be 1st. L^t. vice [Richard] Bailey. Mich^l. Jaxon [Jackson] Volunteer to be 2^d. Lieu^t. vice Campbell –

N:B: March'd in the Night in order to Embark but it rain'd hard & the Troops return'd to their Ground –

Note: The Ramsey and Bulkley promotions in this order were incorrect. In the 16th Regt. Martin Ramsay actually replaced Ens. Thomas Barrow who was promoted to Lt. in the 16th Regt. In the 22nd Regt. Ens. Bulkley replaced Ens. Christie who moved to the Guards. See the *London Gazette* for June 11 and July 13, 1776.

G:O: Head Q^{rs}. Frog Neck Monday 17th. Oct^r. 1776

Commissions given by the Commander in Chief to Off^{rs}. in Corps or Comp^{ys}. raised in America confer Rank during Service & no longer & all Off^{rs}. so Commissiond [sic] when doing duty with his Majesty's Regular Troops are to be obey'd as youngest in their respective Ranks –

Seventy two men of Rogers's Corps with^l. Arms are to Attend the Artill^y. of the L^l. Infantry & Grenad^{rs}. in the proportion of 5 Men to a three Pounder & 8 to a 6 P^r. –

The out Posts are not to allow any seamen whatever to pass them

Notes: "*Roger's Corps*" in this order refers to the Loyalist unit raised by the French and Indian War commander of Roger's Rangers, Maj. Robert Rogers, who who joined the Loyalist cause during the American War for Independence. The unit became known as the Queen's Rangers.

[End Paper Notes]

7 Sept^r. [sic] Memo:

M^r Doyle lost a red pocket Book between Newtown & Bedford, any Soldier who brings it to the Eng^{rs} Q^{rs} will receive 2 dollars.

Notes: The entries from Peebles' notebook following the entry dated "*Dykers ferry 14th. Aug^r. 1776,*" which are dated between Sep. 7 and Sep. 24 appear to be memorandums written on end pages of a notebook and are chronologically out of date, have been moved in this transcript to the end of the notebook.

17th Sept^r

Lost a Wallese [Valise] containing a Round Tent & Markee & Bag conting two camp chairs a bag containing a Cap Table all of them markd Cap^l. Cavindish Lister of the Guards. Whoever has thim to give Notice at Gen^l. [Edward] Mathews Q^{rs}.

Memo^m. 18th. Sept^r.

Lost a Small Deal [pine] Box with Gen^l. [Sir William] Howe's name cut upon it. Whoever brings it to Head Q^{rs}. will be rewarded.

24 Sept^r Memo^m.

Stray'd from N. York last night a dark Bay horse about 14 ½ high black legs long twisted tail Six year old the property of M^r. Mallet, and Gentleⁿ. into whos hands he may fall will very much oblige him by sending the horse to Colo Sheriffs Q^{rs}.

The Reg^{ts}. are not Expect the 4th. waggon from Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. till they are order'd to march lost a Silver lanist case Surgⁿ. 44th

James Gregory on board the Duttow recoverd his Wounds fit to join [end of miscellaneous notes]

Source: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*" in "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," National Archives of Scotland, at GD 21/492/2, Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782, Edinburgh.