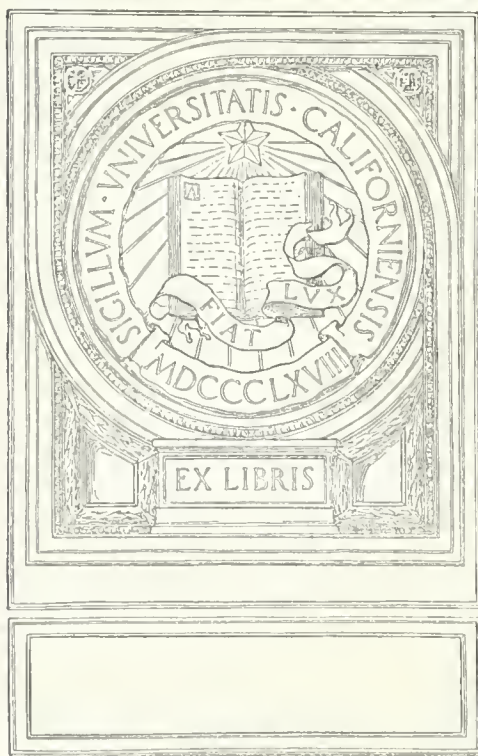
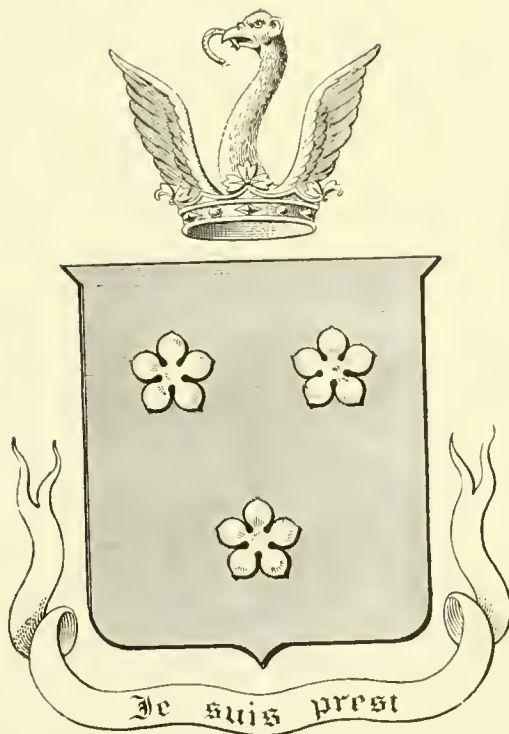


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b. April 8, 1745, d. Nov. 19, 1830.

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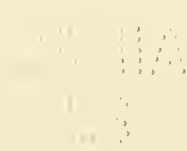
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PREFACE

An obstacle to preparing family memoirs with any completeness arises from the circumstance that they are rarely attempted while the writer is young, because then he neither has time for such work, nor realises its importance. Before he reaches the age when this service to his predecessors will present itself to him as a duty, his elder relatives, who link him to the lives he would portray, pass away one by one without arousing in him a suspicion of the danger of losing all contemporary testimony. Finally, when he is ready, and looks over the field, doubts which might have been settled by these relatives arise on every hand. "If I had only known in time!" he vainly exclaims.

Another misfortune results from the indifference of many of our sturdy early American settlers to preserving their correspondence, and a disinclination amounting to repugnance to having their pictures taken. There exists, so far as I know, no portrait of the original Persifor of Glasslough, Ireland, nor of his son John the original immigrant, nor of General Frazer. There would have been none of the latter's wife but for the deft art of cutting out silhouettes, and for Mrs Mary Worrall Frazer's curiosity to see it done, when, an old lady of about seventy-five, she visited the Chinese Museum in Philadelphia.

The head of this profile (see frontispiece) is not as satisfactory as a very ordinary portrait or crayon sketch would have been, but I am thankful to have even this.

The present collection of papers, relevant and irrelevant, makes no pretence to consideration as a biography. It was undertaken from a sense of duty to the subject, to preserve the records of the gradually disintegrating papers so that some one in the future, by their aid, might write a biography of General Frazer which would be worthy of him.

So far as I could, I have presented the papers without a touch of the editorial pen except in a few comments. Spelling and punctuation in these documents, whether by the editor's ancestors or by those who wrote to them, have been kept inviolate.

This volume is the successor to "Persifor Frazer's Descendants I" which treated principally of the original immigrant John Frazer, the father of the subject of the present memoir.

A summary or digest of the principal events in the life of General Frazer here follows.

1735-1775

He was born August 9-10, 1735. In his 16th year (1751) he was probably acting as clerk in his Father's office. In his 29th year (1764) his Father died, July 5.

In his 30th year he signed the non-importation resolutions of the merchants of Phila. (1765). In the same year his Mother died, Sept. 7.

He was married to Mary Worrall Taylor in his 31st year, Oct. 2, 1766.

He was chosen a member of the committee of Chester Co. to carry out the resolutions of Congress Dec. 20, 1774.

In this year he was also elected a delegate to the Provincial Council better known as the Committee of Safety. He was appointed one of a committee of seven to draft a petition to the General Assembly for the manumission of slaves.—January 25, 1775.

1776

He received from Congress his commission as Captain of Co. A 4th Pennsylvania Battalion, Jan. 5, 1776.

After raising his company it rendezvoused at Chester in March. He left Camp with Dr Kennedy for Long Island, Thursday May 16; arrived in New York Saturday morning May 18; and crossed over to Long Island "3/4 mile distant from New York", Sunday morning May 19.

From May 19 to June 29 he was serving in, or commanding detachments which scoured the island to arrest tories; and preparing for the expected attack by the British. With his command he started by boat for Albany Saturday June 29, and arrived there Tuesday July 2. He set out for Lake George Thursday July 4, and arrived on Sunday July 7, marching sixty of the seventy miles on foot. At first his command camped about 3 miles from Ticonderoga, but very shortly after removed to a point just under the walls of the fort. During his service at Ticonderoga occurred the skirmish at Three Rivers, reconnoitring expeditions in August, during which Brig. Gen. Gordon was killed, and the repulse of a reconnoissance by the enemy in boats. Major Hausegger having been appointed Colonel of a German regiment, Capt. Frazer was appointed Major by Gen. Gates in Hausegger's place in September. The engagement at Crown Point took place Saturday Oct. 12, and on Sunday Oct. 13, the 6th Pa. Battalion left Crown Point and arrived at Ticonderoga. Monday Oct. 28, fourteen flat boats of armed men of the enemy came in sight but soon retreated. The Americans retreated from Crown Point Saturday Nov. 2. Tuesday Dec. 4, Col. Frazer was sent by Gen.

Wayne to Philadelphia with despatches for Congress, which he duly delivered.

1777

From his arrival in Philadelphia in the middle of December 1776 till Tuesday April 15, 1777, and somewhat later, he was engaged in recruiting duty. May 6 he was in command at Chester, Pa.

Saturday June 7, he arrived at Mount Pleasant (near Bound Brook N. J.). Monday June 22 with Wayne's division of 500 Riflemen the enemy was pursued from hill to hill and finally driven completely back near New Brunswick. Saturday July 5 he was at Morristown N. J.; Friday July 18, at the Cloves, Orange County N. Y.; Tuesday July 29, at Howell's Ferry (now Stockton 3 miles from Lambertville; then called Coryell's Ferry N. J.); Wednesday Aug. 13, at the Cross roads Bucks Co. Penna. (now called Hartsville); Thursday and Friday Aug. 21 & 22 at Graeme Park, Horsham township, Montgomery county, Pa.; Thursday September 4, in camp near Wilmington, Del. Between this date and the next paper in his (now my) collection the battle of Brandywine had been fought (Thursday Sept. 11.) and lost, & Major Frazer had been captured (Tuesday Sept. 16.) by the British troops while on scouting duty in Aston township Chester (now Delaware) County Penna.

Sunday Sept. 28, he signed his parole in Germantown. Tuesday Oct. 7, he was closely confined in the State House. Thursday Oct. 9, he sent a letter by his wife to Washington which had an important consequence in causing the latter to re-open negotiations with Gen. Howe which ultimately were successful in renewing the cartel for the exchange of prisoners, and in effecting the release of Gen. Chas. Lee on whose account exchanges had been abruptly stopped for nearly a year: i. e. since Gen. Howe, upon Lee's capture at Basking Ridge Dec. 13, 1776, had refused to exchange him on the ground that he was a deserter (see page 168.) At the end of December he was removed to the "New Goal." (S.E. corner of 6th & Walnut Street Philadelphia).

1778

About Tuesday Jan. 20, 1778 he was allowed to occupy lodgings in the city. Friday Feb. 28, he was sent with others to the Golden Swan inn which was guarded like a jail. Monday March 17. (St. Patrick's day) he escaped and made his way to the headquarters of Washington to whom he recounted the circumstances of his escape, and was immediately returned to duty as Lt. Col., frequently in command of the 5th Penna. Regt. owing to the numerous absences of Col Johnston from ill health. Sunday June 28, 1778 ("a day ever to be remember'd by Americans") he did honorable service at the battle of Monmouth, commanding his regiment and, according to family tradition, during part of the action, the brigade. Tuesday June 30, with his command

he was at Englishtown Monmouth Co. N. J.; Thursday July 23 at Greenwich Conn. On Sunday July 26. the army was encamped at White Plains and remained there until Monday October 2. 1778. the approximate date of the presentation of his resignation from the army, which was accepted Friday Oct. 9. by the Commander in Chief.

1779

Thursday July 15. Congress appointed him Cloathier General, which office he respectfully declined.

August, September, and October, some historians of the Revolution have reported him with Sullivan's expedition. This will be discussed below.

Friday October 15. 1779, General Joseph Reed President of the Supreme Executive Council of the State tendered him the office of Adjutant General of Pennsylvania which he also declined.

1780

Monday April 1. 1780, he was appointed, by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, Commissioner of Purchases for Chester County, which office he held for a short time—(see address of letter. top of page 301)—but subsequently resigned.

1781

March 22. 1781, he was appointed Treasurer of Chester County.

Oct. 15. 1781, he was elected from Chester Co. to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

1782

Saturday May 25. 1782, the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appointed him a Brigadier General of the State of Pennsylvania.

October 12. 1782, he was re-elected from Chester Co. to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

1785

Saturday April 23. 1785. He set out with Col John Bayard and Col. George Smith, by order of the Assembly, as one of a commission to investigate the dissensions in the Wyoming region caused by the conflicting claims of Connecticut and Pennsylvania to the territory.

1786

Wednesday March 1. 1786, David Rittenhouse, Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania, appointed him an inspector of the paper then being manufactured for the Commonwealth's use by "Mr. Wilcocks."

Friday June 16. 1786, the Supreme Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appointed him one of the Justices of the County Court of Common Pleas (for seven years).

Saturday April 8. 1786, he was appointed Register of Wills and Recorder and held these offices till his death on Tuesday April 24. 1792.

The Sullivan Campaign.

In the journal of the Military Expedition of General Sullivan against the Indians in the Wyoming valley in the summer of 1779, published officially by Frederick Cook Secretary of State of New York, Auburn N. Y. 1887, there is on page 315 a Roster of the Officers of the expedition, in which, immediately after the names of the Major General Commanding, his Aides de Camp, and Col. Cornelius Sheriff, Deputy Quarter Master General, occurs the name of "Lt. Col. Persifor Frazer Deputy Commissary General."

It is a coincidence that from June 8 to October 1779 there have been found no documents bearing Col. Frazer's signature, though he was appointed by Congress "Cloathier General" July 15, and Wm. Henry writes him to come to breakfast in Philadelphia the day before. He may have been absent when these communications arrived; or may have acknowledged and replied to the appointment much later, though the suggestion below is more likely.

In Col Frazer's letter to his wife (Fredericksburg Oct. 2. 1778) he says "I cannot leave the army whilst there is a probability of Action—but I am of the opinion we shall have little or no fighting this Fall." This opinion was justified by events, and the campaign of 1778 & 1779 in the north were little more than desultory skirmishes, with the exception of the brilliant storming and capture of Stony Point by Gen Wayne July 16. 1779. Gen Sullivan had probably met Col Frazer during the Ticonderoga campaign, at Brandywine, Monmouth, in the marches and countermarches in New Jersey, and at White Plains. Col Frazer had left the army in the belief that there would be no more battles, but that the British would be gradually starved out of Manhattan Island & Rhode Island (the only two places they still retained); and it is inherently probable that when he heard of the splendid achievement of his friend and commander he would offer his services to Gen Sullivan as the shortest road to active service, and that Gen. Sullivan would gladly offer him the post of Deputy Commissary General for the Wyoming Campaign. The fact that the command was cut off from all communication with its base from the time it entered the hostile zone of the Susquehanna valley until it emerged at Easton October 17, would account for the absence of any communication from Col Frazer.

On the other hand I have been unable to find a tradition of any kind indicating Col. Frazer's participation in this expedition; or any souvenir, or note of his relating to it. The sketch of his memorial to Congress declining its appointment of "Cloathier General" is without date, but

in all probability was received by Congress within a week of his appointment on July 15, since James Wilkinson was appointed July 24. 1779.

In 1894 I wrote to Mr Charles P. Greenough, who is an eminent authority on the Sullivan campaign, and received from that gentleman the following note in answer to one of mine inquiring the authority for the entry of Col Frazer's name in the above Roster.

Charles P. Greenough
Counsellor at Law

39 Court Street
Rooms 22 and 23
Boston, January 31st 1894.

"Dear Sir

Your favor of Dec. 30, * * * reached me a day or two ago.

I have been looking over the various documents from which I prepared the roster of Sullivan's Expedition & find in its earlier stages that the name of your ancestor was not mentioned, & I also find no memoranda showing why or when it was added to the list. My impression is that the Rev. Mr Craft the writer of the Waterloo memoir added a number of names to my list & that Lt Col. Frazer's name was one of them.

I am sorry that I can not give you any information on the subject, but I think you had better write to Mr Craft whose address I do not know but it can be ascertained at the Sec'y of State's office N. Y. or from the Waterloo Hist. Soc. at Waterloo N. Y.

Very truly
Charles P. Greenough"

In answer to a letter written by me to the Rev. Mr. Craft I received the subjoined reply.

Angelica, N. Y.
December 17. 1906.

"Dear Sir:—

In the preparation of the book of the Sullivan Expedition Hon. C. P. Greenough of Boston undertook to furnish the roster of officers connected with that Expedition and gives the name of Lt. Col. Persifer Frazier as Dep. com. General.—see page 315

The name of an officer of so much importance I have no doubt is correctly given. I borrowed the printed copy of Gen. Sullivan's "Order Book" where as I remember is a roster of the officers of his staff—these are frequently mentioned in Orders. As you are in Phila. you will probably find the book in the Penn/a Historical Society rooms, as well as the Sullivan Expedition in which are all the diaries extant of that Expedition where are incidentally mentioned the names of many officers.

I am very sincerely yours
David Craft"

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania does not possess Gen. Sullivan's Order Book, nor is there any mention of Col Frazer's name in any

papers of the Sullivan expedition in Col. Hubley's Orderly book, nor in any other document which it possesses, nor in the Orderly Book by another great-grand father of mine, Major John Hollinshead, who served through the campaign in the 3d N. J. Regt. : though, to be sure, he mentions the General Officers, the Dep. Com. included, only by their titles.

On January 22. 1907 I again wrote to Mr Greenough, informing him of the substance of the letter just quoted and repeating my request of thirteen years ago for information.

In a reply dated Boston Jan. 23. 1907 he regrets his inability to search for the data owing to his immediate departure for an absence of six weeks, but adds "I can only say now that I had the authority of somebody who was presumed to know for putting Gen. Frazer's name on the list".—

Dr J. W. Jordan the librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to whose kindness I owe many valuable notes, has examined the Orderly book of the German Regiment while at Wyoming, and Tioga, the Society's Wayne MSS from May to Aug. 1779 (which would not be likely to contain any allusion to Sullivan's staff), and the Hand MS in which is a letter from R. L. Hoopes introducing Alexander Steel "Issuing Commissary General." But this latter fact is not inconsistent with the appointment of a "Deputy Commissary General" late in July to accompany the expedition while the Commissary General remained at the base of supplies. In fact it is just the kind of office which would have been available for a General about to take field to offer a friend who sought active service. So that the uncertainty is not relieved.

This then is the present very unsatisfactory state of the question as to Gen. Frazer's participation in the Sullivan expedition of the Summer and Fall of 1779. I am entirely unable with my present light to decide it.

I cannot believe that such careful historians as Messrs Greenough, Craft and Cook could be led into the error of placing on the pages of a carefully prepared official memoir the name of an American Officer with his rank, titles, and unusual first name, correctly given, unless their authority were indisputable. The fact that Col Frazer was then out of the army prevents the solution of the problem by recourse to the official army orders, though his services might have been accepted by Gen. Sullivan; and the news of the storming of Stony Point would have been most likely to stimulate him to volunteer. He always speaks of Gen Sullivan in his letters with implied admiration and it is likely that the two men understood and respected each other. Again the absence of writings by Gen Frazer (but not to him) from July 1779 is extended over a longer time than at any other period of his history since 1765. It is true we have no account from his pen of the battle of Brandywine as we have of the battle of Monmouth, but that is certainly because he was in the neighbourhood of his own home during the battle and for the few days which elapsed before he was captured. Neverthe-

less we have quite a number of letters preserved both from and especially to him at this time and subsequently including the entire period of his captivity. From June 8, 1779 there is not a line in my possession from Gen Frazer to which a date can be ascribed before Aug. 11, 1780, although several undated and unsigned rough drafts of documents which I have printed must have been written in the Fall & Winter of 1779. This is to a certain degree confirmatory of his absence.

The objection to accepting it as satisfactory proof is extremely strong though entirely negative. It is the absence of the faintest suggestion in any letter or conversation or tradition of the family that Gen. Frazer served in the Sullivan campaign against the Indians. In view of the fact that his wife and daughters and friends piously sought to preserve every detail of his life and deeds, and that no word of such an episode has come down, seems to me a very strong reason for not accepting it as a fact without further proof.

It would be the grossest injustice to a record so honorable were his editor to permit anything to appear, about the accuracy of which there could exist the slightest doubt or suspicion.

Consequently I have excluded the story from the memoir, but I have not felt justified in excluding it, with the above sufficient explanation, from the preface.

Prejudice against New Englanders.

In reading over the following pages while they were passing through the press I was much interested to note in parts of the correspondence during 1776 repeated allusions to the distrust of the New England people and troops on the part of the inhabitants of Chester County. A very slight search was needed to show that this feeling pervaded not only all Pennsylvania but the Southern Colonies as well. It is not unusual in large countries where the means of intercourse are restricted, to find sectional prejudices, but in this case the cause is clearly indicated in the correspondence just mentioned, and as I had not before seen so important a matter alluded to in the histories of the Colonies I submitted the facts to Professor J. B. McMaster whose note will be found below.

As I interpret it, this unfortunate dislike and lack of confidence was largely due to the greater impatience of the New England people to throw off their allegiance to Great Britain, and the predominating influence in Congress which enabled them to force the hand of their colleagues before the latter were entirely ready to declare their independence. Not that the other Colonists were less willing than their brethren of the North to assert their rights, and to pledge their lives their fortunes and their sacred honor on the outcome, but the provocations with them had not been so acute, and time was needed to teach the people as

Franklin put it, that if they did not hang together they would hang separately. The impatience to declare and achieve independence led the New Englanders to override the other Colonies in Congress; this led to the suspicion that they were seeking the dictatorship of the new political union in case of the success of the American arms, a misapprehension which was heightened by the employment of New England troops to guard Congress during its deliberations.* The feeling of distrust appears in several places in the correspondence.

Captain Frazer on his arrival at Long Island in May 1776 first met the New England Troops, who did not reach the high standard he had ascribed to them in his imagination. This disappointment was deepened two months later when he met considerable numbers of them at Ticonderoga.

It is evident from his comments that he always kept in view the popular anxiety lest they subjugate the other Colonies, for he says in a letter to his wife Aug. 6 1776 "you may inform all your acquaintance not to be afraid that they will ever conquer the other Provinces (which you know was much talked of)" * * *

His wife writes to him at Ticonderoga from their home in Chester County Aug. 27. 1776 * * * "the people seem middling well reconciled to independency, but very much fear the heavy taxes which are to come upon us, *but above all they fear the New Englanders should the Americans gain the day*" * * *

His sister Anne writing to him at about the same time says * * * "I am sorry the Yankees merit no better character than you give them, and Mr Jones harbours no better opinion of them than you do. I would not for the world that it was known amongst our Tories here. There would be no living among them" * * *

I am indebted to Prof. John Bach McMaster for the following note

"The sectional jealousy displayed in Congress and out is touched on in a general way by most historians of the Revolution, but no such specific statements as you cite are made by them.

"Benjamin Harrison says the Yankees ruled as absolutely in Congress "as the Grand Turk in his Dominions (Oberholtzer. Robert Morris p. 37). "The Force of their arms" says Rutledge, "I hold exceedingly cheap, but I confess I dread their overruling influence in Council. I dread their low cunning * * *". (Joy, correspondence & Public Papers Vol I, p 67)".

(*Dr. J. W. Jordan cites an original manuscript of John Etwein from the archives of the town of Bethlehem in which he says he has been informed that during one or more sessions of Congress at Philadelphia in 1775, it was protected by a regiment of New England Troops.)

It has been my aim to make the index as full as possible. An index is a necessity to any book of serious purpose to enable one to find what he wants with the least loss of time, but it is a more than ordinarily needed appendage to a book of the desultory character of this one; yet in my desire to place within easy reach whatever may be of interest to one who consults it I may have only slightly mitigated the difficulty of finding a fact by the very redundancy of the index; in which case I ask the pardon of the reader, acquittal of the suspicion of overestimating the value of the memoir, and plead good intention to extenuate the fault. Basing my plan for the index on the assumption that names of people, even without facts associated with them, are of prime importance in genealogical works, because the presence of a name, even in the vaguest connection in one memoir, may throw much light on a part of the history of the person for whom the name stands in some other; I have tried to note in the index by page-numbers every occurrence of every name in the body of the text with the exceptions of the subject of the memoir, his family, and the subjects of "remember me to," &c. when such persons have been elsewhere mentioned. A large number of the common nouns in the text are also indicated by page in the index when they have more than usual interest, and finally the subjects treated have been noted there so far as this was practicable. Altogether there are 3582 references for the 406 pages, which makes an average of nearly nine per page. The work has been carried on in the midst of a press of professional work, and largely owing to this fact many of the shorter documents, and many notes explaining or amplifying the text, were made after it was in type, and therefore too late to add citation marks. Consequently it has been necessary to put these documents and notes into an appendix with the numbers of the pages on which these reference notes should have added. A good reader will always consult the table of errata and make the changes in the text in accordance with it before reading a book—(provided it is his own), but before attempting to read this book I request the reader to mark pages 14, 16, 17, 39, 41, 42, 45, 58, 64, 70, 148, 151, 152, 157, 162, 171, 175, 181, 182, 184, 185, 189, 191, 192, 193, 213, 238, 355, and 371, as having explanatory or supplementary notes in the Appendix.

Explanation of Marks Used in the Text.

As in Volume I, letters following an inclined line (/) in an abbreviated word were written above the line in the original.

Small type (eight point) printed above the line indicates writing which in the original has been stricken out but remains legible.

The same type on the line, is used for editorial comment to distinguish it from the text.

Errata.

- Page 14, 8th line from the foot. For "January" read "January."
Page 18, 1st line. For "June 4. 1763" read "June 4. 1762."
Page 33, 17th line. For "AGUECKHEEK" read "AGUECHEEK."
Page 49, paragraph 4. For "July 5, 1770" read "July 25. 1770."
2d line. For "Dan—" read "Dav/d."
Page 63, 3d paragraph, 3d line. For "green" read "Green."
Page 71, 3d and 11th lines. For "Frances" read "Francis."
Page 100, heading of letter to Morton. For "about July 25" read "July 31." The two lines should be transposed.
Page 130, 3d line of letter of Nov. 16. For "Evenings" read "evening."
Page 151, 1st line. For "Wednesday" read "Tuesday."
Page 151, date of second letter. For "Thursday" read "Wednesday."
Page 152, above date of letter Aug. 21. For "Friday" read "Thursday."
Page 152, above date of letter Aug. 22. For "Saturday" read "Friday."
Page 153, above date of letter Aug. 29. Add the word "Friday."
Page 153, above date of letter Sept. 4. For "Friday" read "Thursday."
Page 154, above date of letter Sept. 5. For "Saturday" read "Friday."
Page 171, 4th line. For "30th" read "3d."
Page 172, 8th line from bottom. For "Md." read "Va."
Page 188, strike out line above letter at foot of page.
Page 206, 1st line. For "July 21. 1779" read "July 21. 1776."
Page 207, 2d line. For "Intelligible" read "Intelligable."
Page 209, 6th line. For "hunble" read "humble."
Page 224, 4th line from foot. For "Bonde" read "Boude."
Page 334, 3d and 4th lines transposed.
Page 342, 5th paragraph. For "July 28. 1788" read "July 29. 1788."
Page 345, 3d line. For "Lws" read "Laws."
Page 378, 2d line from bottom. For "W. H. Graham" read "H. H. Graham."

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CHAPTER I

The period from 1736 to 1776

Persifor Frazer was born in the night between the 9th and 10th of August 1736 in the farm house in Newtown township Chester County Pennsylvania which his Father had acquired shortly after reaching Philadelphia from Ireland in the previous year on Sept. 28th. It is probable that his mother may not have been equal to the cares imposed upon her in taking charge of a farm house in a new country at that period of her life; but whatever was the reason, her husband removed his residence permanently to Philadelphia shortly after the birth of his first child.

There are likely to be records in existence which will throw light on the early education of Persifor, but as yet none have been found among the lists of scholars at the schools of that time in Penn's city. There is apparently good reason to believe, however, from the character of his various writings both as to matter, composition, and chirography, and from the testimony of those who knew him which has come down to us, that the boy was carefully taught and trained. Among his other accomplishments, less common then than now, was an acquaintance with the French language: but whether this was acquired in his school days or later is conjectural. At the time of his military service when he was in middle life, he owned a small library of French books (1777).

At the close of his school years and probably early in his life he and his next younger brother Robert were associated with their Father in commerce with the West Indies, and with ports of the Southern American Colonies. In 1763 the brigantine *Ranger*, bought in St Eustatius on a/c of the firm by Robert who went on her as master, sailed for Charleston, South Carolina, with a consignment of rum and salt, but was never again heard from.

The correspondents of the Frazers in Charleston were Torrans, Rang and Co.; and in the West Indies, Samuel Osborne of the Barbadoes.

The character of some of the transactions in this trade may be guessed from a short note addressed to "Mr Plumsted," endorsed on the back "For Benjamin Lightfoot Phila" which will be found further on.

Before beginning the actual history as shown by the existing family papers, the Editor permits himself a slight digression to record in their proper chronological sequence certain facts relating to two persons afterwards connected by marriage with General Frazer, the subject of this volume.

The Frazer and Taylor families became so closely associated through his marriage with Mary Worrall Taylor in 1766 that the following minute of the Concord Meeting which relates to her uncle, and was adopted when her future husband was only seven years of age, may be pardoned, if only to partially fill a period of which no authentic information is at hand concerning the iron master, soldier, and justice.

Mary Worrall Taylor's Father was an iron master and land owner. His Father was Dr John Taylor a physician and surveyor (See the Harris Ancestry p. 40 by Jos. S. Harris). Her Mother's Mother was Sarah Goodwin, daughter of Thomas Goodwin, who emigrated from England in 1708. Sarah Goodwin Taylor like her Father was a Quaker preacher. She died in Cork while on a mission of mercy to a district of Ireland scourged by small pox, having taken the disease.

The minute relates to her uncle, Isaac Taylor the son of John Taylor and Mary WorriLOW (Baker); who married Helena Stephenson in 1743, and died (it is to be hoped not on account of the meeting's censure) in 1745.

(From the original paper in possession of Dr. I. W. Riley)

5/th day of 7/ber 1743

At a monthly Meeting held at Concord Meeting house the 5/th day of 7/ber 1743—

Whereas Isaac Taylor having been brought up amongst us the People called Quakers but for want of a due regard to the rules Established amongst us and was Married out of the way approved and allowed of by ff/rds, and useing some words and Customs that is Contrary to the rules Established among us as putting of his hat and bowing by way of Compliment and Saying you to a Sengle person and pleading for Such practices he being Several times friendly Treated with in order to bring him to Sence of his Error but Could not be proveld upon to make Satisfaction

he not appearing at our Last Meeting but informed us by writing that he could not give us any other—Satisfaction that what was Contained in a paper formerly given which this meeting Cannot take for Satisfaction—

Therefore this meeting thinks it necessary to Testifie against him and do declare the s/d Isaac Taylor to be no member (in

unity) of our relogious Society untill he from a Sence of his Error do make an Acknowledgment that shall be to the Satisfaiion of this meeting which we desire he may—
Signed in and on behalf of
our Said Meeting by

	Assembly	
Jeremiah Starr		778
James Gibbons		769
Tho Chandler		760
Jos Harvey		736
Sam/l Sevy		736 674
Jos Pennock		571
Geo Ashbridge		505
Francis Yarnall		313
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Jno Owen		549
Nathan Wos		384
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	Cor	
Thos Morgan		469
Jno Hauly		294
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	Comy	
Jacob Havel		711
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	Ass.	
Thos Hughes		605
Joshua Pusey		362
Aubrey Roberts		364
Sam/l Bunting		317
Jos Mendenhall		316
Thos Pennell		280

Endorsed A Testament ag /t one who shall Leave the Meeting.

The following is the Will of Gen Frazer's mother-in-law, Sarah Worrall.

(1750)

In the name of God Amen, The Twenty *Eaigt* day of the ninth Month anno. Dom, one thousand seven hundred & fifty, I Sarah Worrall of Edgemont Township in the County of chester in the Province of Pennsylvania Being weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory

thanks be to almighty God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitory Life and that it is appointed to all Women once to Dye whenever it shall please God to call do make Constitute ordain and declare this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following—Revoking and disanulling by these Presents all and every Testament & Testaments Will and Wills—Heretofore by me made & declared either by Word—or Writing and this only to be taken for my last Will & Testament, & none other, and First I give & Commit my soul unto almighty God in whom I Trust & believe assuredly to be Saved and to possess and Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and I give my Body to the Ground to be buried in a decent manner & at such as it shall please my Executor hereafter named to appoint and now for the setting of my Temporal Estate (and)

And such Goods Chattels and Debts wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me & to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say, Imprimis I will that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be well & truly Contented & Paid as soon as may be Within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executor hereafter Named. Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizth Salkield the sum of five shillings Current money of Pennsylvania to be Paid by my Excd out of my P sonal Estate to be paid in one year after my Decease if Required. Item I give & devise to my well beloved Son John Worrall the sum of five shillings Current money of Pennsylvania to be paid by my Excd out of my P sonal Estate to be Paid in one year after my Decease if Required. Item I give & devise to my well beloved Daughter Sarah Taylor the sum of nine Pounds p. ann to be Paid yearly by my Excd. and I do Lave her one Bed & Bedstead and arm Chare and three of the Silver Spuns two of the *New Wons* and one *ould* that she *used* and a *Warm Pan* and Part of my *Waring* apparell With my *Linnen Cot* What is hereafter *menshond* and the *Letle Bras* milking Pan, and the *Letle Wach* (and)

And the *Big Looking Glass* and my *Bridle* and *Saddle* and half of my *Cack* Linnin. Item I give & bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary Taylor my *Chesterdros* and my *baby Spun*, and my *tea Spuns* and *Teatable* and all its *furnitor* Belonging to it and the *Nagor fillis* and *Hur* Children after her mother Dease then all *must Return* to *Hur* Daughter Mary Taylor Excepted the money *Before menend* and further I do Give my *Grad Grand daughter* Two *Silver Chane* and a *Simble* and Those thing Which is *Left Wholely* to *Hur* is to Be *Left* in my *Exc/d* hand tel the *Day of marig* or tel She a *Rives* to *Twenty* one *yars* of *Eage* Which hapens *furs bot* in *Case* She *dise* before Either of them to as *hearafter menched* and further to *Pay* the *nine Pound Wich* before *menched* one *Hundred* and *fifty Pounds* to be *Put out* of my *P sonal Estate* to be *Put out* by my *Ex/d* and that into her

own Proper hand—Notwithstanding her Coverture for her own Separate and Peculiar use Exclusive of her Husband and wherewith he shall in no Wise meddle nor shall the said yearly Sums nor any of them be Subject to his Debts Disbosal or Incumbrances Neither shall the said yearly Sums of nine Pounds nor any of them by her the s/d Sarah Taylor or by any (other)

Other Person for her or in Trust by her be assigned over or alienated by any Manner of Ways or means from the uses afforesaid and my Will. Item I give & bequeath to my Well beloved Son Peter Worrall the sum of fifty Pounds Courent money of Pennsylvania and my Clock and my Closepres and my Bed and bedstead and all its furniture be Longing to it and two Par of Cotton and Linnen shets and two Par of Pillercases and the Litle Looking Glass and the Big arm chare and two Letle Chares and the Cane and the Big Bible, and the Big pot and my Letle Chest and my Striped Linnen and half of the Cack and my mare and two of my Silver Spuns and my Nager Woman Jane and my Nager Coffee and the Janey and With all the Linnen and Wolling I provided for them and thiare Bed and Bedstead. Item I give & devise to my Well beloved Son Thomas Worrall my Big Wach and my Sheep, and my Cow and tow Walnut Chares and a Letle Nursing Chare and my Big Cattell and my Big Chest and my Smal Striped Bed and my *Isaac* Ponnenton *Buck* and two of my Silve Spuns and my Nager *Cub* and my Nager *Prudy*, and my Iron Cran and further I do Leave my Grand Daughter Mary (Taylor)

Taylor one Hundred Pounds after Hur mother deace if She Shall a Rive to Twenty one Yares of Eage or tel the Day of maig and if She Shall die before Either of them then it shall Be Divid Betwen Peter Worrall & Thomas Worrall and further I do Lave to my two Sons Peter & Thomas Worrall after thiar Sister Deace fifty Pounds to be Eaqule Divid Betwe them, Item I give & bequeath to my Granddaughter Egnis Calkeld my Guld Buttons. Item I give & devise to my Well beloved Sister Mary James my New Cloth Clook and my New Bonnet and Hudecap It I give & devise to my Well beloved Sistier ann Goodwin my Brod Cloth Clook and my whip. Item I give & devise to my Well beloved Cosen Sarah Vor my Carlet Clook and my Wosted Gone Blu and Walow two of my Evere Day shifts and a Cack apron, Item my Will is that all the Residue & Remainder of my Estate Right & Property Whatsoever & wheresoever the same Can be found after Just Debts & funeral Expences first Payd & y/e above Leageses then I say it is my Will the Remainder shall be Eaqually devided betwin my two Sons Peter & Thomas Worrall they Paying to their Sister Sarah Taylor the sum (of)

of nine pounds a year Lawfully Currancy yearly & Every year During their s/d Sisters Natrall Life and Lasty I nominate & appoint my Sone Peter Worrall Whole & Sole Executor of this my Last Will &

testiment and I doe hereby uterly disalow Revoke & Disanull all & Every other former Will Leagesy & bequest by me any way before named Willed & bequested Ratifying & Conferming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal the day & year above Written.—

Signed Sealed published pronounced

and Declared by the said Sarah
 Worrall to be her Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us

her
 Sarah Worrall
 mark

L:S:

His

James Black
 mark
 Samuel Oliver

Philadelphia to wit

I do hereby Certify that the foregoing
 Is a true Copy from the Original
 Will of Sarah Worrall Dec/d as
 appears of Record Examined & filed
 in the Registers office at Philadelphia

Given under my Hand & the Seal of the office the 2/d day of June
 1790.—

Jn/o Matthews D. Reg/r

Pinned on the back of the will.

629 .. 12 .. 7
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 39 .. 9 .. 0

681 .. 34 .. 9

Ex. charges himself in his account with only, the first Sum
 Endorsed

Copy
 Sarah Worrall's
 Will
 1790

fees 13/1 1/2

The occupations of Persifor Frazer before the Revolution were those of Merchant, Ship owner and Trader with his Father and brother, but he gradually became more and more interested in the iron industry of the colony in which, like his future Father-in-law and the latter's Father Dr John Taylor, he was among the pioneers.

It is likely that this community of interest with the Taylors brought

them frequently together and aided if it did not originate the attachment between Mary Taylor and himself.

The following extract from the Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association of Nov. 1887 will elucidate many of the following notes relating to the enterprises at Sarum and Deep Creek.

From the Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association.

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Very Early Iron Enterprises in Delaware.

Deep Creek, or Vaughan, Furnace.

The time when bog ores were first known to exist in the lower part of Delaware, or even in the lower part of the Peninsula, is unknown. Furnaces had been erected in those parts of Virginia and Maryland lying west of the Chesapeake from the beginning of the eighteenth century, but no mention has been made by any writers of iron being made in the lower part of the Peninsula until about the middle of that century. It was then understood that bog ores were at the head of the Nanticoke river and its various branches. The uncertainty of titles in the lower part of Sussex county, which was then claimed by both Delaware and Maryland, probably prevented capitalists from investing money. Warrants in that section had been granted by Maryland for land claimed to be lying in Dorchester county in that State. The line was first run between the two States in 1763, and the land dispute bid fair to be settled. About this time two companies were formed for the purpose of erecting furnaces and forges and manufacturing iron.

The first to be established was the Deep Creek Iron Works, located in Nanticoke hundred, on Deep creek, a tributary of the Nanticoke river, and about three miles from the present town of Concord. The company was composed of Jonathan Vaughan, David McMurtrie, Persifer Frazer, William Douglass, John Chamberlain, and Christopher Marshall, who built the furnace. On the 28th of January, 1763 the furnace was evidently in process of construction, as on that date Jonathan Vaughan and Co. applied to the proprietors of Pennsylvania for a warrant for vacant lands "near their works on Nanticoke river." Many of the lands in the vicinity had been taken up on Maryland patents, and had been escheated. The application of Vaughan and Co. was for 5,000 acres of land on which timber was growing proper for use in the production of iron. This was granted, and the land was surveyed by John Lukens, Surveyor-General.

On the 8th day of February, 1763, the company bought 299 acres in Cedar Creek hundred from Daniel Nunez, sheriff, and on February 4, 1764, it purchased from Samuel Pettyjohn 150 acres of land in the forest of Broad Kiln hundred, lying in Cave's Neck, on the south side

of Gravelly branch, and on June 29, 1764, it also purchased 100 acres from Philip Connoway, called "Pleasant Meadow."

Jonathan Vaughan is mentioned as an ironmaster, and as coming from Ashton, Chester county, Pennsylvania. Persifor Frazer was also an ironmaster, and was connected with the Sarum Furnace, in Delaware county (Then Chester Co.), Pa. William Douglass was interested in a bloomary, in Carolina county, Md., at a place called Bloomary, directly west from Bridgeville and about two miles from the State line. John Chamberlin was also mentioned as an ironmaster.

The company, for some reason, was re-organized soon after this, and on the 18th of May, 1764, "articles of agreement were entered into between Jonathan Vaughan, Persifor Frazer, David McMurtrie, William Douglass, Christopher Marshall, William Wishart, and Jemima Edwards, all residents of the Province, for enlarging, completing, and finishing the said Deep Creek Furnace and Nanticoke Forge." In pursuance of this object nearly 7,000 acres of land were purchased, and great sums of money were expended. The Nanticoke Forge here mentioned was on a tract of land of 168 acres, being a portion of tracts called "Venture," "Brothers Agreement," and "Company's Lott," lying at the head of Nanticoke river, on the west side of the stream, and in Northwest Fork hundred, about three miles west of the furnace, the place being known as Middleford. Its remains could be seen as late as 1840.

The company built a road in a direct line, about four miles in length, to the Nanticoke river at a place called "Old Meadow," two miles below Nanticoke Forge, or Middleford, and two miles below what is now known as Concord, where Deep creek and Nanticoke river united, at which place it built a wharf of large stones, three of which are still in the vicinity.

Around the furnace clustered the buildings and dwellings necessary for the successful carrying on of the work and the comfort of the many wood choppers, colliers, miners, teamsters, and others employed. Bog ores were smelted, cast into large plates of slabs and pigs, and carried to the wharf where the iron was loaded on vessels of the company and shipped direct to England. The metal was named "Old Meadow," after the meadow at the wharf.

The company conducted an extensive business until the breaking out of the Revolution, when Chesapeake Bay was blockaded, business suspended, and the men employed by the company, as well as those at Pine Grove Furnace, at Concord, three miles below, on the same stream, were thrown out of employment.

Mitchell Kershaw and Joseph Vaughan, both of this vicinity, here organized regiments of which they became officers. The men readily enlisted, and Sussex county soon made up her quota. These regiments did valuable service during the war.

At the close of the war the business of the company was so much demoralized that but little could be done, and operations were not again resumed, and the furnace and the forge gradually went to decay. Grist and saw mills and stores had been erected, and they continued to do business, and have been replaced by others, which are still in operation. In the year 1801 a bill for partition of lands was presented to the Legislature, and this bill was passed on January 28, 1802.

At that time but one of the company, under the article of agreement of May 18, 1764, was living—William Wishart—and the interest in the lands was in six parts and was divided as follows: One part to William Wishart; one part to the heirs of Richard Edwards; one part to the heirs of Jonathan Vaughan; one part to the heirs of William Douglass, one part to the heirs of Benjamin, Christopher, and Charles Marshall, who received from their father, Christopher Marshall, his interest on November 12, 1772; and one part to the heirs of Joseph Pennell. To the latter in the division came the Nanticoke Forge tract at Middleford, and the heirs of Joseph Pennell sold it on January 11, 1805, to William Huffington, Jr., and Thomas Townsend. The furnace lands on Deep creek, with other lands, passed, on August 10, 1810, from Walter and William Douglass, sons of James and grandsons of William, to General Jesse Green. The other lands passed to other parties; and so ended a once prosperous enterprise of the lower Peninsula.

PINE GROVE FURNACE.

In 1763, soon after the organization of the Deep Creek Iron Company, another company was organized, composed of Abraham Mitchell, hatter, and Thomas and William Lightfoot, merchants, all of Philadelphia; and Walter and Samuel Franklin, merchants, of New York.

This company began the purchase of land in the vicinity of Deep creek, and built a furnace, called "Partnership," lying on Deep creek, at the place now called Concord. Etc.

Dr. John Taylor built in 1742 a Forge on Chester Creek in Thornbury township where Glen Mills now stand and called it the Sarum Iron Works. In 1746 he added a slitting and rolling mill. He managed them energetically till his death in 1756 when first his son (Mrs Frazer's Father), and later Persifor Frazer carried them on.

In 1756 the Sarum works had three stacks and was in full blast. Almost from the time of the erection of the slitting mill the output was nails as well as nail rods, and an agent of the works visiting England at that time informed the Liverpool merchants that he could purchase nails at Taylor's mill more cheaply than from them. This was

one of the facts that led to the passage in 1750 of an Act of Parliament forbidding the erection of such works in the American colonies. When Persifor Frazer left it for the army in Jan. 1776 his wife carried on the management in addition to that of the "plantation" on which they lived. (Iron in all Ages. Jas. M. Swank. Phila. 1884.)

FRAGMENTS OF MEMORANDA AND ACCOUNTS.

"Sir: I have sent you by Robt. moulder two Tuns of bar Iron, be pleased to shipp it for Boston, and let the return be made in oil, Loaf Sugar, and Rum, or Such other goods as you may think most suitable if those can't be had. in this you will extreamly oblige your
Assured fr/d and very Hble Servt
tb tb

April 11. 1751
To
Mr Plumsted

number of Bars 162.

The person to whom the letter is addressed is not mentioned in the above paper, but it is probable that Persifor (then in his fifteenth year) was employed in the shipping firm which carried on the trade, and the letter was either directed to him or given him to answer.

Among his papers is a Deed of release of Jean Read to William Henry, from claims against the latter as the Father of her child, in consideration of the sum of Fifty Nine Pounds. Witnessed by Robert and William Thompson May 13, 1755. (See Appendix I)

Two of his commercial papers are printed below. The first is a bond, dated Oct. 4, 1760, between Jonathan Vaughan and Samuel Kennedy of Whitemarsh twp Chester Co. Province of Penna., and Dennis Whelen, indicating a partnership between them in which Dennis Whelen probably supplied the capital, for the purchase and management of Sarum Forge.

The second is a contract dated Nov. 20. 1769 between Jon/n Vaughan and George Pearce requiring the latter to cut upon his plantation in Thornbury Chester Co. Penna. Four hundred cords of good wood suitable for making charcoal @ 2/6 per cord.

A note of Levi Trump of Phila. to Edw. Milner of Whitemarsh Chester Co. for £58 and dated March 13. 1761 is receipted for by Edw. Milner Oct. 3. 1761 by the payment of £59. to Persifor Frazer.

There is also a promissory note of Bryan Connelly to Persifor Frazer dated Jan 15. 1762 for £37, 10 s. witnessed by David McMurtie and Samuel Mills.

In his 25th year therefore Persifor was a man of varied affairs.

Below will be found a letter to him from Samuel Osborne the firm's correspondent in the Barbadoes dated Jan 23. 1762 implies by its tone that he was the active member of the firm. It is confidential and intimate and contains interesting glimpses of the progress of the British arms in the Antilles during that year.

Know all men by these presents that we Jonathan Vaughan of Uwchlan Township & Samuel Kennedy of Whiteland Township both of the County of Chester & Province of Pennsylvania are Held & firmly bound unto Dennis Whelen of the Township of Uwchlan aforesaid in the full & Just sum of One Thousand pounds Lawfull Money of this Province to be paid unto the Said Dennis Whelen or to his Certain Attorney Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns for the which payment well & truly to be Made & Done we Do Hereby Jointly & Severally bind our Selves Our & Every of our Heirs Executors & Administ/rs firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals & Dated the Fourth Day of october in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty —————

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that if the above bounden Jonathan Vaughan & Samuel Kennedy their Heirs Executors & Administ/rs & Every of them Shall & Do well & truly observe, perform, fulfill, accomplish, pay. Do & keep all & Singular the Covenants Clauses Conditions payments articles Restrictions and agreements which on the part & behalf of the Said Jonathan Vaughan & Samuel Kennedy or Either of them their or Either of their Heirs Executors or Administrators are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled, accomplished, paid, Done or kept, Mentioned & Comprised in Certain articles of Partnership bearing Even Date with These presents & Made Between the Said Jonathan Vaughan Samuel Kennedy & Dennis Whelen then the above obligation to be Void & of None Effect or Else to Stand & Remain in full force & Virtue in Law —————
Sealed & Delivered

In the presence of us
Rob/t Grace
Henry Lewis
Myrick Davies

Endorsed

Bond performance
Jon/a Vaughan
D/r Kennedy
To
Dennis Whelen

Jon/a Vaughan
Sam Kennedy

Memorandum of Agreement made and concluded upon this Twentieth Day of Novem/r: Anno: Domini 1760 Between Jonathan Vaughan at Serum forge of the One Part and George Pearce of the Township of Thornbury and County of Chester of the Other part Witnesseth that the said George Pearce for and In consideration of the Covenants and agreements herein after mentioned Doth promise and Oblige himself his Heirs or Administ/r: To Cut uppon his own plantation in Thornbury Four Hundred Cords of good marchantable wood suitable for Coaling; And to have the said quantity of Four Hundred Cords of wood Corded and Ready to be Delivered up to the said Jonathan Vaughan or any person appointed by him On the first Day of April Next Ensuing the date hereof and to alow free priveledge of Coaling and Carring Away the Coales of said wood —————

In Consideration of the above Agreements the said Jonathan Vaughan Doth promise and Oblige himself his heirs or assigns to pay or Cause to be paid unto the said George Pearce or his order the sum of Two shill/s.: & six pence p Cord for Each merchantable Cord of wood as afforsaid abd that uppon the Delivery of the said quantity of wood It Is Likewise agreed that the said Jonathan Vaughan or some person Appointed by him shall Attend by said Pearce's Appointment Any Time On Or before the said first Day of April Next In Order to Receive the said wood And for the True performance of all and singular the above Articles and agreements the said parties bind themselves Each To the Other In the sum of Fifty pounds Lawful money of pennsylvania In witness whare of they have ENTERCHANGABLY set their Hands & seals the day and year first above Written.

SEALED & DELIVERED

In presense of

his
James H Harris
mark

[Seal]

Endorsed

George Pearce

to

Jonathan Vaughan

for Cords of Wood

D/r Peirce/

Barbados January 23/d 1762

Your kind favour of y/e 30/th Novem/r is now before me; your friendly services to my relations fill me with pleasure & Gratitude at the same time: am only sorry to think I shall not have it in my power to make you a proper recompence: in order that Doc/r Jackman would not be behind hand with you, I've given up of money in your hands belonging to Doc/r Parsons (who does not now intend for Philad/a) to him, as it is a dead time of y/e year and he had no

other convenient way of throwing Money into your hands at present—inclosed you have Doc/r Parson's Letter being a Copy of one he has given to Doc/r Jackman; he having made a mistake (he believes) in y/e other, by making y/e year 61. instead of 62: my Ans/r I now will pay off by an Order, w/h my Mother has promised to give me on Cap/t Wilcocks, provided I can spare y/e Time to pay her a Visit before this goes; but as I am employed in building a Still-house at present and y/e Crop nigh hand am fearfull I shall not be able to reach there before Rooke sails, which is s/d to be early y/e Day after to morrow— Doc/r Jackman has promised me to procure you as many Consignments from his friends as he can—my Endeavors shall not be wanting — Cap/t Trump has entered into partnership with a Young Man, that served his time to M/r Eliott, y/e latter is gone down to Martinique—as to what Mr. Owen (?) mentioned concerning y/e Houses belonging to my Mother I cannot say ought about it, as I've not yet mentioned it to her —

I congratulate you on your Brother's safe arrival, his loss is considerable; but a Sailor is never to be concerned or disheartened at Dame Fortune's sour looks, the Morrow may be fairer than y/e Day. I presume you'l expect something to be s/d concern/i y/e attempt now against Martinique, you must make y/e allowance in y/e first place that I live in y/e Country; therefore out of y/e way of News and subject, if any, to have it twisted into many different forms &c by y/e Time it gets thus far from y/e Metropolis — but the following is from Cap/t Hening now on ye Expedition, dated y/e 12/th Inst. "I've "nothing to relate. The part of y/e Army I belong to has been hitherto inactive: but will not be so long for we sail from hence to Morrow "to attempt our main Object. Most (?) (torn) of us have been employed against y/e famous Pigeon Isl (torn) little way from hence "the success of which, we as yet don't know but it is esteemed very essential to y/e principal point — now we have reports further that "on y/e 15th Inst. y/e Nottingha—alied(?) & about 4 more of y/e line "were ordered up to silence the Batteries on point Negroe they began "about 10 oClock and at 7 oClock in y/e Even/g they silenced y/e last, "w/h was about one Mile in y/e Country—y/e ranger's were then "landed & about 10,000, Men, y/e former had not been on shore much "more than an hour, w/n they made a Circuit of about three Miles up "to y/e Enemies Entrenchments, within a Mile of Fort royal—of "which place it is s/d(?) there is some reason to think we are in possession of by this Time; how true all this is, is another part of speech "—not that I make y/e least doubt of its falling."

Staves is here at £30 p M. I've no rum or would have shipt you some — M/r Hunts' paper will by y/e Time this reaches you be in y/e hands of y/e reve/d M/r Braithwaite & y/e rev/d M/r Boucher y/e Money is made pay/l to them — w/n they collect a sum, it shall be re-

mitted, as soon as possible — Doc/r Scanlan has wrote word of his intending to move in y/e Country & has given six Months notice for y/e removal of y/e Boys; I cannot certainly say whether there father intends continuing them in Philadelphia or not — if he does I believe that M/r Kenersly will be as proper a person as any — but of that you will be duly advised — pray remember me to all friends & when I have a better respite from my fatigue, which I flatter myself will be after y/e ensuing Crops is finished: I'll make ample amends both to them and you — and with Sincerity D/r Peirce —————

Your Affet: Friend &
Obliged humb serv/t
Sam/l Osborne

P. S.

Please to send me two pounds
of Garlick —

July 17. 1762. A promissory note for £34 of John Johnson of Philadelphia to Persifor Frazer ditto dated July 17. 1762. witnessed by Thos. Dicas and John Weaver.

Nov. 29. 1762. A promis. note for £94. 17. 4. of David M/cMurtrie, Persifor Frazer, Jonathan Vaughan and John Chamberlain to Samuel Miles of Philadelphia Mercht dated Nov. 20. 1762. Witnessed by Caleb Foulke and John Wistar.

A receipt for £38 (?). 5. 6. to Persifor Fraizer from John Vaughan.

1762 A statement “about the year 1762” unsigned (probably in the handwriting of Persifor Frazer) concerning the agreement of himself, Col. Asher Clayton, Capt. James Patterson, and David M/cMurtrie, to joint possession of certain lands on the Juniata: the loss of the articles of agreement and the conveyance of the title by a nephew of Col. Clayton and by Persifor Frazer to David M/cMurtrie the son.

April 16. 1763

I promise to pay unto Thomas Wiggins or Order or to his Assigns the Sum of Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six pence Current Money of Pennsylvania on or Before y/e 18 Day of

October Next Ensuing Being for Value Received to which payment well and truly to be made I Do Bind my Self my heirs Executors and administrators and Each of them in y/e penal Sum of 13 pounds 13 Shillings Like lawfull money aforesaid In Witness whereof I have heareunto Set my hand and Seal this 16 Day of apr/ll one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three.

Witness present

Samson Davis

her

Mary Jolly

mark

Richard Haslam

Endorsed

I Sine Over the Within Note to Persifor Frazer it being for Value Recv,d as witness my hand this 30 Day of Apr/ll 1763.

Tho/s Wiggins

Entitled

Thomas Wiggins

x

Samsom Davis

Sampson Davis

his Note

sued to Nov/r 1764

The following letter illustrates the hazards of trade with the West Indies before the treaty of peace between France and England, signed at Paris in 1763, became operative there.

In the first part of these memoirs (Persifor Frazer's Descendants I, pp. 52+) will be found the last letter of Robert Frazer to his family in Philadelphia, addressed to his brother Persifor and dated Jan. 5, 1763. He was lost with his vessel shortly afterwards, on a voyage to Charleston, S. C., but it could not have been on that commencing with his departure from St Eustatius Jan. 17. 1763 as testified to by Cornelius Lispier, John Harper & Matthias Lukens in the work cited above, because Wilcocks mentions in the following letter of June 4. 1764 that Robert Frazer sailed ten days before (i. e. May 25. 1763) from St. Christopher's and was captured and carried into St. Martin's (the islands of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico). St Eustatius or St Eustache is one of the Dutch West Indies 12 miles N. W. of St Christopher (or St Kitts). The capital is St Eustatius or Orange.

To Mr Persifor Fraizer. St. Christopher's. June 4. 1763

Sir: your Brother sailed from hence about 10 days past and was taken and carried into St. Martin's where He ransomed His Vessell and Cargo of £396. 0 0. The Charges on Bottomrying his Vessell Here would have been upwards of 20 c/t more So that we concluded to sell Her and Cargoe at St Eustatius if it was possible to get the liberty (From the Security at St Martins for Bringing Her to St Eustatius) some of my Friends and myself Wrote Very Strongly in His Favour and he is Now about 6 Days gone from hence I expect minutely to Hear from Him. With my complm/ts to your Father and Mother

I am

Sir

Your rp/o. hum Serv/t

M. Wilcocks Jun.

Sir

The occasion of my adding to what I Wrote you yesterday is to Acquaint you of my Having received a letter from your Brother desiring me to Forward a bill of Messrs Desmount to Halliday and Dunbar for £165— which shall do this day. and he ordered me to credit Him for a bill He bot. of me the dra/t of Thos. Webb for £65 ster. which if He had given Himself time to recollect He would Have been convinced it could not be done, as He had endorsed 1. 3 and 4 payable to Halliday and Dunbar with a direction for me to Forward them by First opportunity and which I did the next day after He left this, By two letters of Marque Briggs Bound to Liverpool so that there is 3 Setts of exch/a now Forwarded For your Accts Amotg to £403. 7. 11.

Inclosed is abstract of your Brothers acco/t Balance in my Fav/r Ex' For which Have drawn on you in Fav/r of Mr Luke Scanlan £ the remainder in Fav/r of Mr John Wilcocks and if your Brother thinks I am Intitled to any trifle on acco/t of some limes I had on Board as he ransomed, you'l please pay it to the latter Gentn. With complimt/s to your Brother who I expect will arrive with you as soon as This gets to Hand Ans

Sir

Your mo. Hum. Serv/t

Jno Wilcocks junr

N. B. the Bill is drawn in
Favour of Miss Sarah Frank
for £45., 17., 4 1/2.
(Direction on the outside)
To Mr Persifor Fraizer
Mercht in
Philadelphia

On the blank pages 2 and 19 inclusive of the almanac next to be transcribed, are desultory notes of probably two journeys by Persifor Frazer on horseback from Philadelphia which can be followed from "Buchanan's" (page 2) which is probably Buchanan, Botetourt Co. Va. on the James River. Either the idea of entering notes of his itinerary in the little almanac did not occur to the traveler until he had completed the greater part of his journey to "Beezly" (Beasley's Hill N. C.(?)) or else the notes were made on some other paper and have been lost. It is not possible to locate precisely all the stopping places on his route, but the general line is very manifest, and was through Lancaster, Wrightsville; York Pa; Frederick, Md; Harper's Ferry, Winchester, Middletown, Staunton, Buchanan, Peaks of Otter, Bedford City (Bedford Co), Joyceville (Mecklenburg Co): thence across the Roanoke River and the Va.-N. C. State line to various plantations unmarked on the present maps, to "Major Beezly" probably at or near Beasley's Hill Johnson Co. N. C.; which appears to have been his destination.

Bearing in mind that at the epoch of this journey the stops were made mainly at the plantations of private gentlemen, when not in towns, it is interesting to note how many of these land owners gave their names to settlements which in some cases afterwards grew to be towns of considerable importance.

Thus Buchanan's is Buchanan, Major Beezly is Beasley's Hill; Mabon's (Mebane), Stephenson's (Stephenson, Frederick Co. Va.), Thomas Joyce, (Joyceville) on the Mayho River (Mayo River Va.)

The return journey was from Beezly's (Beasley's Hill) (Johnston Co. N.C.) to Orange (Orange Co. N.C.). Halifax C.H. Halifax Co. Va. (The text would seem to indicate Halifax in N. C. because Houston and not Halifax is the County Seat and place of holding court of Halifax Co. Va. but on the other hand Halifax Va. is directly on the line between Orange and Bedford C. H. and Halifax C. H. N. C. is fifty miles or more to the Eastward). Next Bedford C. H. (Va), the Peaks of Otter, Luney's Ferry (?) James River, (probably Buchanan where a deflection must be made along the line of the Blue Ridge though it is not mentioned) Staunton, Stephenson, Va. The next recognizable entry is York Pa, whence another journey is followed to Beasley's N. C. and back again through York and the Chester to Philadelphia. The length of the journey was about 475 miles each way or 1900 miles for the entire distance ridden.

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For the Year of our Lord 1763;

And from the Creation according to prophane History,	5712
But by the <i>Eastern and Greek Christians,</i>	7271
By the <i>Jews, the Hebrews, and the Rabbies,</i>	5523
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By *Andrew Aguecheck, Philom.*

PHILADELPHIA:

Printed by and for *Andrew Stewart*, at the Bible-in-Heart,
 in Second-Street, near Black-Horse Alley.

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Rec/d from Jn/o Moore.

£ 7 . . 8 . . —

Feb/y. 16/th 1763

	10 . 2 . . 2	5 . 2
	9 . 7 . . 6	9 . 7 . 6
Buchanans (Buchanan Botetourt Co. Va.,)	14 . . 8	
Mount Bird 10 Miles		

From Jo/s Nealys to Ja/s Nealys	15
to Riston's (?)	30 ^{miles(?)}
to Smith River	27
to Harbours	24
to Joyces (Joyceville Mecklenburg Co. Va.(?))	7
to Peter King	25
to the Store	7
to Mendenhals	15
to Milligans	11
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Major Beezly 7. I. Beezly 3. Cap/t Magees 15.
to grave's 15. to Orange 25

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From Winchester to Funks 20 miles from thence to Millers 30 miles.
from thence to Buchanans 30. from there to John Steensons 25.
from thence to Stanton (Staunton, Va.) 20. at W/m Crows. Major
Bezely lives at the other Side of the Pole Cat beyond the Hawfields
Cross—T— enquire for him at Cap/t Thos, Laws. Luney's
ferry on James River. Stanton is in Augusta County. enquire for
Jn/o Nealy at M/r Crows in Stanton.

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W/m Lewis	£ 15 . . 11 . . —
Sam/l Cowey	5 . . 16 . . —
40 Pistols	54 —
2 Moy dores	4 . . 7 . . —
2 Guineas	3 . . 7 . . 6
11 Carolines	19 . . 10 . .
	<hr/> 81 . . 4 . . 6 <hr/>

From Beezeley's to M/cGees.....	15miles(?)
to Mabons (Mebanesville, Alamance Co. N. C.).....	30
to Orange	10
to Squire Lees	30
to Col Terry's	20
to Halifax C House (Halifax Co. Va., perhaps Houston).....	24
to Clements	30
to Bedford C House.....	18
to the Peaks of Otter.....	20
to Rich/d Reads near the Gap.....	19
to M/r Nealeys	9
to Luneys Ferry James River.....	15
to Paxtons in y/e forks.....	
to Bowyers	(torn)
Stanton	(torn)

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John Reed and Comp/y D/r	
To Cash w/th M/cMurtrie	5 . . 6
To Cash my dividen to pay Thomas	14 . . 5 . . 6
To Cash at Surveyors Office for searches and drafts	6 . . —
To ditto for a Copy of Surveys	4 . . —
To ditto searches	. . 2 . . 6
To ditto for draft of surveys	. . 10 . . —
To ditto p/d M/r Brogden	2 . . —
To ditto for Examples (?)	
To Expences to Cush (?)	3 . . 13 . . 9
To Cash to M/r Boy	1 . . 12 . . 12(?)
(torn) (for Virginia)	16 . . 4 . . —
(torn) for Horse	27 . .
(torn)	7 . . 6

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at Halls 4 . . 6
Middletown 9 . . 8
Hayes	2 . . 6
halfway house 3 . . 10
Ferriage Brand/w 8
Modderrells 13 . . 10
Crawfords .....	. . 7 . . 10
at M/r Gillespies.....	1 . . 18 . . 6

Mr. Reeds Horse.....	27	..	..	—
Ferriage Susquahanna.....		..	2	..
Stephensons	5	.. 7
Finleys	2	.. —
	I II Stephensons			
Archers	9 2 7 8 9 10 13 12 13 14			
York	York	2	..	I .. II
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for Saddle Bags.....		..	15	.. —
	York			
M/c Callisters	10	.. —
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Swartz's	2	.. 2
Little Pipe Creek (Md.)	9	..	2	.. 75
Monocasin	9	..	12	.. 7 .. 1 .. 0
Ferriage	9 9 929 79		1	.. —
Frederick Town		1	..	10 .. 1
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(pencil) Blank page 11.				
Virginia				
Potomack Ferry	1	.. 3
M/r Masseys	2	.. 3
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Purcells	2	.. 6
Shanadore (Shenandoah)	12	.. 3
	(ink)			
M/cCulloughs	3	.. 3
To a Clerk for drawing the Writings.....	1	..	13	.. —
To Beezeley 3 pistoles.....	3	..	4	.. 6
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Winchester (3 Guineas).....	3	..	18	.. 9
Taylor (1½ pis/s).....			1	.. 10½
Washing	2	.. —
	(pencil)			
Strasburg Bowmans		..	5	.. 8
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Funks		..	3	.. 6
Millers Towns		..	1	.. 3
Mount Birds		..	3	.. 6
Buchanans		..	9	..
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	(ink)		
Daniel Smith		8	..
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Cooks Creek.....		—	.. 4
Allens		11	.. —
Crows (in Stanton)		8	.. 8
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		12	.. 12 .. 3

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at Steels		3	.. 6
Bowyers 8
Paxtons		7	.. —
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Pokes		1	.. 3
Luneys Ferry		1	.. 4
	(in pencil)		
Stone House		2	.. 6
James Nealey's		12	.. 3
Jos. Ranfrows		4	.. 3
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Jones a Smith.....		1	.. 6
Jeremiah (Dutch man) on Smith River.....		2	.. 1
Thomas Harbors on Carolina Line		5	.. 6
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Thomas Joyce on Mayho River (Mayo).....		1	.. 9
	(in pencil)	(in ink)	£2 .. 3 .. 6
Peter King on haw River			

Blank page 15, in pencil and ink)

Carolina			
Peter King haw River.....		4	.. 6
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Store New garden.....		7	.. —
Rich/d Mendenhall		2	.. 6
Mordecai Mendenhal		6	.. —
	(in ink)		
Isaac Beezley		4	.. —
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Haines		4	.. 8
To Major Beezly and Isaac Beezly 12 Pistoles.....			
Cap/t John Magee.....	1	.. 18	.. —
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Acknowledgement	12	—
Graves's	1	4
Ferry on Haw River.....		8
Col: Maybens (Mebane)	1	2

Childsburg for Certificatés 1 Pistole

for Medicines and Expences.....	3	16	6
Jacksons(in pencil).....		16	—
Squire Lees on (pencil) Hico (ink) River (pencil)...		6	6

The Road to Dan

(in ink) £10 . . 2 . . 2

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Virginia Col. Terry's on Dan River	(in pencil)		7	6
at Halifax Court House	(in ink)		14	8
at Clements's and on the Road (in ink).....			7	—
at Clarks on Otter River.....			5	—
Bedford C/t House.....			15	—
for Gloves and mending our Cloaths			19	—
at Rich/d Reeds the Peaks of Otter.....			13	3
at Rich/d Reeds			10	—
For Horse Hire for m/r Reed.....		3	5	3

at M/r Nealy s.....	1	1	9
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Luney s Ferry col: Buchanans.....		1	6
adley Pauls		2	—
Paxtons		5	—
Jn/o Bowyers		2	—
Steels		1	10
Longs Mill shanadore (Shenandoah).....			7½
M/r M/c Clanaghans.....	1	8	10

Stanton (Staunton)	12	7
for a Hank and Physick	12	6
Barber	1	—
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	£12	6 3

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Shanklands	2	—
Smiths	1	—

Buchanans	7	6
For shoeing the Horses etc.	6	—
at Woodstock	5	8

at Funks	9	7
at Mill Stephensburg	4	—

Winchester for Certificates	10	—
for Medicines	4	6
Expences	2	7 6
	5	2 6

on the road to Harpers Ferry	1	—
Old Halls	3	9

Ferry and on the Road	9	—
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Frederick Town	1	4 —
	(in pencil)	

Pipe Creek	6	4
Swartz's	1	9

M/c Callisters	9	8
Wilson's	2	—
York	8	2
	(in ink)	

wrights Ferry (Wrightsville)	6	6
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Lancaster	14	—
Lemens	7	6
	6	1 6

The Waggon	3	6
Ship	9	9
white Horse and Unicorn	7	—
Holtons and at the Ferry	7	4

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1763

May 23 Rec/d from M/r Jno. Lees
Three Pounds and 4/d in full

June 4/th Rec/d from Sam/l Young £21 . . —

June 6/th Rec/d from Sam/l Finley on acc/t £13 . . — . . —

Receiv/d from Myrick Davis in part
of his Bond £25 . . — . . —
May 18/th 1763

Paid M/r Hunt on Acc/t of M/r S: Osbornes order
May 26/th £10 . .

Rice from M/r Bartho/w

Credit my 622 . . 69 Acc/t for the Am/t
571 69

1193 138
138

1055. in 9 . . 1 . . 19 £6 . . 11 . . 10
1008 @ 14/

47

June 9 Paid M/r Hunt, fifteen Pounds.

Paid M/r Hunt in the whole £60 . . —

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June 3/d Paid at Jenkins in Co.w/th M/c murtrie,
and Lewis Walker £ . . 4 . . 6

for
Paid v Lewis Walker for a three
Gallons Rum, and Cag £ . . 17 . . 6

paid for Seeds to Dubre £ . . 9 . . 10

John Hook in Second Street near Ant. Morris's
1/2 Gro: Table Spoons £ 1 . . 1 . . —

18

Ja/s Wagstaffe 6 gro: Table Spoons	£12 . . 18 . . —
Paid Jn/o Jerman on account of Vaughan and Chamberlain last Winter	£ 2 . . 18 . . —
John Lees to Sundries	£ 1 . . 6 . . 8

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Thomas Slos's Bond for	£51 . . 16 . .
Interest on ditto 5 years and 9 M/o	17 . . 17 . . 4 1/2
	£69 . . 13: 4 1/2

Philip Baltzar Cresman 1759 (in pencil)
 Octo 12/th 1 doz: mens wors/d Hose 66/.
 1 doz Snuff Boxes 9/. 1 doz Penknives 6/6.
 1 packet pins 5/6

Aug/ 17/th (in ink)	£ 3 . . —
p/d M/r Hunt	
Thomas Curtis or W/m Morrison Sep/r 1761	£21 . . 14 . . 11
Jan/y 29/th 1762 1762	27 . . 7 . . 2
(in pencil)	

M/r Samuel Osborne D/r to Cash advanced at (in ink)
 Sundrie Times to M/r Isaac Hunt am/tg
 in the whole to £ 60 . . — . . —

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Sep/r 1/st Paid my Quoto of M/r Galloways Fee	£ 5 . . 6 . . 8
p/d for writing Deeds	. . 8 . . 2
p/d May 18/th my Ball/ce for sundrie Expences	£ 10 . . 2 . . 2

Sep/r 6 Paid my Quoto of a purchase of Reeds Part
 of land and other acc/ts to this Day £ 7 . . 5 . . 2½

Blank page 30. (in ink)
 Sep/r 26/th this Day Drew an order on Samuel West,
 for £13. 14. 7. payable 1/st Dec/r next in favour of Thomas Browning.
 which is to be charg/d to Iron Works

Enquire of M/r Kinsey about a Judg/t Bond left in his Hands. by
W/m Douglas ag/t Edward Wilson. whether he has got the Money or
not

M/r Hall has Credit w/th M/r Harvey Lottery
Money £59 . . 5 . . —

(in pencil)

Co/l Clayton desires me to inform Cap/t Hambright that he
Expects his Dirk

Blank page 31. (in ink)

Sep/r 8/th paid on Acc/t of Land in C/o with
Asher Clayton £11 . . — . . —

Jackmans Account in my Old long Ledger in Full

M/r Harris has been advised to try Cold Water to be pourd on him
In this manner Viz/t. s—p——r He is to be strip'd and
a person to pour Cold Water out of some Vessell Gently upon him.
(Variation in the handwriting of this note from the preceding and following)

Blank page 34. (in ink)

Aug/t 10/th Iron Works D/r to my Expences and
M/r M/c murtries to the Works, and mine to
Baltimore £ 3 . . 19 . . 10

David M/c murtrie D to Cash lent him to go to
Pokomoke £ 1 . . 2 . . 6

W/m Douglas D/r to Cash p/d by Expences going after
his Lad £ . . 17 . . 8

Paid Samuel Miles the am/t of his Bond w/th
Interest for Iron Works £98 . . 6 . . 2

September 5/th paid Isaac Jones on acc/t
Iron Works £ 50

Sep/r 18/th paid M/r Vaughan on acc/t
of Iron Works £11 . . 5 . . —
on acc/t of Sam/l Tribbetts 13 . . 14 . . 7

£24 . . 19 . . 7

Octo 10/th

1 . . 16 . .

To Expences with Flanagans down to the works

a-----

£ 2-----8

To Cash paid Flanagan his wages

£ 3 . . 3 . . 4

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Nov/r 11 To Cash paid Thomas Carpenter
for 1 years rent of Store

£ 18 . . — . . —

Decem/r 1/st To Leather, Butter and

Cheese from M/r Harris.....£ 7 . . 6 . . —

Earthen Ware 4 . . 11 . . 6

Ballance of Mackrell..... . . 12 . .

1 doz Stockings 4 . . — . . —

1 Cag Butt/r 19 lb a 12/d. Cag 2/6..... 2 . . 11 . . 6

paid portorage 2 . . 9

Cash to Hinds 1 . . — . . —

ditto to George y/e Wheelwright..... . . 7 . . 6

£ 21 . . 19 . . 6

Paid W/m Carson in full for Britches

£ 7 . . 4 . . —

the above Charg/d to y/e Furnace

John M. Callay D/r to Store for 25 3/4 y/ds
Broad Cloath a 17/ £

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John Smith who lives at M/r Ridgely's Works ab/t 10 miles from
Baltimore.

Daniel M/c Daniel w/th one Harding living on Hyea pass'd two
Counterfeit Bills with Thomas Harbour one 20/. and the other 15/—

W/m Wilcox formerly a founder at Horvers Works enquir'd for by
W/m Brooks here

(in ink)

Protest enter'd 14/th 1762. Schoon/r

To buy some Geneva for M/r Elligood —

Blank page 43, (in ink and pencil)

Lives this Side the Blue Ridge between Winchester and Patowmack, near one David Potts, who can inform —

Enquire for the Widow of one Pitts, formerly a Silversmith her name Mary and now lives in York.

Enquire for Armstrong and Crawford

(in pencil)

W/m Beasly. had a Brother nam/d George and another calld Major Beasly, living at Huwarry Creek ab/t 10 Miles beyond Pole Cat Horse Pasture 12 Miles from Smiths River from Thomas to Cramps on May 20

End of notes in almanac.

Jan. 16. 1764. A promissory note of John Bugurt to John Chamberlain and Com at Sarum Forge for £28. . 3, , 6. payable on demand
Witnesses Jas. Johnson, Daniel Young his mark |—|—|.

Dec. 18. 1764. A promissory note dated Dec. 18, 1764 as follows

I promise to pay to Persifor Frazer or to his order Ninety Pounds Eighteen Shillings, Currency of Pennsylvania being for my Part of the Brig/t Ranger and her Cargoe due to the Estate of Robert Frazer.

Witness my hand this 18/th day of Decem/r 1764. _____

Benj/n Davis

Mch. 20. 1765. Received of Mr Persifor Frazer a Bill of Exchange drawn by Trucof Duryee for £ 232 on Abraham Schemt (?) Esq dated 20/th March 1765 as witness my hand Aug/t 1765, in New York.

James Emott. Not. Pub.

Apl. 20. 1765. Excch/a for £400 Pensylven/a money Charleston
S. Carolina 6th April 1765.

Forty days after sight of this our first Exchange
Pay Mr Persifor Frazer or Order Four Hundred
Pound Pensylvenis money Value received and place
the same to account as advised by

Torrans Young (?) and Co.
To Mr Thomas Wallace Account 20 Apr. 1765.
Merch/t In Thos Wallace
Philadelphia

Aug. 27. 1765. from Persifor Frazer Forty Pounds, being part of
Insurance Money recov'd in Carolina
£40-0-0-

Benj/n Davis

Almanac of 1765 with Memoranda of Gen. Persifor Frazer
(Written in ink, inside first cover)
Chest p/r David Phillips Waggon in Uwchland to pay 2/.
84 . . 19 . . 5

(written in pencil)
Rob/t Thomas
Henry Vanderslice

(Written in ink)
Samuel Hall ob/t £22 . . 17 . . —
at the Forge d— and expect to
be paid by Jacob Thomas of Newtown
he is remov'd p—

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1st page A cure for the bite of Vipers which recommends the gall bladder and fat of the same species rubbed on the bite, (perhaps a precursor of the serum treatments of to day.)

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Deep Creek Furnace D/r May 6/th 1765

paid W/m Jenkins on account of John Thomson £ 3 . . 10 . . —

6

paid Cap/t Allen on account of the
Schooner for Wages £24 . . 2 . . —
paid for Clearing etc 4 . . 19 . . —
p/d Jn/o Frazer for Goods for the Cap/t and Men 18 . . 17 . . 3
pair Shoes for Free 9 . . 9
paid for Bread 3 . . 10 . . 9
paid for 3 p/r Shoes @ 9/ for 3 Men 1 . . 7 . . 0
1 Tierce Rice 5 . . 3 . . 24 @ 13/ 3 . . 17 . . 7
paid portorage Mellas/s 4 . . 6
paid M/r M/c Murtrie on Acc/t of Molasses
paid Wharfage 12 Days 1 . . 4 . . 0
paid for Candles 1 . . 4

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 May 14/th 1765 Furnace Acc/t D/r

	Paid to M ^r Vaughan at the Furnace in Cash	£	4 .. 15 .. 0
	paid at Turners		.. 10 .. —
		£ 84 .. 19 .. 5	— — —
Sold	June 1 st		
June	a p ^r Leather Breeches to D Lewis a Workman		1 .. 10 .. —
15 th	paid pilotage of Schooner - - -		3 .. — .. —
	paid porterage Goods from C and N - -		.. 1 .. 6
July			
4	paid White and Caldwell for 2 R ^o paper		2 .. 3 .. —
	p ^d weig 20 Tons pigs - - - -		.. 2 .. —
6	p ^d Cap ^t Allens wife - - - -		5 —
Aug ^t			
15	p ^d for a Hatt for M ^r Turpin - - -		2 .. 10 .. —
	paid Intrest due on Bond given to Daniel Clark and not before Charged - -		1 .. 3 .. 2
Dec ^r 6	paid for a Goose Can - .. 6 ..		
	a hair sieve - - - .. 2 .. 6		
	1 Cask Butter 88 lb @ 8 ^d 2 .. 18 .. 8		
	Cask .. 1 .. 6		3 .. 8 .. 8
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	Serim Forge D ^r May 1 st 1765		
	Paid Alex ^r Bensted for 1 hhd of Rum bo ^t by Mr. McMurtrie	£	11 .. 16 .. —
	Expences to Forge and horse Hire		.. 7 .. 9
June 4	paid White and Caldwell for a forge Hamer		6 .. 1 .. —
	p ^d for 12 lb Nails		.. 9 .. —
	p ^d porterage of goods		.. 1 .. —
	p ^d Expences to forge and horse hire		.. 14 .. 8
	Paid M ^r McMurtrie being money he rec ^d for me from M ^r Barr of Lancaster		146 .. 13 .. 6
Aug ^t 6	My Expences to Forge 13/.		
	p ^d for Weighing Iron @ twice 3/8		
26	p ^d Jn ^o . Morton for 36 Bush ^s of Indian Corn @ 3/3 £		5 .. 17 .. —
27	p ^d M ^r Dickinson his fee 4 dollars and my Expences to chester and back 8/3 £		1 .. 18 .. 3

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Philad ^a 19 th Octo ^r 1765		
Forge Acc ^{ts}		
Paid George Jenkins for a Flaxseed Cask had last Fall		.. 5 .. —
(Pencil)		
Sundrys p ^r Bill of Goods of my Fathers Estate		70 .. 6 .. 6
For Essington's Freedoms		
2 ½ y ^{ds} Cloath	26/	2 .. 18 .. 6
p ^d Corry for Breeches	35/	1 .. 15 .. —
10 th Jan ^y 1766		
My Expences to Forge		.. 12 .. —
6 papers Inkpowder		.. 4 .. —
paid Billy Massey		.. 15 .. —
Jn ^o Thomson a Jackett		.. 15 .. —
March 1		
My Expences to Forge etc.		1 .. 2 .. —
(Blank page 16, written in ink)		
Samuel Hall D ^r to Forge		
1764 Feb ^y 9 th To 1 Ton Iron		£ 25 —
Aug. 1 By Cash	£ 4 .. 1 .. —	
27 By ditto	4 —	8 .. 1 ..
		£ 16 .. 19 .. —
Serim Forge		D ^r
Mar. 10 th To p ^o W ^m Thomas his acc ^t at Forge		£ 6 .. 10 .. —
April 30. Jn ^o Frazer 1 Cask Rice @ 14/.		5 .. 3 .. 8
		£ 4 .. 1 .. 3½
1 Cask sold by my father to Latham @ 14/.		5 .. 2 .. 14
		£ 3 .. 18 .. 9

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May 3 ^d	paid W ^m Jenkins for a Hatt	£ 2 .. 10 .. 0
	paid John Musser in full for my part of Beer and proceeds of his	72 .. 5 .. --
6	Rece ^d from Barbram and Semnox in full of a Bill drawn on them	21 .. 16 .. 4
	paid W ^m Turner in full for 1 p ^s Damask bo ^t for Jn ^o Cuthbert	4 .. 10 .. 0
	paid M ^r McMurtrie for my part of Scales and Weights etc.	£ 14 --
	paid for a Man to carry Horses to Lewis Town	.. 15 .. 0
	John Holloway D ^r to Cash to his apprentice from Lewis Town	£ .. 2 .. 6
	Rec ^d from W Gibbons on acc ^t of Sam Hamptons Acc ^t	1 .. 2 .. 10
	Rec ^d from M ^r Caldwell for Acc ^t of John Henderson	£ 10 .. 6 .. 5
Aug. 17	Rec ^d from Rich ^d Tea in full	£ 15 --

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Aug/t 15/th	My Expences to NYork	£ 5 .. 3 .. 2
	P/d W/m Jenkins on Acc/t John Reed p his order	£ 2 .. 5 .. --
Sep/r 1/st	paid John Reed	3 .. -- .. --

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June 20/th	this day paid James Eddy in full of my part of of Beezely/s Thomas's and Reynolds Land	£17 .. 12 .. 2
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NB there is 7/9 and M/r M/cMurtries Expences and mine up to Abington not yet Creditted to my Acc/t it is about 25/,

Octo 18/th	Settled the above and paid My part due for Expenc's and Lawyers fees at this Court	£ 8 .. 6 .. 8
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 Received June 18/th 1765 from Persifor Frazer
 Thirty Seven Pounds ten Shillings on Account.

£37 . . 10 . . 0

John Frazer

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	Dr		
Sep/r 14/th		Cash lent to pay Cap/t Child.....	£ 6 —
19		d/o a Guinea to pay Morgan Busted..	1 . . 14 . . —
		To Cash at Littles.....	. . 2 . . 6
25		d/o at Jenkins.....	. . 1 . . —
28		d/o aty/r own House.....	. . 7 . . 6
Octo. 21		d/o ball/ce paying Eddy.....	6 . . 13 . . 4
30		d/o	4 —
		10 y/d Callimanco.....	1 . . 2 . . 6
		4 1/4 y/d Cloath	5 . . 10 . . 6
		a parcell Bottles and Corks	1 . . 5 . . —
			26 . . 16 . . 4
		Cash rec/d from Tho/s Lawrence Vondaconony.	

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M/r M/cMurtrie
 Nov/r 20
 10 y/ds Callimanco _____
 4 1/4 y/d Cloath — — — 26/.
 a parcell Bottles _____

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An Approved Remedy for a Sprain

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Received July 1/st 1765 of Persifor Frazer Thirty Seven
 Pounds ten Shillings in part.

John frazer

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M/r Emmett Notary Public at the Corner of the Fly Markt next
 the Dock

Joseph Kings Speech verbatim Viz: My Wife told me that she
milk'd a Cow for Peter Elliot in Nottingham whose titts drag'd upon
the Ground and that she gave Three Gallons of Milk in the Morning
and three in the Evening

Inside of back cover, (written in pencil)

Ja/s Wagstaffe

June 18 1763

6 Gro Table Spoons @ 43/ £12. . 18 . . —

Sam Smith

Sam Morris

Jacob Winey

Arch/d M/cCall

W/m Vanderspiegle

The parents of Persifor Frazer died; his mother July 5. 1764, and his Father Sept. 7. 1765.

Mch. 19. 1766

Philadelphia 19 March 1766

Mr Frazor

Mr Harris come to town that Day you Left it your Sisters are Both well his Brother in Law was in town Last week they were all well it is very Cold weather heare Pray Come home as Sune as you Can your are wanted heare have not as yet heard on word from ether the furnes or forg I was last week at the forge they are Doung verry well will want Pigs in a few Days Iron the old Price the King's Spech is Come over in Packet I Belive the Samp ack will be Rejected January 28 is the Day apointed in Parliment for that mater we are all well is all from

Your asured frend

Lotrie tickets

David M/c murtere

Sold for 28 Pounds Stirl.

17 Desembr oures

in Whell (wheel ?)

Annagola. May the 19th 1766

D/r S,r

I now some time ago was feauoured, with the sight of your Letter which you wrote to me Martha Willson home (sic) is Sister to your Deceased mother On which I have now taken this Opportunity, by hir Advise to inform you of hir wellfear, and also, to inform you, that I am married to your mother, youngest Sister, named Salley, this 14 years past and has now Six Children, your Ante Mrs Willson is now coming to Liue with me, I am to inform you that I haue been well acquainted with your father the Last time he was in Ireland, and Since that time I haue wrote many Letters to him, and I haue also R e c e, d a good many Letters from him, more — believe than euer he wrote to any one friend in, that time in this Kingdom and I must confess that I cannot auoide being much Concerned, to hear of the Death of so Kind a friend and Relation and I hop in God you will Endeavour to bear your many troubles and Defecklites, and with peasions, and Submite, your Self and all your affears, to the Will, and the good pleasure of the Almighty God that Knows what are best for us, Now as this is my first Letter to you I shall only give you an Account of some of the names of your friends, in this part tho, you no Doubt have hard of them by your Parents.

You have one Sister of your Fathers Liveing within half a mile of

me, She was marred to your Mothers Ounkel But he is Deade She has tow Sons and one Daughter Liueing with hir there is one Sister of your Mothers now Liueing in Dublin married to one Allen Cook there is three Sisters of your Mothers Liueing within half a mile of me one of them called Betty is marred to John Greason, and one of them called Nealey is marred to John Armstrong, your Aunt Mrs Willson is now in Dublin, But will soon be with me in my house, She Beags you may write to me and Let hir Know how you and your tow weare Leaft in Sirkamstances, and how affears are going with you, I am at preasent in heast for fear of missing this opportunity But shall hear-after miss no Opportunity to inform you of your Relations in Ireland the Bearer of this Letter is one Edward hughes if he is a Very honest' young Boy, if *you See him* if you can be of any Use to him I hop you will. I hop I haue no occasion to Request you to write to me as Soon as you haue an Opportunity, and let me Know how you and your Sisters are, and some of the affears of your Contrey, for as I often had the pleasuer of writing to your father I intend the same with you tho indeed for tow years Before your fathers Death I Reec'd no Letter from him, tho, I wrote to him But neuer hard of his Reeciuing them, which offen Surprized me, I haue Six Children as I tould you Before, But only one Son, I liue near Middleton in the County of Monnaghan, Mrs Martha Willson me and my wife, all Joyns in our Sinclear Respects to you and your Sisters, I am Dr, Sir your Sinclear and affectioned friend —

William Crookshanks.

P.S. When you write to me Direact to William Crookshanks at Middletown near Tynan in the county of Armagh Ireland.

Mr Persifor frazer

= to be Left at the London

= Coffee House in Philadelphia.

Philada. 6/th July 1766. On a final settlement made this day between the Executors of Thomas Bartholomew deceas'd and Persifor Frazer relating to money recover'd by said Frazer in Carolina on a policy of Insurance there made by the said Bartholomew for himself and others there appears due to Persifor Frazer the sum of Two Pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence, and as will appear by Account render'd the sum of Ten Pounds nineteen shillings and eleven pence is charg'd to said Bartholomew's Estate for a Ballance due to said Frazer on a Quantity of Beer ship'd in Comy. w/th said Bartholomew to Carolina, but as there is an objection to the said Sum of £10, , 19, , 11. It is

agreed by both parties to defer the adjusting of that matter unto some future Time. Witness our Hands.

(Signed) Persifor Frazer
Catharine (?) Bartholomew
David Kinsey

Memorandum of what Expences
when We went up to survie the Lands in
Bedford County the whol amount was £80 0 0
July your part is ten Pounds
1766

October 2. 1766.

Persifor Frazer married Mary daughter of John and Sarah (Worrall) Taylor, Oct. 2. 1766. Shortly after his marriage he took up his permanent residence as a farmer in Thornbury township, then Chester now Delaware County, and near the Sarum Iron Forge, in which his wife had a part interest, and he assumed the management.

(Jan. 26. 1767)

The following was addressed "Forge notes" etc.
Mr W/m Massey these

Mr Massey W/m Starr was with me and told me to send you word that he had got another mill Rite as he could not wait any longer for you and thought proper to send you word that it mite not disapoint you as you rote to him about Bilding a Forge in Mereland your father left 2 letters with me sum time ago but I could not geet a oportunity to send them before as you Rote to me to send down x x x Account of the Forge and a Philadelphia x x x Frazer sayes that the Ac/t in tours is x x x down to the furnes your Accon/t heare is x x x and my Account is £5, , 5, , 0 d. if you see cause to x x x Count with them as I sepose that money x x x will be scarce there and may sute you as well as a— x x x pay me and if agreed I shall Charge you x x x Dr to me when you come up the the Books x x x

this is all at present but
Sir your Humbel serv x x x

Seram Forge Augt. 14/th 1766 Jno. Thom— x x

Mr Fraizer £32, , 14, , 11
5, , 5, , —

37, , 19, , 11

Sir

The above acco/t 37 . . 19 . . 11 . is settled and charged to
Mr Massey Here
Deep Creek Furnace 26 Jan/y 1767

p. Jon/a Vaughan

Sept. 17. 1766
to
Feb. 13 1768

A/c David Mc Murtrie and Co. with P. F.

Sep. 3. 1767

A large single sheet entitled Cash Account of David McMurtrie containing Items from Dec. 19, 1764 to Sep. 3. 1767.

Sept. 29. 1767

Philad/a 29/th Sep/r 1767

My D/r Polly

I got to Town the Evening I left you but was much tired. I am now thank God in a pritty good way. tho' I have had a small spell of the Fever since I was in Town, owing chiefly to my close attention to the Business we have been at as I have not been any where but at M/r Henry/s since I have been in Town, but constantly over the Books. We shall get clear of our bad bargain w/th M/r Vaughan as we are now settling the acc/ts and think shall do better in regard to our Furnace Acc/ts than I could expect. I have had a good deal of wrangling before We could bring things to bear and expect some more , but you need not fear as I am determin'd not to give way to any injustice. I have some hopes of Selling my part of the Works below which I shall do if I can to advantage I am much oblig'd to my D/r Polly for her care of me but would request you may not be uneasy As I hope I shall now recover fast. I shall see you please God on Saturday and not before I believe. I would desire you may endeavor to reconcile Uncle Worrall and his Wife but by no means let him come to any Unreasonable acknowledgements I am Sorry for him with all my heart. I know of nothing more that I have to mention but that I am my Dear Love y/r most Affectionate Husband

Pers/r Frazer

Addressed

To
M/rs Mary Frazer

(Oct. 2. 1767)

Large double sheet ledger account entitled "Coppay acct. rendered to Messrs Vaughan and Company of Deep Creek Furnace Octo. 2/d 1767. to be Settled to the first Aug. last". It contains items of Debit and Credit from April 2. 1762 to July 18 1767. The last item "By amt of Credit to Compy w/th Interest £1758, , 10, , 11 1/4"

(Oct. 2. 1767)

Memorandum of agreemant made this second day of October 1767. Between us the subscribers Relative to a settlement and Bonds passed of this Date concerning the partnership of Serem Forge is such that upon the full close of the Books if any Error shoud Transpire in any of the accompts for which the said Bonds are given either pro or con that such accompts is to be regulated and Interest paid or Deducted as the Justice of the case shall require In witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and seals the Day and year above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered	W/m Douglass
in presence of us	Jon/a Vaughan
William Wishart	Persifor Frazer
Edward Bayliff	

(Oct 2.) I P. F. of the Township of Ashtown County of Chester,
(1767.) and Prov. of Pa. am firmly bound unto David M/cMurtrie of
Bond the City of Phila in the sum of £372 current Money of Penna.
Condition £186, , 7. , 4.
Witness Wm Wishart and Edw Bayliffe. Oct. 2. 1767

(Oct. 19) Christ. Marshall and Druggist W/m Wishert, and Je-
(1767.) mima Edwards of Phila. are bound to P. F. late of said
Bond City Merchant but now of Ashton twp Chest Co. for £500,
Oct. 19. 1767. for his sixth part of the Deep Creek Furnace
and Nanticoke Forge. on the waters of Deep Creek Nanti-
coke river Worcester Co. Prov. of Md. iron ores, Messuages,
negroes, etc, P. F. is released from partnership debts con-
tracted with D. M/cMurtrie and W/m Douglass. Condi-
tion that if the said Marshall Wishert and Edwards save P.
F. and heirs from any debt claims the money obligation be-
comes void.

(Oct. 31. 1767.) John Thomson of Concord twp Chester Pa. is
Bond of bound to Jon/a Vaughan, W/m Douglass, of Worces-
Performance ter Co. Md, and to D M/cMurtrie of Phila and P. F.
of Ashtown Chester Co. Pa. for £500 to save them
harmless against all suits etc from Dennis Whelen
and Sam/l Kennedy, and himself on the one part and
Jonathan Vaughan and Sam/l Calvert of the other
part in respect to "Serem Forge Mills House etc.
The money obligation to be void if he keeps his
contract.

(Nov. 5. 1767) Conditions. The highest bidder to be the buyer
Vendue. Any person buying to the value of 10 s. to pay ready
money
“ “ “ above 10 s. to have six months
credit
with sufficient security if required, and persons pur-
chasing and refusing to comply with the condition
above to be deprived of the Credit aforesaid
Persifor Frazer for self and Company.

Bidders P. F., Isaac Taylor, David Brinton, W/m Douglass,
D/d Lewis, Jno Hill, Thos Cheyney, Jos Hemphill, Thos.
Hickman, Rebeca Green, Jno Douglass, Edw Grissell, Jon/a
Vaughan, Geo. Mire, Phillip Mendenhall, Jos. Baker, Thos.
Taylor, Jno. Esington, Christian Newfoe, Leve Masery,
Thos. Marshall, Jane Mendenhall, Caleb Peirce, Jno. Hall,
Jno Briggs, Nemiah Baker, Denis M'Coy, Jacob Rich-
ards, Jno Thompson, Robert. Mendenhall, Benj Hamp-
ton, Jos. Jones, Rich. Strode, Jacob Albert, Jac. Albright,
Fred. Taylor, Nath/n Edwards, Jno Holston, Jacob Poke,
Jacob Popp, Moses Nathan, Josua Bean, Jacob Yarnall.

Single sheet "A List of land purchased for Deep Creek Furnace and
Nanticoke Forge". Purchased from Elijah Tindal, John Spicer, John
Tindal, Wm. Conway, Thos. Stoss, Daniel Kelly, Sam/l Pettyjohn,
Joseph Boyce, Thos. Willin, George Kelly, John Grant, Samuel
Owens, John Spicer, John Elzey, W/m Swain, Levin Conway, James
Doddrill, Jno Richards, Jno Tindall, Jno Spicer, Levy West, Charles
Bannister, Jno. Mitchell, W/m Porter, Wolman Donevan, Richd
Crockitt, Jno Lord, Danl. Wales and Isaac Ingram, Jno Foulmer, Richd.
Lowe.
Situatd Worcester, Dorset, and Sussex Survey, Maryland

(Feb. 11. 1768 Memorandum of agreement. Joshua Bean of Whit-
land twp chester Co., gives to P. F. of Thornbury
twp. Ches/t Co. Pa. house and farm of 48 acres and 130
perches in E. Whiteland twp. for £239. to be paid on
May 1. next ensuing.
Witness Joshua Bean
Caleb Parry Persifor Frazer
Michael Peter

(Feb. 13. 1768.) Prom. not of Joshua Bean to P. F. for £165 for
46 days.
Wit. Caleb Parry and Michael Peter

(March 14. 1768. Prom. Note of Joe Albright to P. F. & Co. of Sarum Forge for £8, 13, 2 for 27 days.

(May 21. 1768).

New York 21/st May 1768

Sir I hope you will Excuse my Bouldness in writing to you, but I Could not till how to get any account of My sister unless you can give mee Sum account of hir, which I hop you will Be So good as to answer as Soon as this Comes to your hand, D/r Parsifor it Gives Me the gratest Concern to think of father and mother and being dead—

D/r Sir I Cum to New York Last July to Settle Sum business for my Cap/t—D/r Sir I should be very much oblidged To you to Let me know as Soon as this to your hand and Let hur no that I am in Good health—

Sir if you answer my Letter derect yours to Mr James Jerocuo hotel in french Church Street New York—

Sir I Remaine yours Sincerely
Parsifor Carr Sergeant
in the 48/th Reg/t

Addressed

2.16

To
M/r Parsifor Frazer
in Middel town Ship
Chester County
Pennsylvania

(Jan. 23/d 1769) Percifor Frazier

These are to forwarn, forbid, and Strictly Charge thee not to keep harbour, or Entertain my Wife in, or about thy House as thee to y/e Contrayry Shall Answer for so Doing another day
1/mo 23/d 1769 Jn/o Peirce

Endorsed For

Percifor Frazier

April 17. 1769 Fi Fa writ by Sheriff for £17, , 11, , 1. owed to Wm Halliday and Thos Dunbar for the charges awarded them in a suit before the Supreme Court of Penna.
Signed W/m Allen Chief Justice Province of Penna.
Allowed by Thos. Willing Edw/d Shippen Jr prot.

(June 2. 1769)

Deep Creek Furnace 2/d June, 1769

D/r Sir

I received yours of the 25th of April which is the only one has come to hand since last fall although I understand you have frequently wrote I have wrote twice or thrice w/h suppose you have not rec/d Particularly for the amo/t of Isaac Calvarts acco/t w/h I Had some hopes of recovering of Him here but he is now left these parts I do assure you it is the greatest Concern to me that our affairs remain unsettled but has been absolutely Out of my power to Attend as yet I procured as much Time during M. Pennel's stay down here a few weeks ago as to go up to Lancaster on some particular Business at the request of my Mother-in-law and fully I intended on my return to have had the pleasure of seeing you but as Mr Pennel Could not be prevailed upon to stay above 8 or 9 days and the old gentlewoman coming down with me was pressing to Take the nearest way under those circumstances hope you will excuse my not calling at that time as I was no nearer your house than Christiana Bridg as to the negros shall be glad of your advice what you think is Best to be done Respecting them I shall be glad to do anything you Judg most proper I Have lately understood where Chamberlain lives and will be enabled to a make a Title to Hannums as soon as ever our Blast is out hope to accomplish That and proceed Imediately to you In order to Complete a settlem/t of our affairs untill then I Canot with any degree of Safety to the Business here leave home there was a deed Drawn by Mr Graham in order for Chamberlin to sign w/h Deed I think Mr Graham has pray by some oportunity endeaver to convey it to me Mr Pennel I expect will shortly be down at some time pray enquire of Mr Graham whether any Judgment yet stands against him in the office that may effect his conveyance. John Thomson Informs me he has Discharged Willcoxes Bond. I gave him orders to pay Into your hands w/h I hope he has done Before now if not please to call upon him for it we are all well Our kindest compliments to Mrs Frazer and Remain D/r Sir your assured Friend and Hum. Serv.

Jon/a Vaughan.

June 2. 1769. Receipt by Hugh Matthews for a bond of P. F., W/m Wishart, and Jemima Edwards for £170 dated Oct. 22. 1767 payable to Frazer Oct. 22. following.

June 29. 1769. Memorandum of agreement between P. F. Thornbury twp. chest Co. Pa. of one part and Thomas Green twp and Co. ditto House Carpenter of other part to

construct frame Barn 45' x 20' before the 10/th of July and to build the dwelling house P.F. is to build after harvest 21' x 28'. (Minute specifications follow). The sum of £18 is to be paid for carpenter work with deduction if changes should make work less and additional charge if they should be increased.

Barbados Nov. 14. 1769

Mr Persifor Frazer

Dear Sir

I wrote you in June last a few lines acquainting that ye 13. ult/o I had received of Doc/r Jackman a sum here which would ballance your acco/t with him—since yours of ye 3/d July is now to hand—now my friend Mr Edward Ireland (who married with you a Daughter of M/r Cheeseman ye shoemaker in Second Street—comes over but makes but a short stay—please to draw out my acco. with you and Dr Jackman's (I cannot get any of yours from him) and let everything be put right—he will pay you the Ball/ce etc—Doc/r Jackman paid one of Cottringer's bills off—here— since w/h he has drawn for another of a prior Date—but that ye Doc/r refuses to pay—he writes ye Right (?) proceeds from his Clerk or should you fall in Debt—he will receive it—Doc/r Jackman ought to allow you Int till May for all ye Sums were absolutely in advance as I will allow to it—pray do not fail having everything ended as it may not be in my power to meet sone with another favourable opportunity as this of Mr Ireland—am proud to hear of your Mariage but you do not say if it is to ye Quondam Lady, that your Father disapproved off—nor how you met these great losses—Your Brother's fate I had heard but nothing of your Father and Mother—have you not a Sister ? Would send you a Keg of Sperrit—but our Roads are now impassable—but the next Spring will make it up—my best Wishes attend you and yours to whom I beg a cordial Remembrance—

D/r Peirce Your affec. friend
Sam/l Osborne

Addressed

To

Mr Percifor Frazer

to be left with W/m Wishart

Merchant

p Favour of

Mr Ireland

Philadelphia

1769	Persifor Frazer to Jn/o Peirce D/r	£	
	To pasturing all his Cattle and Horses the Summer the place was first divided	£	6, , ,
	To Dammage his keeping my Wife from taking care of her business for about 2 Months.....		20, , ,
	To a Good Cheese a Quantity of Tea Sugar Bread and other things which was took to his house.....	£	1, ,10, ,
	To Silk Gound and a Warming pan	£	5, ,10, ,
	To Cash his Wife had to pay for Dying s/d Silk gound.....		, ,15, ,

July 1768 to Dec. 9. 1769., from the same to the same, additional items. Muslin and Bobbin for Mary Myers 5 s; Sugar 7 s 6 d; 1 day's reaping of my Lad 2 s 6 d; to his wife being sick and lying in at my house attendance of midwife etc 9 weeks and three days £15.; 1 qut Rum 9 d;

This was nearly offset by credits of cheese Rye, corn, Hay, 'Raizins', dried apples, meal and beeves.

It shows the extent of barter and the scarcity of money in a newly settled land.

1769.	Account of Expenses dividing the Land	£	
	To Caleb Peirce 2 days run of Land		
	2 chain Carriers 2 days each		—, , 14, —
	Expenses of the first Gentn chose to Divide		
	To Cash paid to Mr Galloway a fee for advice	1, ,—, —	
	To ditto on bringing the action on partition	2, , 2, —	
	To Cash paid for copy of return and Survey	—, , 2, , 6	
	To expenses to Phil/a to Mr Galloway for Declaration		—, , 15, ,10
	To expenses of jury 6 days at our House on Division		
	To expenses of ditto at the Ship	6, , 8, , 6	
	To ditto at the Squ(ar)e	3, , 2, , 6	
	To Jno Morton Esq/r Acct.		
	To a chain carrier 2 days	—, , 7, , —	
	To Expenses going to Caleb James	—, , 7, , 6	

March 7. 1770 Mortgage of farm at Thornbury by P.F. to John Han-
num of Concord for £150. to be paid March 6. 1771. Sealed
and delivered in presence of Jno Frederick and Edw. Bettle.
Recorded before H. H. Grahem Justice for Chester County
March 7. 1770.
Recorded in Office for recording Deeds June 7. 1770.

March 21 1770 Memorandum of agreement between David Calvert of
the one part and Jas. Thompson and P. F. of the other part.
Calvert rents two thirds of a tract of land together with a
saw mill, grist mill, Iron forge, and other messuages and
buildings devised to said Calvert by Elizabeth, widow of Dr
Jno Taylor. Thompson and Taylor agree to keep said Mill
in repair and to pay the sum of £23, , 6, , 8 on the 1st of
May of each year
Witnesses Jas Thomson
Will/m Armstrong Persifor Frazer
Isaac Taylor

A duplicate agreement signed Dan/l Calvert
Same witnesses as the preceding.

July 5. 1770. Two supplements as definitions of agreement be-
tween Dan—Calvert on the one part and Jas Thomp-
son—P. F. on the other whereby the Mill, Dam Race
etc shall be put into repair by Calvert and the time
necessary to do this shall be deducted from the rent.
Signed by the parties respectively and witnessed in
each case by Jno Atkin.

Aug. 10. 1770 Sir
I am importuned by Mr Wilson about the settle-
ment of his account, he wants to know how we settled
it, as he thinks we committed an error. If the Papers
are not destroyed, on which we have' made a Sketch
of that account, please to bring them with you, when
you come to town. I reiterate my thanks to you and
Mrs Frazer for the Civilities rec/d: at your house;
please to assure her of my Esteem. I am with great
regard

Sir Your most humble Servant
Jno De Mauregnault

May 16. 1770.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Jonathan Vaughan of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland Iron Master William Douglass of Dorset County in the same province Iron Master Persevor Frazor of Thornbury Township Chester County of the province of Pennsylvania Farmer and David M/cMurtrie of the City of Philadelphia in the province of Pennsylvania Merchant send Greeting

Whereas the said Parties have had several Dealings between them relating to a certain Forge called Sarem Forge situate in the County of Chester in the province of Pennsylvania and are Owners of said Forge for adjusting, settling and balancing of all Accounts whatsoever now depending and being between them the said parties jointly or any two of them and all Differences and Agreements Promises Payments Debts Monies Matters or Things relating thereunto the said Parties have referred the same and by these presents do refer the same to the award and Determination of Charles Thompson Samuel Caldwell and Samuel Eldridge or any of them indifferently named and chosen by and between them the said Jonathan Vaughan William Douglass Persifer Frazer and David M/cMurtrie to hear judgment and determine of and concerning all or any doubt Questions or Differences which have arisen as may arise touching the same and to adjust settle and balance all the Accounts aforesaid. And the said Jonathan Vaughan William Douglass and Persifer Frazer and David M/cMurtrie each for himself and for his own Executors and administrators and his own Acts and not the one for the other nor for the Act or Acts of the others doth covenant promise and agree to with the other or others of them his and their Executors and Administrators by these Presents as followeth that is to say, that each of them the said Parties their respective Executors or Administrators shall and will be concluded by perform and fulfil the award Judgments and Determination which they the said Arbitrators or any two of them shall make and declare in writing under their Hands and Seals in and concerning the Premises so that award of the arbitrators or any two of them be made under their Hands and Seals and ready to be delivered to the said Parties on or before the sixth Day of September next

And it is also agreed by and between the said Parties to these Presents that their Submission to the said Award so to be made as aforesaid shall be made a Rule of Court of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania. And that the Books and Accounts of respective Parties shall be ready to be delivered and delivered to the said Arbitrators on or before the fifteenth Day of August next And lastly for the true performance of the several and respective Covenants and Agreements hereinbefore contained on the part of each of them the said Jonathan Vaughan William Douglass Persifer Frazer and David M/cMurtrie to be kept and performed in manner as aforesaid They the said Jonathan Vaughan William Douglass Persifer Frazer and David M/cMurtrie do hereby bind themselves unto each other and to the respective Executors and Administrators and Assignes of each other in the penal Sum of Two hundred thousand pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania firmly by these presents In witness whereof the said parties of these presents have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the sixteenth Day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy

(Signed)

Sealed and delivered	David M/cMurtrie	SS
in the Presence of	Jon/a Vaughan	SS
	Persifer Frazer	SS

The words "and that the W/m Douglass SS Books and Accounts of the respective parties shall be ready to be delivered and delivered to the said Arbitrators on or before the fifteenth day of August next" being first interlined

Andrew Allen	A true Copy from the original
W/m Allen	agreement filed in the Court of
	Common pleas Philadelphia County
	for J. B. Smith P/y
	George Ward
	J. B. Smith Pro/y

Endorsed

David M/cMurtrie and Charles M/cMurtrie Ex/rs of
D. M—P Peesifer Frazer Esqr to June 1788

August 27 Mess/rs Cha/s Thompson and Samuel Caldwell
1770 Gent/n

The reason of my troubling you at this Time is not to perplex or make matters more intricate but barely to relate some things that have Occur'd to me Since I Saw you, and repeat others that I think very material in the affair now under your Consideration and I flatter myself the Manner and method of this will be Excus'd, Should the matter be conformable to Truth and reason: more especially when it is considered, that after all I shall not be on an equal footing with my adversary, who has heretofore and no doubt will hereafter Use all imaginable methods to make Matters on my side appear in the most unfavourable light. As I am convinc'd from a long acquaintance with him, that he will not stick out to assert any thing, and make Use of very Ungenerous Methods to attain his ends, I wou'd request Gentlemen that you would not take any other matter into consideration than what has been offer'd when We were all present, without giving me an opportunity of a hearing. I lay under a peculiar disadvantage in attending the settlement at a distance from where the Business was transacted; tho' I never Once objected to a Settlement in Phil/a, yet he has almost tired Us all out waiting upon him there, having been four times in Phil/a Since February last for that purpose, and at one Time waited Two Weeks.

He has made a great Noise where it could do Us any injury, about M/r Vaughans intention and mine, of cheating him, and refusing to come to a settlement, I defy him to charge me with once evading a settlement, but on the contrary have done every thing in my power at all times to forward one, particularly in the year 1767. as he had been in advance for Vaughan and Douglas I persuaded them into a partial settlement on purpose to make him easy and gave him a Bond at that Time for a sum of Money on purpose to induce the others not to refuse, when at the same time I did not Charge my wages and many other Credits I had to bring to my Acc/t and only took each of Us a bare Mamorandum — to make it appear the settlement was not final. Yet after all We have Cheated him; but he has done all in his power to make it appear and fail'd in every instance, the only objections that now appears to be to my Acc/t are only Two, first the Charge if Six Pounds as Expences in philad/a. for 6 weeks, and the other my Charge of One Hundred pounds, p. annum

wages as Manager, As to the Charge of Six pounds it may be found on enquiry that it is not the whole of the Expense I was at, , having paid M/rs Jenkins alone upwards of Nine pounds at that Time, beside what I paid at other places, and I think it very unreasonable that I should pay the whole out of my own pocket attending the Companys business as Manager, the Forge being the most proper place on every acc/t for that purpose; I think it very Extraordinary that M/r M/cMurtrie should object ag/t the Charge when such heavy Charges appear in his own acc/t but is agreeable to his Usual Modesty, I think it will be found on Examing that he has Creditted his acc/t w/th Expences at sundry times upwards of £50, without makg Us sensible what, which I do insist upon to be unjust; as the greatest part of the Expences Accru'd on Journey's to the Forge and other parts of the Country, entirely throught motives of Pleasure or Curiosity, he is also Credited w/th £20 p. Ann. for 2 years for his trouble, which was intended to be full satisfaction for his trouble in and out of Philad/a. As to my wages as Manager I think I have already said enough to satisfie you respecting it, but least any doubt should remain, would beg of you to recollect, that from the third of Septe/r 'till the third of Novem/r 1766, I Charge the Company nothing, tho' in strict Justice I had as great a right to Charge them at the rate of £40 Annum as any Credit in my acc/t. then from the third of Novem/r 'till the 5/th of Novem/r 1767 is One Year when the Vendue was Made; at that time I had the whole of the affairs in the Country to settle and the Books to bring Up; it may appear a trifling matter to some, but any Person not interested as I was would not have taken the trouble for 2 Months Wages. so that I think without havg. and regard to the three Months which I have not Charg'd, and a great deal of trouble yet remaining, the Charge I make is not an Unreasonable One. The Expences of Carrying on the Business before I went to the Forge will appear to be double of what it was after. in Thomsons time he was allowed £60. Forty pounds allow'd me p. agreem/t W. M/cMurtrie had £20. (besides £50 and upw/ds of Expences for 2 years) there was still a Housekeepers Wages @ 12 or 15 £ p. annum with her Dyet etc which will am/t to nigh £200 annum; the whole of which I transacted and I think much better for £100 p. ann. w/ch Sum was positively agreed upon, tho' Douglas and M/cMurtrie think proper to deny it. yet M/r Vaughan

affirming the agreement and equally interested I think ought to have more weight than twenty Negatives. But my not suffering myself to be impos'd upon in respect to the Negroes, has brought down honest David's wrath more particularly upon me, and has been the Occasion of all the trouble in the settling our Accounts. And as that seems the matter of most consequence in our dispute, I intereat you would recollect the Conduct of each relating thereto; and whether it does not appear I was willing at the time of the Division to avoid entering into any dispute; I propos'd to take the Negroes, provided they were assur'd to me; surely I had a right to that? yet this was refus'd; I further propos'd the Comp/y to Credit my Acc/t £100 for the Negroes in dispute; was this unreasonable? yet this was likewise refused to be Comply'd with. I likewise propos'd that the whole of the Negroes should be either divided again or otherwise put up to Public Sale imediately; this also with every other proposal was refus'd and by whom? by no other person than M/r M/cMurtrie. I then told the Company and have told them ever since that I look'd upon myself equally Interested in the whole, in consequence of which M/cMurtrie went Home and M/r Vaughan and Douglas promis'd should M/cMurtrie still stand out, that they would bring the Negroes to any place agreed on and have the whole Expos'd to Public Sale. Now Gentlemen there is not a thing asserted by me but what I either have proven or can prove should you require it: And if my property and the Use of it, is to be determin'd by the Sovereign Will of Dav/d M/c Murtrie you are to judge. I should be glad to know what disadvantages wou'd have attended the proposals made by me and agreed to by all but M/cMurtrie would the signing the Bills of Sale made any of the Negroes more slaves than they were before? Was it not absolutely necessary the property should be convey'd? Would we not have been all on footing by a public Sale of them? could any disadvantage have accru'd to me more than another by such steps? Is it not very Unreasonable for any one of the Comp/y to throw a Loss on the other even was it ever so much in his power? Was it honest in that one to take no Measures to satisfie me, but on the contrary to try all in his power from that Time to this to sett the Negroe free, which I can prove by many Evidences and at the same time expect the whole Burthen should fall on me, Except the very generous offer of Ten Pounds he would allow me as his part,

which he mention'd before you. I would seriously ask what Can the Compy. lose by a public Sale of them at this Time, Is there any way more effectual to put Us all on a footing? Is it reasonable we should any of Us have the advantage of the other? I do utterly deny that ever I consented to any Division from the first Day to this, the agreement being Violated by M/cMurtrie alone, and under these circumstances I do hold an indisputable right to a fourth part of every Negro, which it is out of his power to hinder me of; as to the wages—x x x—I had not equal Service (?) that the Credit for those w/ch I had should am/t to as much as the others; but think that the young Negroes in my possession will make up a good deal of the Loss as they are increas'd much in Value, the net wages I contend we have an equal right to. I would fondly hope you would Gentlemen Excuse the length and Expression of this, as it really proceeds from a consciousness of having acted honestly in my transactions with them, and also from the Unreasonableness of McMurtrie Expectations as also the pains he has taken to blacken my character at all times when an opportunity offer'd, but I can truly say I never sought any advantage, and as he has never had any concern of Consequence with any One ^{but} with whom he has not differ'd and taken advantages of those that were in his power. It gives me some kind of Satisfaction that Our affairs are nigh a crisis, and that it has hitherto been out of his power to effect all his designs. I am with great Esteem

Gentlemen Your Most Hble Serv/t

Persifor Frazer

Aug/t 27. 1770

We the Subscribers two of the arbitrators indifferently chosen by and between Jonathan Vaughan, David McMurtrie Persifor Frazer and William Douglass late Copartners in Sarum forge to arbitrate and settle the accounts and matters in variance between them relating to the said Copartnership having examined the several accounts and charges of each of the Parties and heard and duly weighed the several allegations proofs and objections of each and every of the Partners, Do award as follows that the Negroes named Jack and Dick are the property of David McMurtrie and that the negroes named Caesar Charles and Lyhara are the property of Jonathan Vaughan and belong to his Estate that the Negroes named Rachel with her Child and Sam are the property Persifor Frazier and that the Negroes named Joe and Harry are the property of William Douglass, Secondly that the fourth of the negroe named Jack alias Isaac is the property of David McMurtrie,

that one fourth part of the said Jack al/s Isaac is the property of or belongs to the Estate of Jonathan Vaughan that one fourth part of the said Jack al/s Isaac is the property of Persifer Frazier, and one fourth part of said Jack al/s Isaac is the property of William Douglass. Next we award that the sum of twelve hundred and forty nine pounds and four pence halfpenny lawful money of Pennsylvania is owing and due to David McMurtrie from the Estate of Jonathan Vaughan deceased which sum we award and order to be paid to the said David McMurtrie with lawful Interest from the eighth day of May last past that the sum of one hundred and thirty seven pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence lawful money of Pennsylvania is owing and due to said David McMurtrie from Persifer Frazer which sum we award and order said Persifer to pay unto the said David with Lawful Interest from the eighth day of May last past and that the sum of five hundred and fifty five pounds eleven shillings and seven pence three farthings is owing and due unto the said David McMurtrie from William Douglass which sum we award and order to be paid to the said David by the said William together with lawful Interest from the eighth day of May last past And lastly we award and order that the debts outstanding and due to the partners afs/d as Partners in Saram Forge shall when collected be divided among them the said David, Jonathan William and Persifer share and share alike and that all the debts now due by them as Partners in Saram forge be paid by them share and share alike. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals this twenty fourth day of January A D 1771.

(sg/d)	Chas Thomson	SS
(sg/d)	Sam Caldwell	SS

The above is a true transcript of the original award and filed in the Prothonotary office of the Court of Common pleas Phila/a County
 sy for J. B. Smith protry
 L. S. George Ward
 sy J. B. Smith Proth.

Award
 David McMurtrie and
 Charles McMurtrie
 Exr. of D M.
 Persifer Frazier

1766—1770.

An itemized account of Jno. Peirce against Persifer Frazer from Dec. 6. 1766 to April 1. 1770.

The items comprise Indian corn at 3 s. a bushel; rye @ 4 s; chaff; raisins 10 d. a pound; rent of a room 3 months and 10 days 16 s 8 d; hire of two cows and 2 horses £1, , 10, , —; "to the Barn to put his hay in being greatly to my disadvantage £1, , —, , —; 1 bush.

dried apples 6 s; 1 quarter of veal w/d 19 1/2 lb. @ 3 1/2 d a pound; Flich of Hogg meat 32 lb 16/3; 2 beef cattle came by w/t to £9, , 7, , 5; 20 lbs meal, 25 1/4 beef (best pieces) 1 qut of Vinegar and 6 lbs wool 9 s 4 d.

These and other heterogeneous items amounted to £51, , 9, , 11. A note underneath follows. "N. B. there is money due me from the overseer of the forge while he was owner."

I Object against Paying any Part of the Money which I have advanc'd as adm/tr out of my own private pocket towards paym/t of Jn/o Taylor Ju/rs Debts for the following (in my oppinion) Good and Substantial Reason. (firstly) as it was near or Quite Eight Years that the Profits of the Land went to pay Debts and my Wife had little or no part out Toward her Support which was unreasonable and unjust, And if apiece of Land had been first sold to pay Debts and the Remainder Rented She might have had about £250 Pounds more then she now hath which would have been her Right and I think in Equaty She ought yet to have; and Secondly, the Widdows Third which is Very Considerable; have been above 2 Years in the Heirs hands, and I have not Rec/d one farthing, which as it's yet Undevided ought now to pay the debts; and thirdly if it was even Reasonable I should Pay any Part thereof, I Can Prove that my Share according to the Real worth and Vallue of our holdings would not amount to more than one Twentieth part, the above Reasons, I Trust, will have weight with every Prudent Reasonable Person, And upon the whole to Sum up the Matter in Short, I Raily think that in Stead (as before) of my paying any part of the debts, I ought to have near or quite £300 more.

Jn/o Peirce

Scribbled on the bottom in another hand.

John Peirce

the Condition of this Obligation is such That
John Pierce

1771 The Farther Acc/t of Jn/o Peirce adm/rs to the Estate of Jn/o Taylor Jun/r Dec/d

To 1 day at Chester taking out a Writ for Fran. Hickman	£	, ,	7, ,	.6
To attending 8 Courts in s/d affair being a Cross Action 12 days @ 7/6.....		4, ,	10, ,	
To 1 day Taking out the Rules of Reffer!...			7, ,	6
To 1 day and till 2 oClock at night attending the Reffer! at C. Dilworths.....		12.		6
To 2 days attending them at Chester.....		15.		, ,

To attend 6 orphans Courts at Chester about getting Land Sold to pay Debts 9 days @ 7/6	3:	7:	6
To Cash p/d at Jo/s Gibb's for the Justices at an orphans Court 5/5 1/2 and my Self 1 day attending 7/6.....	12:	11	1/2
to 1 day at Squire Grahams office from which they appealed and I attend 2 days.....	1,,	2,,	6
on S/d appeal at Chester in all 2 days.....			
To attending 3 Courts at the Suit of Evans.	1,,	2,,	6.
To Cash p/d Benj/a Chew at 2 different times in a Second Suit of s/d Hickman.....	1,,	10	
To Attending 2 Courts in s/d 2/d Suit 3 days	1,	2	6
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Bro/t over	15,,	10	5 1/2
To Cash p/d the Attorney in the first two Suits of Hickman	3	,,	,,
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	18	10	5 1/2
To a Ballance due me at a Settlem/t of an orphans Court about 5 years ago being an appeal from Squire Grahams Settlem/t in the office.....	£46:	10:	9
Interest on s/d money from June 1/st 1769 being the time I p/d it being till next Court 5 Years and near 6/mos.....	£15:	7:	1
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	£80	8:	3 1/2
Comiss/s on the above £80: 8: 3 1/2 Cash paid Edw/d Green Debt and Cost four years ago	2:	2:	6
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	82,,	10:	9 1/2

twice at S Grahams office and twice I informed the Heirs of time of Meeting did not charge for.

Endorsed The farther Acc/t of Jn/o Peirce adm/tr against Parsifer Frazer

April 16. 1771. Holliday and Dunbar vs P. F.
Rec'd of P. F. £25 by Bill in full of costs but not in full of debt. Jno Morton Late Sheriff

1766
1771. Acct. betw. David McMurtrie and P. F. Feb. 21. 1766 to Jan 24. 1771.

May 1. 1771. Articles of Agreement Made and entered into by and between John Potts of whitemarsh Township, County of Philadelphia and Province of Pennsylvania, of one part, James Thompson of Ashtown, County of Chester and Province affors/d of the second part and Persifor Frazer of Thornbury; County of Chester in said Province of the third part are as follows . . Viz.
Whereas John Taylor late of Thornbury in the County of Chester, affor/d in the said Province Practitioner in Physic, dec/d Held and was seiz'd of sundry Teniments and Tracts of Land in Chester County affors/d and He dying intestate his said Estate was laid off and Divided, among the Widow and the Heirs of the s/d John Taylor, according to Law; And particularly a certain Tract of Land lying and being in the Township of Ashtown, Middletown and Thornbury together with a certain Iron Forge a grist Mill and Saw Mill and other Tenements on the said Tract of Land erected, were laid off and allotted to Elizabeth Taylor Widow and relict of the said John Taylor as her third or dower in the said Estate, to be held by her during her natural Life; And the said Elizabeth Taylor in and by a certain Indenture duly made and executed, did Lease, Rent and to Farm Lett to Daniel Calvert and his assigns all and singular the said Tract of Land together with the buildings and all other the appurtenances on the s/d Tract Erected or to the same belonging. And Whereas the said Daniel Calvert in and by a certain Agreement Made, did rent unto the affors/d James Thompson and Persifor Frazer two Equal and undivided third parts of the affors/d Grist Mill and Saw Mill in consideration of the payment of the yearly rent and other conditions in the said Agreement Express'd and contain'd. And the said Daniel Calvert in and by a certain Indenture duly made and Executed did Lease, Rent and to Farm Lett unto the affors/d John Potts, all and singular the said Forge, Grist Mill Saw Mill and other the buildings and Appurtenances unto the same belonging or appertaining with part of the said Tract of Land as is in the said last Mention'd Indenture describ'd, (Subject to the afors/d Agreement Made and enter'd into by and between the said Dan/l Calvert, and James Thomson and Persifor Frazer) for the Consideration of the Payment of the Yearly Rent of Seventy Six Pounds, to be paid Quarterly. And the said John Potts, James Thompson and Persifor Frazer,

in and by divers Conveyances and other assurances in the Law are now become Vested in Fee of the whole of the aforesaid Premises, in the following Proportionate shares, the said John Potts holding Eight equal twelfth parts of the aforesaid Tract of Land and Premises, and the said James Thompson holding two and a half equal twelfth parts of the same; and the said Persifor Frazer holding one and one half equal twelfth part being the remainder of the farm. And the said John Potts, James Thompson and Persifor Frazer, intending to rebuild a slitting Mill and to be jointly concern'd in Partnership in the same as well as in all other the premises by them held as affors/d in the proportions afores/d do by these Presents mutually agree to and with each other that each of the said parties shall and will well and truly Pay unto the said Daniel Calvert their proportionate share of the afores/d Sum of Seventy Six pounds on the Day that the same shall become due from and after the date of this present agreement and also pay their particular and proportionate shares of all such sums of Money as may be expended or laid out by the directions and consent of the s/d Company towards the rebuilding and carrying on of the said Slitting Mill and other matters relating to the said Estate, and also Manage and transact all matters for the benefit of the same as if the said Elizabeth Taylor was deceased and the Estate had by Law Vested in the Heirs of the said John Taylor, and it is also mutually agreed by the said parties, that all benefitts, advantages and Profits that may arise are become due to the said Parties as copartners shall be equally divided between the said parties in proportion to the respective Share or Shares held by the said Parties. In Witness whereof the

(May 21. 1771)

Said parties have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the twenty first day of May Anno Dom: 1771

Sealed and Deliver'd
in Presence of Us

Davis Bevan

Jn/o Taylor

Jn/o Potts

Ja/s Thomson

Persifor Frazer

Endorsed Articles of Agreement

Jn/o Potts and
James Thomson
Persifor Frazer

May 6th. 1771

I take this Method to desire thee to Send me the Money due for the Beef and the Remd/r of my old Acc/t as also my Thirds of the Rent for the Place, It ought in Justice to have been p/d Long ago; I think an Honest Hearted man would not have been Easy to have Delayd Paym/t so long. As to the Settlement of the Estate I'm Willing to leave it to be finally Settled by Jn/o Hannum Esq/r Jn/o Morton Esq/r and H Graham Esq/r three Gentlemen of Wisdom and Ability and Such whom I expect will Settle the affair as Just and as Equatable as any three in the County without either favour or Affection: as to thy Ill Hearted Treatment and Wicked abuse to me some time ago at Salkelds, If thee does not make me Immediate Satisfaction I shall take Lawful Measures to Compel thee; if the above is Comply'd with and the men got together to Settle it before Court I shall so far Content myself otherwise depend upon hearing from me in another Manner As I'm Determined not to be Triffeled with much longer, Especially by one Who Shoes away and Swaggers abroad as one worth a Thousand aYear yet at the Same time daily sinking and in some Measure Living upon the Labours of others.

5/mo 6/th 1771

Jn/o Peirce

Endorsed For

Percifor Frazier
in haste

Feb. 4. 1772)

Will of Edw. Green and probate of same by H. H. Graham Register of Wills and Benjamin Chew Register-General of Prov. of Penna. Thos. Cheney and Persifor Frazer Executors.

Articles of Agreement concluded and made the Sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two Between, James Smither of the City of Philadelphia

Engraver of the one and John Reed of the said City of Philadelphia Gentleman of the other part viz/t—

1. The said James Smither doth hereby for himself his Executors and administrators Covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Reed his Executors admors and assigns That in consideration of the sum of One Hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to be well and truly paid in manner herein after expressed he the said James Smither shall and will well and sufficiently Grave or cause to be engraven on three good Copper plates A Map Draught or Portraiture of the City of Philadelphia aforesaid and liberty lands thereto belonging with Catalogues of the Original purchasers thereof from the late William Penn Esq/r Proprietor according to the Plan of the said City and liberties now compleating and which shall be forthwith delivered to him the said James Smither by the aforesaid John Reed
2. That the said James Smither shall and will compleat and finish the said Work or engraving to the best of his skill powers and ability on or before the Twenty fifth day of January next ensuing the date hereof Death accidents and Casualties excepted—
3. That he the said James Smither shall not give or deliver any Copy Draught extract or Sketch of the said Map or Plan and Catalogue to any person or persons whatsoever without the order or permission of the said John Reed his Exors admors or assigns first had and obtained in Writing and shall and will deliver up the said Three plates when compleated and finished into the hands of the said John Reed or his assigns and to no other person or persons whatsoever.
4. AND the said John Reed does hereby for himself his Heirs Exors and admors Covenant and promise that he or they shall pay unto the said James Smither his Exeors or admors the sum of Twenty-five pounds in hand part of the consideration money aforesaid and the remaining Seventyfive pounds by enstallments or in proportion as the said Work shall go on, the whole Sum to be paid off and discharged by the said Twentyfifth of January next And for the better performance of all and singular the Articles and agreements aforesaid the said parties to these presents mutually bind themselves their Executors admors and assigns to each other in the penal Sum of Two Hundred pounds lawful money of Penasylvania In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have enterchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto Dated the day and year first above written and mentioned. —
Sealed and delivered in the presence
of Tho/s Renshaw
James Dickinson

James Smither

I do Assign, Transfer and make Over unto Persifor Frazer his Executors, Adminis/rs and Assigns, my whole Right, Title, Interest, Property Claim, and Demand of, in and to the above Article of Agreement, with all the Benefits and Advantages whatsoever that may Arise or Accrue thereon. Witness my Hand and Seal this 23/d day of September 1772.

John Reed

Seal'd and Deliver'd
in Presence of Us
Henry Hubbs.

Endorsed Article Agreeem/t entre
James Smither and John Reed

1767
to
1773

Account between David McMurtrie and Persifor Frazer from Oct. 25. 1767 to Feb. 6. 1773. Final balance £120, , 13, , 10

See ante

March 15. 1773. Receipt and bond of George Fryer to Thos. Cheney and P. F. Executors of the Will of Edw. green for legacy i.e. £10, a warming, a frying pan, and a Brass Kettle.

June 12. 1773. Receipt of L. A. Weiss to P. F. for patents of land, deeds, and draughts of Plumsted and Reily lands and division of the same between the heirs of John Taylor.

June 24. 1773. Inventory of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of John Cuthbert late of the twp. of W. White-land Chester Co. deed amounting to £576, , 10, , 9.

To the INHABITANTS of the Township of
(in writing) Middletown

AT a meeting of a respectable Body of the Freeholders Inhabitants of the County of Chester, on Saturday the 18th of June, 1774, and by adjournment again on the 25th instant. The following Propositions were deliberately and unanimously agreed to Viz.

First, That it is an absolute right, inherent in every English subject, to have the free use, enjoyment and disposal of all his property, either by himself or representatives, and that no other power on earth can legally divest him of it.

Secondly, That we apprehend the act of parliament for shutting up the port of Boston (until his Majesty's duties be duly collected, etc.) is highly arbitrary and oppressive to the inhabitants of that town; and in its consequences may endanger all the British colonies in America.

Thirdly, That the two bills mentioned in the last advices from London to be passing in parliament, one changing the chartered constitution of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, into a military government; and the other empowering the governor, or lieutenant governor to send any person or persons to England, to be tried for actions committed in that colony, are subversive of every idea of liberty, and serves as a prelude to the fate of each chartered British colony on this continent.

Fourthly, That a congress of deputies from the said colonies is the most probable and proper mode of procuring relief for our suffering Brethren, obtaining redress, and preserving our natural rights and liberties, and establishing peace and mutual confidence between the mother country and her colonies, on a constitutional foundation.

As the future liberty of America seems now to depend on the prudent, and uniform resolves and conduct of each colony on this continent; it will be necessary (in conformity to the other countries) to have a committee of correspondence, whereby the earliest intelligence may be given to the people, of all such measures or resolves which may from time to time be found for, or against their common liberties.

The inhabitants, therefore, of your township, are hereby particularly requested to meet at the Court-house in the borough of Chester, on Friday the 5th of August next, at twelve o'clock, in

order to chuse a committee as aforesaid, and to form and resolve on such other modes or propositions as shall then and there be agreed on. At which time and place it's hoped that every person, who wishes well to their posterity will attend, and give their advice at this alarming crisis.

N. B. Deputies from your township (if you do not chuse generally to attend) will be very agreeable, as well as necessary. (in writing) As the Assembly is to meet the 18th inst. it is propos'd to meet in Chester on Wednesday the 13th at One OClock in Order to chuse a Committee for this County.

Philadelphia, Printed by JAMES HUMPHREYS, Junior, in *Front-street.*

Endorsed Notice of a meeting to be held at Chester August 15th, 1774.

A duplicate of this notice with the written word "Edgemont" in place of "Middletown" is also preserved.

Oct. 21. 1774.

Sir

The last Time I had the pleasure of seeing you, I requested you wou'd mention to your father that the certificate w/ch he was so kind as to give me relating to the promise made by M/r Plumsted to Doctor Taylors Adm/rs; to make a Title to a piece of Land in West Bradford, was mislaid by the Exec/rs of M/r Plumsted; to whom I gave it. And as it is necessary before the Title will be made, to have another duplicate as I am now here on that business if he would be so obliging as to forward it to M/rs Jenkins's ag/t tomorrow, wou'd take it as a great favor. I hope He and You will forgive the trouble I put you, at this Season of Grief for the Loss you have sustained in your family.

I am Sir

With due Esteem

Your most Hble Servant

Pers/r Frazer

Address

To

M/r Sketchly Morton

Ridley

p/r favor of

M/r Jn/o Crosby Ju/r

1774.

During this year and particularly in December the subject of this memoir took a leading part in the political movements of his County to meet and thwart the oppressive legislation of Great Britain.

The Continental Congress had met in Carpenter's Hall Philadelphia on Sept. 5 and adjourned on Oct. 26. 1774. It professed loyalty to the King, but petitioned him to redress the wrongs done the Colonies. Addresses were sent to the people of Great Britain, Canada, and the Colonies, and a declaration of rights was drawn up, with an agreement to stop all trade with Great Britain and to put an end to the slave trade.

To carry out its measures Provincial Conventions were called in some of the Colonies, and the more important Counties of Pennsylvania organised Committees.

Persifor Frazer's name will be found among those appended to the non-importation resolutions.

On Monday Dec. 10. 1774 Deborah Franklin the wife of Dr Benjamin Franklin died and on the following Thursday her remains were interred in Christ Church burying ground. On Friday May 5. 1775 following Dr. Franklin arrived on the Pennsylvania Packet (Capt. Osborne) from London where he had been acting as Agent for the Massachusetts Government and the Province of Pennsylvania.

In pursuance of a public notice given, a very respectable number of the inhabitants of the County of Chester met at the court house in the Borough of Chester on the 20th day of December 1774, and chose the following Committee to carry into execution the association of the late Continental Congress, viz:

Anthony Wayne	Edward Humphreys	Thomas Evans
Francis Johnston	Henry Lawrence	John Hartman
Richard Riley	Richard Thomas	Dr. Branson Van Lear
Evan Evans	Wm. Montgomery	William Evans
James Moore	—Persifor Frazer—	Joseph Cowan
Hugh Lloyd	Thomas Taylor	Thomas Haslep
Thomas Hockley	John Foulke	Patterson Bell
David Cowpland	Robt. Mendenhall	Dr. Jonathan Morris
John Hart	Joseph Pennell	Andrew Mitchell
Sketchley Morton	George Peirce	Thomas Buffington
Samuel Fairlamb	Nich. Fairlamb	James Bennett
Isaac Eyre	Samuel Trimble	Joseph Musgrave
John Crosby	Charles Dilworth	William Miller
Nicholas Deal	John Hannum	Richard Hower
Jesse Bonsall	George Hoopes	Walter Finney

Aaron Oakford	Joel Baily	James Simpson
Benjamin Brannan	Jos. Bishop Jr.	David Wherry
John Talbot	John Gilliland	James Evans
Joseph Brown	John Kerlin	Thomas Bishop
Samuel Price	Edward Jones	William Edwards
John Crawford	William Lewis	Jonathan Vernon Jr.
John Taylor	Pat. K. Anderson	Lewis Davis Sr.
Lewis Gronow	Joseph Gibbons Jr.	Thomas Evans
Josua Evans		

Which Committee are to be and continue from this time until one month after the rising of the next Continental Congress, with full power to transact such business, and enter into such associations as to them shall appear expedient.

After the above Committeemen were chosen, they organized by electing Anthony Wayne Esq. Chairman, and Francis Johnston Esq. Secretary. The following resolves were passed unanimously and recorded with the accompanying minute:—

1st, That any twelve or more of the Committee, meeting upon due notice be empowered to enter upon and transact all such business as shall come under their consideration,—provided that the majority agreeing shall not be less than twelve.

2d, That the present unhappy situation of public affairs in general, and of this province in particular, render it highly necessary a Provincial Convention should be held as soon as possible; for which purpose twelve persons shall be appointed out of the said Committee as Delegates to attend the said Convention, at such time and place as shall be generally agreed on.

The Committee then adjourned till Monday the 9th, of January 1775, to meet at the house of David Cowpland in the Borough of Chester, at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time and place it is expected that each member will give due attendance. (By order of the Committee),

Francis Johnston Secretary

Extract from the minutes of Chester County Committee, March 20th, 1775. Pursuant to adjournment and public notice given, the Committee of Chester County met at the house of Richard Cheney, in East Caln.

On motion ordered, that Mr. Hockley, Mr Johnston, Mr Gronow, Mr. Lloyd, Mr Frazer, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Taylor, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to essay a draught of a petition to present to the General Assembly of this Province, with regard to the manumission of Slaves, especially relating to the freedom of infants hereafter born of black women, within this Colony,—and do make report of the same to this Committee at their next meeting.

On motion, Ordered, that each member in this Committee will use

his utmost diligence in collecting the several sums of money subscribed for the use of Boston, and pay the same into the hands of Anthony Wayne Esq. Treasurer, at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee, then adjourned, to meet at the house of David Cowpland in the Borough of Chester, on Wednesday the 31st, of May next.

(By order of the Committee, Francis Johnston, Secretary.)

In January 1775 Persifor Frazer was elected a Delegate to the Provincial Convention which unanimously adopted a resolution "to procure a law prohibiting in the future the importation of Slaves into this Province," in opposition to the policy of Great Britain.

Jan'y 23/d 1775

The Provincial Convention met the Committee of Philadelphia informed the Various Counties what the intention of Calling them together was, Adjourn'd 'till ten next Morning without doing any other Business.

24th Met according to Adjournment. A Motion was made by M/r Biddle to Settle the Mode of Voting, that each County have One Vote and the City of Philad/a One Vote. Oppos'd by M/r Austin. Carried in the Affirmative. A Motion made by M/r Willson that the Proceedings Should be Read and carr/d in the affirmative. A Motion by M/r Willson that this Convention should give their hearty approbation to the said proceedings, likewise that the thanks of this Com/e should be given to said Congress. Amendment propos'd by M/r Owen Biddle that Whereas the House of Assembly had taken into Consideration the Conduct and proceedings of the Late Congress and had approv'd of the same, therefore We Do Resolve strictly to Comply with the Association Articles and return them our hearty thanks for their disinterested Care and trouble in guarding the Iiberties of America This warmly debated etc. thrown out—the first motion carried in the Affirmative—Motion by M/r Taylor for thanks to the House of Assembly for their approving the proceedings of the Congress—debated and carried in the Negative—Motion by M/r Hartley to appoint a Committee to form some Plan for Home Manufactures—Committee appointed and adjourn'd to ten O'Clock next Day—

25th Met according to Adjournment. A Motion made by M/r Lambert Cadwalader seconded by M/r Rush—amendment offer'd by M/r Thomson for to draw up instructions to the House of Assembly in order to procure a Law for the Prohibition of the importation of Slaves—A motion made by M/r Thomson for measures to prevent the importation of Convicts. Objected to By M/r Biddle on account of a Law already provided. A motion by M/r Willson for providing Relief for the City of Philadelphia in Case of Suspension of Trade etc., after being long debated and alterations made, it was agreed that the Several Counties of this Province ought and that the members of this Convention will exert their utmost endeavors to afford them all necessary Relief. A Motion made by M/r Biddle that in Case the Committee of any particular County should meet with opposition, that the other Counties give them all the Assistance and weight in their Power.

26th Met and Motion was made by M/r Mifflin for a Resolve that in Case his Administration should endeavor to carry their oppressive Measures into Execution by Force of Arms and the Petition to the Throne fail of Success, that we will at all Hazard Resist such Force. this motion to on the Table 'till tomorrow. Adjourned 'till four O'Clock—Met the Committee for preparing (torn) Plan for encouraging the Several Manufactories necessary. Brought in their Plan—On Examination Six of these Articles Adopted. Adjourn'd 'till tomorrow.

Endorsed Rough Minutes of
Convention
Jan/y 23/d 1775

My D/r Polly

I have not been out of Town since I came on Sunday. have been waiting for M/r Thomson who Came into Town Yesterday and appointed a meeting but M/r McMurtrie did not appear. We expected another meeting this morning, by M/r Thompson is oblig'd to go Home as he lives about 8 Miles in the Jerseys, and has appointed to meet Us at the Ferry in the Jersey Side on Monday at 9 O'Clock. I am determin'd to have the matter out before I leave this, as I made it appear that M/r Maurignolt had Examin'd my Acc/t tho' McMurtrie has told every One, that I took the Books away before he had done. I expected the Colt in here but have seen nothing of her please to send Tom Riley with her tomorrow and send me a shirt and a pair of Stockings, let Tom Ride the little Grey Horse. I expect to have done on

Monday or Tuesday. I hope you and little Sally are better than when I left you—no Man had ever to deal with such a Devil As McMurtrie however I have great Hopes all will End well. I am determin'd never to Come here again on this Business. As I think I have done every thing in my power—let Tom Come tomorrow by all Means

I remain my Dear Love

Your Affectionate Husband

Pers/r Frazer

Saturday Jany. 20/th

Addressed To

M/rs Mary Frazer

pr favour of M/r Thornbury

Abram. Hoops

April 30. 1775. Letter from Jno Potts to unnamed complaining of non payment of absconding Calvert's bond

Jan. 3. 1770 to June 3. 1775. Per/s Frazer's acct with S. Shaw.
Apl. 15. 1777. Signed Sam/l Shaw

Aug. 28. 1775 At the Request of John Peirce I do hereby Testify and declare, that at the time his wife went to Frazors, and Lay in did not drive her out of the House as was Reported neither did he give her any provocation to leave his hous, as I was present and heard every thing that pass'd, he neither Touch'd her, nor gave her any ill or Threatening language, he had been out with his gun, and came home tir'd and hungry, and Quickly ask'd her for Some Victuals, She Crossly and ngrly said to him, she would not get any etc. She sometime after dressed her Self, and set off on foot, I told him she was gone, he desired me to follow and tell to come back and get a horse to Ride if she must go; the whole is the Truth which I'm free to be Quallifyd to, if Requir'd, given under my hand this 28/th 8/mo 1775

her
Eliz/h Hilliard
mark

Nov. 25. 1775. Promis. note and bond of P. F. to Caleb Brinton of Birmingham. twp Chest. Co. for £200, , o, , o, ,

Dec. 26. 1775.

In committee Chester county 26 Dec 1775

Extract from the notes of Assembly

Resolved That Anthony Wayne, James Moore, Frances Johnson Esquires Doctor Samuel Kennedy, Caleb Davis, William Montgomery —Persifor Frazer— and Richard Thomas gentlemen be appointed and they are hereby appointed to represent this county (if occasion be) in Provincial Convention for the ensuing year.

From the minutes

By order of the committee

Frances Johnson Sec/y

Dec. 30. 1775

December y/e 30/th 1775

Dear Sir

When I saw you Last, I told you I would be at Your House A Sunday But as Matters is I Can/t—as to Going to Town with you. it will Be of No service, for as I have Consulted my family Concerning the Commission Proposed I Must with a great Deal of Regret, Decline it at this time; for Peticular Reasons, which Perhaps when I see you; You'll be of my opinon Thefore. With Reluctance, I must Continue in the Same Situation; as at Present; Untill I---We are actually Invaded Upon our own Border, But then the Best family on Earth Shall not Detain; Your Humble Servn/t from the Service.

Tho/s Taylor

To Capt/n Frazer

P. S Do Sir Interseed With Col/e Wayn. to apoint Some other in the Service in the Room of Your Hum/e Servent

Sir I do not know how
to spell your Name
therefore Pray Excuse

Addressed

To

Capt/n

Piersefer Frazer

Present

The following are extracts from an unpublished memoir of Persifor Frazer by Mr. Joseph S. Harris:

“The earliest private venture of Persifor Frazer is said to have been a country store in the house then owned by Richard Richison at the intersection of the ‘Old Colonial road’ with the road now known as

'Church Lane,' about a quarter of a mile east of the Harris homestead in East Whiteland, Chester County, but the date of this is not known. At another time in his early life he lived about a mile west of this store on the 'Old Colonial road' near the White Horse tavern, and owned a farm at the intersection of that road with the road which runs from Glenloch station on the Pennsylvania Railroad northward to Lionville."

"There are also detailed accounts of the business of Jonathan Vaughan and Company relating to Deep Creek Furnace, running from April 2, 1762, to July 8, 1767, and aggregating £ 2000/17s./10 3/4d.

"From these accounts it appears that Persifor Frazer was a partner in the firm, and that he had charge of the finances and of the Company's store. The other partners draw on him for money from time to time."

"Jonathan Vaughan, Dennis Whelen, both of Uwchlau, Chester County, and Samuel Kennedy, August 5th, 1760, entered into an agreement in relation to operating Sarum Forge, belonging to the estate of Dr. John Taylor, Whelen being apparently the capitalist of the enterprise.

"October 4, 1760, Vaughan and Kennedy gave Whelen a bond in the sum of one thousand pounds lawful money of the province as security that they would faithfully observe certain articles of partnership of the same date between the same parties. John Taylor, the younger son of Dr. John Taylor who had owned Sarum Forge during his life time, died the year after this agreement was made, and Sarum Forge was operated for some years by Jonathan Vaughan and Company, Persifor Frazer keeping the accounts of this operation as well as of Deep Creek furnace."

"At some time before 1767 David McMurtrie and Persifor Frazer bought out the interests of Dennis Whelen and Samuel Kennedy in Sarum Forge, and William Douglas, of Worcester County, Maryland, also appears thereafter as a partner of Vaughan and Frazer in an agreement dated October 31, 1767.

"Persifor Frazer had before this time (October 2, 1766,) married Mary Worrall Taylor, daughter of the younger John Taylor. Sarum Forge had been willed by Dr. John Taylor to his widow, his second wife, Elizabeth Taylor, for the term of her life. She had let it with its appurtenances for the same term to Daniel Calvert, who had been in the employ of Dr. John Taylor, and the somewhat complicated agreements of October 31, 1767, appear to have had the purpose of divesting the interests of Jonathan Vaughan and Company in Sarum Forge that all interests might be vested in Daniel Calvert. With him was associated John Thompson who probably represented the children of the younger John Taylor, and who, at the same date, gives to Vaughan, Douglas, McMurtrie and Frazer, a bond in the sum of two

hundred pounds to free them of the obligations under the lease of August 5, 1760, which obligations were assumed by Daniel Calvert. Vaughan and Douglas are, in these papers, represented as being of Worcester County, Maryland, McMurtrie as of Philadelphia, and Frazer as of Ashton township, which adjoined Thornbury township on the Southeast—Sarum Forge being near the boundary line between the two townships.”

“To close up the business of Jonathan Vaughan and Company at Sarum Forge, Persifor Frazer held a vendue November 5, 1767, at which he sold the personal property, other than that taken over by Thompson; household furniture, live-stock, tools, store goods, etc. As the proceeds of the sale only amounted to £81 10s. 11d. it is evident that Thompson took over most of the property or Jonathan Vaughan and Company had not been carrying on the operations at Sarum Forge very vigorously. In fact, so far as we can gather, Sarum Forge was never much of a success in anybody’s hands after the death of Dr. John Taylor. Its products may have fallen in price below a remunerative point, and Sarum was not very well located for a profitable enterprise. It was too far from the raw material, and too far, also, from a market, so that it could not live in an era of low prices.”

“Persifor Frazer seems at this time to have parted with much of his interest in the firm of Jonathan Vaughan and Company, but he did not wholly retire from it, for he retained throughout his life an interest in the Deep Creek Furnace, and his death in 1792 interfered with his purpose of making a visit to that property.”

“Deep Creek Furnace was on Deep Creek, a navigable stream tributary to Pocomoke River in Worcester County, Maryland. The property consisted of a body of lands in Worcester and Dorchester Counties, amounting to 5130½ acres, which cost, as shown by a settlement made August 1, 1767, £ 2999/14s./6d. The works were a furnace with mills and houses appurtenant in Worcester County, and on another tract, also in the same County, a forge with mills and houses.”

“Persifor Frazer was, at a later time—but when is not known—associated with Jonathan Vaughan in the operation of iron works in Oxford township, Chester County, near the Maryland border. After the dissolution of the partnership of Jonathan Vaughan and Company, he became interested in the management of Sarum Forge for the heirs of Dr. John Taylor. March 31, 1770, he and James Thomson, who had married Mrs. Frazer’s sister Sarah, took the lease off the hands of Daniel Calvert for the remainder of the term of the life of Elizabeth Taylor. He had, March 6, 1770, executed in favor of John Hannum a mortgage for £300 on a farm in Thornbury township. This farm was apparently a part of the Taylor Estate and the mortgage was probably given to raise money for working capital for Sarum Forge. His brother-in-law, Isaac Taylor, was also interested in this venture.

He draws a draft on him in favor of John Potts of Philadelphia for £30, October 31, 1771."

"It is difficult to trace the various changes of management through which the iron works passed, but Persifor Frazer seems to have been long connected with the management. While he was away from home during the Revolutionary War, the experiment of leasing them was again tried, but again unsuccessfully, as his brother-in-law, James Thomson, writes to him at Ticonderoga, New York, under date of August 21, 1776—'Old Joab Fallows is doing no good with the forge, and I think against Spring will not be able to pay the rent.' Later it was one of the daily duties, which his wife took upon herself during his absence in the army, to ride down to the iron works before breakfast to see that work was properly carried on there."

"While running the forge he was also making use of some of the other facilities for production of various commodities which Dr. John Taylor had developed during his energetic life. An account which extends from January, 1770, to March, 1776, shows that he furnished to S Shaw, of Philadelphia, a large quantity of barrel staves and heads, and received from him in return a variety of mill products, bran, ship stuff, etc."

"His early connection with Sarum Forge Works probably led to his acquaintance with Mary Worrall Taylor, who became his wife in the autumn of 1766. They were married in the Middletown Presbyterian Church by Rev. John Ewing, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, of which church the family of John Frazer were doubtless members, as many of his descendants continued to be for nearly a century. The marriage is noted on the records of the church in Philadelphia, but the family tradition that the ceremony took place at Middletown is doubtless correct, that church being within two miles of the bride's home. It is remembered that when the young couple first appeared in the church, it was the popular verdict that they were the handsomest pair ever seen there."

This distinguished clergyman was subsequently Provost of the University of Pennsylvania and chief of a commission to extend the Mason and Dixon boundary line westward to the Ohio. The itinerary of this interesting journey with his rough field notes were among the papers of General Persifor Frazer, and were lately purchased and published by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"There was some opposition to the marriage of Persifor Frazer, as there was to his father's marriage. John Taylor, the father of the bride, had died in 1761, and her mother married about 1763, John Pierce, a well-to-do Quaker of Thornbury, who was also a preacher, and there was a strong feeling of disapproval among Friends of the marriage of their people with the later comers of another faith who were pushing their way so vigorously into a colony which Friends had

founded, and which they hoped was to remain their special preserve and the nursery of their faith. The records of their meetings about this time are full of cases of people who, having married 'out of meeting,' came back and said that they were sorry for having committed a breach of discipline."

"Persifor Frazer's wife was much pressed to make a similar acknowledgment of error, but would go no further than that 'she was quite ready to say that she was very sorry to have wounded the feelings of Friends, but nobody should ever hear her say that she was sorry she had married Persifor Frazer.'"

"John Pierce, who doubtless deserved the reputation he leaves in the family tradition of being a surly soul, carried his opposition to the marriage of his step-daughter so far that the young pair who remained at the home of the bride's mother till after the birth of their first child in January, 1769, found it more agreeable after that time to make a new home for themselves. The bride's mother went with them, which caused still greater wrath on the part of John Pierce, and resulted in a notice to Persifor Frazer, dated January 23, 1769, 'not to keep, harbor, or entertain my wife in or about thy house as thee to ye contrary shall answer for so doing another day.' This notice having no effect it was followed up by a bill of expenses arising out of the 'entertainment of Persifor Frazer and his wife at John Pierce's house from December 6, 1766.'

"The storm blew over. Friends of those days who would not fight, did not consider themselves debarred from the privilege of making themselves disagreeable and using harsh words, but Sarah Pierce continued to live with her daughter, and John Pierce contented himself as he best could, though occasionally growling as late as August, 1775."

"Other than this family jar, nothing seems to have marred the happiness of the Frazer home. Four children came to it before they celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding day, and Mrs. Frazer in after years, when the country's troubles took her husband so much away from home, looked back with fond regret to those early peaceful days.

"It can be fairly said for Persifor Frazer not only that he had a charming and noble wife, but that he must, himself, have had much attractiveness to have won and kept such devoted love as she gave him. Such expressions of a warm and heartfelt though perfectly dignified and sane affection as constantly occur in her letters to him are rare in the formal correspondence of the days in which they lived, and throw a pleasing halo over their busy and earnest lives."

"Persifor Frazer's connection with public affairs, which was to continue throughout his life, began before his marriage, for we find it of record that in January, 1765, which was probably before he got quite out of touch with affairs in Philadelphia, he was appointed a delegate

to a provincial convention, among whose acts was the adoption of a resolution recommending the passage of a law which should prohibit the importation of slaves into the provinces. When, after the French and Indian War of 1757-1763, England thought that her colonies should bear part of the burdens which it had imposed upon her, and for that purpose proposed to tax the colonies, the merchants of Philadelphia adopted a set of Non-Importation Resolutions October 25, 1765. On the original copy of these resolutions, which was in Independence Hall in 1877, and probably is there still, Persifor Frazer's name appears as one of the signing merchants."

"We have no further note of the part he took in the affairs of the province in the next eight years. Family tradition and official documents show him engaged in an extensive business at the iron works of Sarum, and at Deep Creek in Maryland, while the farms owned by his wife and himself in Thornbury, where he lived, near Goshen meeting house, and at Downingtown, all in Chester County, must have engaged no small share of his time and thought. At Thornbury during this time, much additional land was brought under cultivation, and the homestead, a substantial stone house, which is still standing, was built. He was doubtless ranked in those happy days as a fortunate and prosperous citizen."

"When, in 1774, the first Continental Congress resenting the pressure which England was putting on the colonies in the matter of taxation, resolved that no more English goods should be imported, nor should any exportations be made to England after December, 1776, unless the obnoxious laws should be repealed before that date, the Congress being without means to enforce its resolutions, popular meetings were held everywhere to ratify and carry into execution the recommendations they had made."

"The people of Chester County met at the Chester Court house December 20, 1774, and named a committee of sixty-nine persons to act for the County in this matter. Of this committee Persifor Frazer was a member. This committee was authorized 'to be and continue from this time until the month after the rising of the next Continental Congress with full power to transact such business and enter into such associations as to them shall appear expedient.'

"The committee advised that a Provisional Convention should be called to take into consideration 'the present unhappy situation of public affairs,' and such a Convention assembled in Philadelphia January 23, 1775. In this Convention Chester County was represented by ten members, of whom Persifor Frazer again was one. The Convention took action looking to the prohibition of the importation of slaves into the province, slavery being opposed in their view to the idea of a free Constitutional Government. The Committee for Chester County met on March 20, and appointed a sub-committee of seven

to draft a petition to the General Assembly with regard to the manumission of slaves. Of this sub-committee also Persifor Frazer was a member."

"The Committee continued to meet frequently as the affairs of the country grew more disturbed. On the 22nd of May they unanimously recommended 'in order to avert the evils and calamities which threaten our devoted country that the following association be entered into by the good people of this County: We the subscribers do most solemnly resolve, promise and engage under the sacred ties of honor, virtue and love to our country that we will use our utmost endeavors to learn the military exercise and promote harmony and unanimity in our respective companies, that we will strictly adhere to the rules of decency during duty, that we will pay a due regard to our officers, that we will, when called upon, support, with our utmost abilities, the civil magistrate in the execution of the laws for the good of our country, and that we will, at all times, be in readiness to defend the lives, liberties and properties of ourselves and fellow countrymen against all attempts to deprive us of them.'

"The Committee, which became known as the 'Committee of Safety,' was reappointed by the Pennsylvania Assembly October 19, 1775. November 25, 1775, the Assembly adopted rules to perfect the organization for the several Counties, and December 26 the Committee reorganized in conformity with the suggestions of the Legislature, and appointed eight persons, of whom Persifor Frazer was one, 'to represent the County if occasion be in Provisional Convention during the ensuing year.'"

CHAPTER II

The Year 1776

1776

At the very beginning of January of this year the Fourth Battalion of the Penna. line was organised with Anthony Wayne in command. As Persifor Frazer and he were life long friends the former raised and commanded the first Company of this Battalion and the other companies were commanded as follows :

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| Captain | 1. | Persifor Frazer, of Chester county. | |
| “ | 2. | Thomas Robinson, | “ |
| “ | 3. | John Lacey, of Bucks county. | |
| “ | 4. | Caleb North, of Chester county. | |
| “ | 5. | Thomas Church, of Lancaster county. | |
| “ | 6. | Frederick Vernon, of Chester county. | |
| “ | 7. | James Moore, | “ |
| “ | 8. | James Taylor, | “ |

These were severally commissioned by the Continental Congress, on the 5th of January, 1776.

The commission of the first named here follows

IN CONGRESS.

The Delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, to

Persifor Frazer Esquire (written)

WE reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be a Captain (written) of the

Fourth Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops

in the Army of the United Colonies raised for the defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Captain (written) by doing and performing all Manner of Things therunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as Captain (written). And you are to observe and follow such Orders

IN CONGRESS.

The Delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, &c

George Washington

WE reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be *captain* of the

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Memorandum

in the Army of the United Colonies raised for the defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Captain*

by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as *such Officers*

And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United Colonies, or Committee of Congress, for that Purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief for the Time being of the Army of the United Colonies, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. Philadelphia January 5th 1776

By Order of the Congress

Wm. Mifflin

John Hancock PRESIDENT.

Fifty-two hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

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Philadelphia January 5th 1776 (written)

By Order of the Congress

John Hancock President

Attest. Cha Thomson Secy

(Printed sheet)

IN CONGRESS, January 17, 1776.

RESOLVED,

THAT the Colonies of the several Battalions, ordered to be raised, do immediately order their Officers on recruiting service, to such parts where they are best known and have the greatest probability of success.

That the Recruiting Officers ought to be careful to inlist none but healthy, sound, and able bodied men, not under sixteen years of age.

That the Colonels of the several Battalions aforesaid appoint some place or places of rendezvous to which the recruits may be sent, and where the Battalions may be quartered.

That the greatest attention ought to be paid to the behaviour of the Troops in quarters, that they may give no reasonable cause of complaint.

That the quarters of the Troops be duly discharged once every week.

That an allowance of Ten Shillings per man be made to the Recruiting Officers in lieu of their expences in recruiting, exclusive of the subsistence money allowed them, and that in case any men be inlisted contrary to the foregoing regulations, the pay they may have received and the subsistence money they may be paid for them shall be stopped from the pay of such Recruiting Officers.

That The Colonels of the several Pennsylvania Battalions be supplied with money for the recruiting service by the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, and disburse the same to the several Recruiting Officers, the Colonels and other Officers to be accountable for what they shall receive, and all arrears they may fall into to be stopped from their pay.

That no bought indented servants be employed on board the Fleet or in the Army of the United Colonies, without the consent of their masters.

Extracts from the Minutes,

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

Jan. 26. 1776

January 26/th 1776

Sir

You are to Continue to Enlist men for the Purpose of filling your Company as soon as Possible in the Fourth Battalion under my Command—in doing of which you are to be governed by the Rules and Resolves of Congress.

You are at Liberty to Offer the men by way of Bounty One pair of new Shoes, a pair of new stockings a new Hat, the value of ten Shillings in other Clothing, in place of a hunting Shirt, a new Blanket—or if they find one of their own Two Dollars for it, with liberty to take it away at the end of the Campaign—Five Dollars pr month and one Dollar pr week Subsistance Money until the join the Battalion,

Fifty Shillings pr month if Ordered for Canada; Such of your men as can procure good Muskets or Rifles will find their advantage in bringing them along

By a late Resolve of Congress no Soldier is to be arrested unless he is justly Indebted to one Person more than 35 Dollars—nor shall his Effects be liable to attachment at the suit or for the benefit of all his Creditors, unless their debts in the whole on being ascertained by their *Oaths* amounts to more than 150 Dollars

You are to Render yourself at Chester on Friday the 9/th of February next with all such men as you then have or can Enlist

I wish you Success and am D/r S/r

To
Cap/t Frazer

Your most Ob/t Hum/l Ser/t
Anty Wayne

If you shou'd meet with any Opposition in Recruiting you'l apply to the Committee of the County where Such Oposition has been given who will afford you Assistance

Jan. 29. 1776.

January y/e 29/th 1776

Dear Sir

I Thought to have been at your House this day But the fetage (sic) of Business Requires a Respite Therefore you'll Obliege me if you'll send that Money in your Hands from, Col/n Wayne by the Bearer (my son) as I must Go this Evening toward the Half-way House; and Expect you'll be on the Service and from Home. Pray Excuse the day for y/e Reasons Offer/d so Remans your Hum. S/t Tho/s. Taylor

To Cap/tn Frazer
Addressed
Cap/tn

To
Persifor Frazer
These

I *Tobias Shields* have this Day
voluntarily enlisted myself as a Soldier in the AMERICAN
CONTINENTAL ARMY for one Year, unless sooner dis-
charged, and do bind myself to conform in all instances to such rules
and regulations as are, or shall be established for the Government
of the said Army. In Col Anthony Wayne Batt.

Capt Peirce for Troop 1st Corp

Witness my hand this 23 day of Sept 1776

Witness Present Tobias Shields

Geo Pine

I *Francis Jones* have this Day
voluntarily enlisted myself as a Soldier in the AMERICAN
CONTINENTAL ARMY for one Year, unless sooner dis-
charged, and do bind myself to conform in all instances to such
rules and regulations as are, or shall be established for the Govern-
ment of the said Army. In Col Anthony Wayne Batt.

Capt Peirce Troop 1st Corp

Witness my hand this 23 day of Sept 1776

Francis Jones

March 21. 1776. Promis. note and bond of P. F. to Caleb Brinton
Birmingh. twp. Chest. Co. for £130, 0, 0,

(Printed sheet)

CHESTER, March 23, 1776.

ALL such Soldiers as are absent without leave, or that have deserted from any of the Companies belonging to the 4th Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops, who will join the same now stationed at Chester and Marcus-Hook, on or before the 10/th day of April next, shall be received with full PARDON; and all such as remain absent after that date will be advertised and punished as DESERTERS.

All House-keepers or others harbouring or entertaining any Deserters, knowing them to be such, will be fined FIFTY DOLLARS for every offence, or suffer six months imprisonment, agreeable to a late Resolve of CONGRESS, confirmed by the House of Assembly of Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY WAYNE,
Col. 4th Bat. Penn. Troops.

Printed by JOHN DUNLAP, (torn) Philadelphia

April 6. 1776

April 6/th 1776

Cap/t Fraser
Sir

At the Instance of Col Dewees who I know has been a Considerable Sufferer by men Inlisting in his dept— I am to Request that you'd Discharge a Certain Francis Jones—you'l under these Circumstances make the matter as easy as possible to Col Dewees as the cost if any will come out of his Pocket

I am S. your most Ob/t S/r Anty Wayne

My D/r Polly

This evening or tomorrow I go to Philad/a on Friday I expect to be at Home on Sunday my Company will march, Colonel Johnston says I must stay here w/th him till the last of the men march, Please to send one of the Boys w/th a Horse for me on Friday. I have nothing new. my best Love to you all

Am yr. Affect. Husband
Persifor Frazer

Chester Apr. 8/th, 1776
For Mrs Frazer P fav. of Mr Griffithe

Cap/t Frazer D/r to George Speer for Boarding		
Hezekiah Ragg	To 4 weeks at 7/6 p/r.....	£1— 10— 0
Paul Ellis	To 1 D/o at 7/6 p/r.....	7— 6
John Tanner	To 2 D/o at D	15— 0
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Received Ap/1 15/th 1776 the above Sum of Three Pounds nineteen Shillings and five pence from Cap/t Frazer in full of all Demands ag/t him

George Speer

My D/r Polly

Tomorrow I am to go to Philad/a I shall return again I expect on Thursday Evening and shall be at home on Saturday evening if possible.

Pleas to send me a Couple Clean Shirts Stocks and Stockings by the Bearer I know not when the Company will March but expect some time next week, my love to the Children and am my d/r Polly y/r loving Husband

Pers/r Frazer.

April 23. 1776

I have sent some dirty Clothes home.

For Mrs Frazer

May 1. 1776.

Chester, May 1/st 1776

Cap/t Tayler

(Sir) you are to maeke your Selves, and Cap/t Church both with your Compaynees Ready to march to morrow morning to New york the Close for your Comp/s will be at the Hook this Evening: and you will Embark to morrow morning with the first High waather you will Call heire, for the Coullers to take on Board the shallup, whear Cap/ta Church/s Comp. are

Nich: Haussegger
Major 4 Bat/1 P. R.

My D/r Polly

I have finished all my business here and a ready to set off for Bristol tomorrow morning I shall give you directions when I get to Camp in what manner to forward your Letters.

Should old Noblit be troublesome to you you had better apply to Mr. Cheyney and he will direct you the short method to take by Jury and a Justice. (or 3 Justices.)

I have agreed to have the Evening Post sent to Tommy Evans's. I have inclos'd the Lease between Thomas Taylor and Jemmy and myself please to let Jemmy have it I have not more to add but my best wishes to all friends my love to my D/r Children and my unfeigned love to yourself and am y/r Affect. Husband.

p. fav/r Mr Jones
To Mrs Mary Frazer
Thornbury

My D/r Polly

Orders have come down this day from Genl. Washinton for our Regiment to March as soon as they can be Cloathed and Equip'd. I am just setting off for Philad/a with Colonel Johnston shall be at Home Sunday or Monday do get every thing ready as soon as possible, the latter end of next Week will be the extent of my stay.

I am Yr. Affect/e Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer Thornbury

May 4. (1776)

New York Mrch/ts Coffee House May 4/th

Sir

as I am informed you are the first Captain in Col/l Wayne's Battalion of which I have been lately appointed Chaplain in Connection w/th Col/l Hand's Battalion of Riflemen, and that it is your Office to draw y/e pay of the Field and staff Officers, I am under the necessity of troubling you in this way in order to secure the arrears which are due to me from the first of January last—I need not perhaps mention to you that by order of the Commander in Chief one half of the Chaplain's Pay is to be drawn by one of the Regiments which he serves, and the other half by the other—I have received the half by Col/l Hand from the first of Jan/y to the first of April—But should your Regiment go off to Canada before the remaining half due from the first of January to the first of May, to be drawn by you be

secured, I may probably loose it, as the advantage of having it drawn in the proper way will then be removed—I do not, Sir, apply to you without having first spoken to Col/l Wayne, who was pleased to refer me to you—It would give me pleasure to see you personally Be assured however of my best Wishes and Prayers for your safety, honour and success in your Canadian expedition—

If you will be so kind as to give yourself the trouble of serving me in this instance you will lay me under very particular obligation—I have could wish that the money, when drawn, might be left in trust w/h M/r Cornelius Bradford at the Merchant's Coffee House—I have mentioned to him your Name and the Sum and desired him to receive it and give you a Receipt—

I am, Dear Sir, your affectionate friend
and very humble servant

Samuel Blair—Chaplain

to Col/l Hand's and Col/l Wayne's Battalions
Cap/t Persifor Frazier

Addressed

To
Cap/t Persifor Frazier
New-York

Long Island May 23/d 1776.

My D/r Polly

I left Philad/a this day Week in Compy. with Doc/r Kennedy and arrived Safe at New York on Saturday Evening on Sunday came over to this place and found everything and every Person as well as I could desire. We are situated opposite to New York ab/t 3/4 of a Mile from it, in the pleasantest place I ever yet beheld both for improvements and prospect. it is expected We shall continue here as an Armament is dayly look for from England or Halifax. We have not yet got Arms for the Companys now here but expect shortly we shall be fully supply'd, there are not less than 10 different Fortifications now very forward on this and the New York side w/ch it is thought will be sufficient for the defense of the Capital and disappoint our Enemies in their Schemes of making any great progress in this Country, the Force now in this Neighbourhood amount to ab/t 10 or 12 Thousand Men and it is expected the other Troops rais/d in our Government will be order'd here. The news from Quebec is bad but not so much so as the first acc/ts mention. We have lost but ab/t 200 of our Sick 14 pieces of Artillery and some Baggage, our Troops are now in good condition ab. 45 Miles above Quebec where they propose to make a stand.—

Our Men with out flattery exceed all the other Troops both in appearance and Subordination they are respected by all the inhabitants and hope we shall continue to deserve the character We have acquired. Jem Young deserted the other day if you can hear anything of him send word to Capt. Anderson at Chester to have him taken up and immediately confin'd and every Person that has harbour him ought to be dealt with with the greatest severity. The Blue Cloath at Darby if is good and looks well wou'd advise you not to dispose of it and it is likely I shall want a Suit of it for my own use, I have got one p/r cotton Stockings the other cotton thread I left with the Stocking Weaver who's Name is deshong and lives on the South side of Market Street within a Door or two of furthest House next the Commons I did not pay him for Weaving the pair I have got—if you should hear of any safe hand please to send them.

I have been Honour'd with the Acquaintance of General Green who Commands on this Island in whose Company I have been frequently He is an Accomplish'd fine Gentleman and respected by all ranks, should be happy in being continu'd under his Command.

If the New England Troops do not fight better than their appearance indicate they will make a poor hand of it. I have not more worth notice to inform you off. Give my best respects to Nancy Sally Thomson, Betsy Taylor Isaac, Jemmy, Tommy Cheney, Tommy Taylor Westtown, Capt Anderson and all other enquiring friends. My most ardent Wishes attend my D/r Children and wish you my D/r Polly Life Health and Prudence and am Yr. Affectionate Husband.
Pers/r Frazer

Should you write direct to me of the 4/th Pennsylv/a Regiment command/d by Col Wayne at Long Island. This goes inclos'd to Mrs Kennedy by a person going to Lancaster

To Mrs Mary Frazer Thornbury Township Chester County.
June 4/th 1776.

M/r Oliver please to forward this it came inclosed to me to Day and has been Detained at Phil/a I got one from the D/r Wrote since which says the dayly expect an attack
Sarah Kennedy

May 25. 1776

Long Island May 25/th 1776

Col. Johnston's Orders

As it is not known what moment the Enemy will make an attack upon us, it is therefore highly requisite to make every preparation in our power for their reception—

The Works on this Island not being yet finish'd, we must

therefore use every mean in our power to expedite the same—

For this purpose Order out as soon as possible, this afternoon, the Comp'y next in tour of Duty, on fatigue—Let the officers attend with the men, and keep them employ'd—this however seems needless, as our Men have gained great Credit in the Army as, active industrious men—

Endorsed

Capt/n Frazer Or
the Command/g off/r
of 4/th Penn: Batt/n

May 28. 1776. Dear Maddam

I have sent the Mare by the safest hands that I could find: and have use/d her weell, according to Cap/t Frazers Request, but not so soon as as I Expected—I heard from the Captain this Day and hee is in Good Health and I shall sett out for New York Tomorrow Morning Early, soner than I Expected but It is General washingtons Orders which Gives me some Trouble as I have not a formal Leave of my Family, but have the Promise of Returning in two or three weeks to see my wife and family and hope to have the plasure of Cap/n Frazers Company which I Dare say will be Verry agreeable to you

From Yours Maddam

John Harper

Phila/d May y/e
28/th 1776

Addressed For
N: B Please to Give my Compliments to my Friends
M/rs Mary Frazer
in
Thornbury
To Care of Chester County
M/r Cartin

Long Island June 7/th, 1776.

My D/r Polly

I wrote to you about 2 Weeks ago the Letter was inclos'd to Mrs. Kennedy. I have receiv'd no Account from you since my arrival in this place, but a verbal one by Mr. Harper who arriv'd here on Monday last and inform'd me that he heard you were all well, I continue in my Usual health indeed the whole five Companies encamp'd here are remarkably healthy not above one or two any way disorder'd We have not yet got Arms but are in daily expectation of

those that were taken lately near Boston, when I expect We shall be compleatly Arm'd, whether we shall go to Quebec or stay is not certain, but think it most probable this Island will be our station as General Green seems very fond of our joining his Brigade; the Fortifications in this neighbourhood are very numerous one or two New Ones lately constructed, those that were first began are nearly compleat, and the whole make a very formidable appearance, the last news from Quebec is favourable about 1500 of our Men under General Arnold have defeated a large Body of Regulars Canadians and Indians near Montreal some Acc/ts say they have killed and taken the whole party consisting of 700. Two small parties of ours had been defeated by them before Genl. Arnold attack'd them.

There are a very last numbers of Tories in this Island and Neighbourhood there was information given the other day to General Putnam that a number of the most noted of them in this Government were to meet near thirty miles from this place on Tuesday last and Governor Tryon with them. Colonel Johnston and myself were sent off in disguise to reconnoitre the Neighbourhood where they were to have met.—

On Monday night last. A number of Rifle men and the New England Troops amountg. to upwards of 250 set off in the night in order to bring those in We should discover. We proceeded to Jamaica and Hampstead two noted Tory Vilages the one ab/t 12 the other about 25 Miles from hence. We had not time to make all the discoveries We would wish before the Troops who had march'd very Quick came up with Us. The Tories took the Alarm through the Country where the Troops pass'd and Expresses were dispatch'd to their Leaders. Two of their principals were taken; Tryon had not come on Shore nor can I think he intended it, but from the Conversation We had believe there was to have been a Meeting of some of them. We personated Tories so well that no one of them had any suspicion of our assum'd characeter, but all the men women and Children we met with were of the most villainous principles of any I ever yet heard. had the Honour the other day to be in Company with General Putnam and several other officers and went with him in his Barge from New York to visit the Fortifications on Governors Island and Paulus Hook, both of them opposite New York, he is a smart. active indefatigable Old Gentleman and appears very sensible in his profession.—

I am very sorry to hear there is likely to be such division in our Province I am clearly of Opinion the Convention scheme is very impolitic and unnecessary at this time, could wish the leaders of the contending parties wou'd take more pains to unite and conform to each others sentiments for the General good, I am very well satisfied I am

from among them at this time as contentions of any kind are very disagreeable to me.

If you could send the Cloth to Mr Henry in Philadelphia as also the stockings and my other Hat if they cou'd be put into a small Box and go by the stage Waggon or Coach in the Care of some safe hand, I find I shall have occasion enough of them.—

I was yesterday about 12 miles from this viewing the shipping near the sea, I counted 6 large ships and 6 smaller ones most of the larger are ships of war and some of the smaller Tenders, none have yet arriv'd from England as We can hear. Please to send your Letters to Mrs. Kennedy She is to send hers and yours inclos'd to Mr Bradford in Philadelphia and he is to send them to his Brother who keeps the Coffee House in New York. Shoud be extremely Glad to receive a Line from you. I have nothing more worthy of your notice to inform you of. Major Haussuker D/r Kennedy and myself Lodge at a private House near the Camp, a very genteel commodious, pleasant place as ever I saw, and the people extremely agreeable, the other Officers Mess together at a House at the Camp Great Harmony has hitherto subsisted among the whole Officers and men indeed nothing is disagreeable only the troubles subsisting in the Continent and absence from my dear little Family.

Give my best and warmest respects to Your Mother, Brother, Sister, my Sister Nancy, my old Friends and associates that enquire after me.

I am my D/r Polly wishing you and my little ones every blessing Heaven can shower on you Your Affectionate Husband.

Persifor Frazer

To Mrs Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania recommended to the care of Mrs. Harper, Wilmington.

P. fav. Mr. Littler.

June 10 1776

My D/r Polly

I wrote to you the other day by Mr. Littler of Wilmington directed to the care of Mrs Harper and there was a letter inclos'd to Mrs Kennedy which desire you may forward imediately; I expect Mr Vernon will see Mr Littler as he has not yet left York and he will get the Letter from him and forward that and this to you I wrote to you a few days after my arrival here under cover to Mrs. Kennedy w/ch I hope you have receiv'd. I have nothing new to inform you since Writing the last, shall continue to write every opportunity and expect you will not fail to let me hear from you as often as possible. When you send the articles I mention'd in my last please to send me some Linnen for Lining dont forget the Stockings in Philadelp/a

Let me know how many Shirts I had with me as I think I have lost one, as I have but 5 now, please to expedite the cloath and other things as Quick as possible. Remember me to every Friend My best love to my D/r Children I am my Dr Polly

Long Island

June 10/th 1776

Your affectionate Husband

Persifor Frazer

To

Mrs Mary Frazer Thornbury Township Chester Co.
p fav/r of Mr Vernon

Long Island June 17/th 1776.

My D/r Polly

I have wrote three letters to you since my arrival here no answer has yet come to my Hands. Doct/r Kennedy has received two Letters; he has obtained liberty to be absent for 8 or 10 days I have therefore taken this favorable opportunity to inform you of my welfare, he has promis'd me that he will wait upon you before his return he can inform you more fully of our situation and many other particulars than I can possibly recollect or bring in the Compass of a Letter. We have a great deal of News Stirring here on both sides the Question and any man fond of hearing and relating novelities may have full employment for his Talents in this place, I am not over fond of relating things without foundation otherwise cou'd inform you of enough to keep you in suspence what judgment to form. I have a better opinion of my own Country than I ever expected I should have: We have not half the Tory's there, that are to be found here, and the worst with you are better Neighbours, better Men and better Christians than the moderate Men in this place, they are likely to go through the fiery tryal before this week ends, the people upon this Island who oppose Public Measures (and indeed there are scarce any others as this is the worst part of the province) I understand from the best authority the Chief of them are to be apprehended, and as it is expected the English Army will Land here all the Live stock and other provisions which may otherwise be of great advantage to the enemy is to be remov'd off the Island. It is expected that an additional Number amounting to 10.000, will be in this neighborhood before the end of this week our Army will then amount to not less than 25000 Men besides the Militia that may be call'd in from sundry parts. Part of the third and 5/th, Battalion of Pennsylvanians arriv'd at New York, yesterday, the remainder will be here before the end of the Week. Our News from Canada is much more favorable than the last acc/ts I think I inform'd you that two parties of our Men had been defeated there and that a strong party under General Arnold had fallen upon the Enemy and made the whole of them Prisoners, Only

the first part of this acc/t has turned out to be true, but by fresh acc/t receiv'd yesterday w/ch may be relied upon, a large Number of our Army has surrounded the Enemy who were intrench'd on an Island, that they threatened unless our General would allow them a Truce of six days, and give in exchange for the Prisoners they had Just before taken some of their people that had been taken by our arms, that they wou'd deliver those in their hands to the Indians who made part of their Army to be Massacred, our General rather than trust those bloody minded Wretches agreed to their terms and yesterday or to day the truce was to expire, at which time he intended to fall upon them. Our Army is now fully supplyd w/th Provisions there, Many of the Canadians sinc the late reinforcements in that Quarter have apply'd for Commissions in our Army, our Currency is establish'd among them on a good footing and it is hop'd every thing will again go well this information has been receiv'd from General Sullivan. The Privateers to the Eastward have lately taken some very valuable Prizes; one a Jamaica vessel w/th 500 Hh'ds of sugar and other valuable Articles, another Transport with ab/t 100 Scotch Soldiers on board with sundry stores, and some say another Transport has been sunk however this last is not to be depended upon. It is given out by our Generals here that they are in daily expectations of the Fleet from England what authority they have for their apprehensions I know not, but hope a good account will be given of them should they attempt this place.

If the Cloath is in your opinion good and fit to make a genteel Coat do send it by the Doctor with the other things I mention'd in my last Letter: should the service continue till Fall shall make a further draw upon some of your woolens for a surtout Coat Jacket Breeches etc. I cannot recollect any news unmention'd worth your hearing must therefore refer you to the Doctor for particulars you must not neglect to write every leisure Hour and every opportunity you have. Jem Young is not yet taken up nor have I heard anything of him since he deserted, I am very suspicious some of your neighbours have advis'd him to desert before he left Chester do make all imagineable enquirey relating to him. Jemmy Thomson's Boy is not to be heard off in this Quarter. I understand the Militia in our Province is to be taken into pay, let me know how our Neighborhood turn out. Give my most Cordial respects to Mammy Peirce, Isaac Jemmy Sally Betsey. My d/r Sister Nancy, Thommy Taylor Ws Town Tommy Cheyney and every other my worthy Friends and Neighbors, give each of my sweet little Babes a kiss for me, My best Love to those and Conclude my dearest Polly your truly affectionate Husband.

Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer Thornbury Township, Chester County.
p fav. of Do/r Kennedy.

Jun 23/d 1776.

My D/r Percy

I have Injoyd a poor Steate of helth Cence our unhappy Partting your little ones is well Freidrich has been Sick Twoddel affair is left til your return I have received but little monney my Neighbors is Exceeding Good and redy to Searve mee you desire to know how your Neighborhood turn out to the best of my knowledge the are 15 men Stronge the Convention Scheme has turnd Every thinge up side down I am prepairing Cloath for a Surtout Coat Jacket and Breeches wosstid for Stockings please to let know the Culler Mammy Nancy Sally Betsey Isaac Jemmy Polly Peirce the are in Good helth Sends there best respects to you little Sally Sends her Love to Daddy little Persifor is the Hansomest Child you have I have nothing more worthy of your notice Give my respects to all enquiring Friends I am my D/r Percy wishing every blessing Heaven can Shower an you your affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer.

you had 6 Shirts 7 white and 3 Black Stocks 8 pair of Silk Cotton linning and wossted Stockings

To Cap/t Percifor Frazer

P. fav/r
Doc/r Kennedy

of the 4/th Pensylv/n
Regiment Comman/d
by Col. Wayne at Long
Island

My D/r Polly

Doct/r Kennedy arriv'd here last night by whom I receiv'd your letter w/ch I do assure you gave me the greatest pleasure to hear of your, the Childrens and friends' Welfare. We are to embark for Albany on Saturday next without arms, unless a remonstrance which the Officers of our Regim/t to General Washington may alter his Orders. We complain to him of the impropriety of the measure as there is no probability of our getting arms there and of consequenc We cannot pretend to go further than that place. We expect an Answer this day We have been promis'd a number of arms w/ch arriv'd here a few days ago from Boston and our disappointm/t causes great Uneasiness among Us. We have heard that Gen/l Thompson has had an engagement w/th some Troops in Canada and by his advancing too precipitately he and ab/t 40 others were made prisoners, Col/o Wayne we hear was in the engagement and behav'd remarkably well with the Troops of our Regim/t that were with him, there has been a very great overhall among the Tories in this Government, their scheme has been found out to be an infernal One, the Mayor of York and some other principal men who are now in Goal

were ringleaders they had by the influence of Cash Brib'd three of General Washington's guards and had enlisted many men into their infernal scheme which in a few days will bring down just retribution on their devoted heads; shall write you more fully of this affair in my next, shall expect you will not neglect to write every safe opportunity. You may make the Cloath you talk off the Colour of Doc/t Kennedy's surtout if you can conveniently, this goes by Eliz/a Young who has taken a notion to return she tells me she will certainly deliver this immediately on her going to our neighborhood, would be glad you wou'd enquire about her son Jem whether he has been in our neighborhood. I have nothing more to add only that I continue in good health and spirits, if our people shou'd be put to the tryal of their Courage make no doubt but that they will not disgrace the Cause they are engaged in. If I had a safe hand wou'd send you some money but that does not offer yet. My sincere Compliments attend all friends, relations and by best Wishes and Love to you and my D/r little Ones I am my D/r Polly

Y/r affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer.

Long Island

Thursday morning, June 27/th 1776.
To Mrs Mary Frazer in Thornbury Township, Chester County
Pennsylvania.

p. fav/r of
Eliz/a Watson.

My Dear Polly

The Vessells are now ready and our Troops will embark this evening for Albany, it is not likely We shall go further than Crown Point or Ticonderoga, it is expected this place will be attack'd in a few days, as Vessells are still coming to the mouth of this Bay, It is said General Howe is now there, am very sorry We are obliged to go at this time when Action is so near at hand, but shall submit to what is allotted without repining, if there is not a propability of our Troops being soon arm'd the chief of our Officers will resign as it is very discouraging to be so long rais'd to no effect Our Canadian Army are entirely at the above Forts, as General Burgoyne and a large Army have arriv'd in Canada, they have had a Brush with our people ab/t 250 of whom are kill'd wounded and taken prisoners, General Thomson and 2 or three other officers are among the latter, the greatest part of our Army are Sick the am/t 3000, they made their retreat good leavg. Scarce anything behind them, it is not expected Burgoyne can advance as we have the entire Command of the Lakes by our Arm'd Vessells and it will be a very considerable time before they can

build Boats for their Army and Provisions I wrote you the day before yesterday by Lizzy Young which I expect will not come to hand as her Husband one John Watson of my Compy has deserted and gone with her. When I was in Philad/a I left a Watch belonging to one of my men at Mr. John Wood to be repair'd and forgot to Call for it do please to send by some safe hand for it you must send an order and keep it safe. I will if possible send you some Money before long, there are a great Number of Troops daily arriv'g from different Quarters here. I do not recollect any material News worth communicating, give my best Wishes to all my good Neighbours my obligations to them for their kindness to you shall never be forgot by me, remember my best Love and respects to all relations and enquiring Friends. May every blessing attend you and my D/r children shou'd any accident befall me inculcate into them the Principles of Virtue which will of course make them happy here and hereafter, I am my Dear Polly

Your ever affection/t Husband
Persifor Frazer.

New York

June 29/th, 1776

To Mrs Mary Frazer in Thornbury Township, Chester County
To the care of Mr Sam/l Oliver with all speed.

Lake George at Fort George July 9, 1776

My Dearest Pollye

My last to you gave an account of our being order'd to March to Albany, We left New York on Saturday Evening the 29/th, last month, We had a very agreable passage up the North River to Albany w/ch is reckond 180 Miles except the Misfortune of loosing a corporal in my Company, who laid himself down to sleep on some casks upon Deck and tumbled overboard, he was a fine young fellow in every respect, liv'd near Colonel Waynes, and his name Joshua Davis. We arriv'd at Albany Tuesday morning early, the place by no means answer'd the idea I had form'd of it, the buildings in general old fashion'd and very irregular the inhabitants as uncouth as their dwellings. We were there furnish'd with Arms (the greatest part ordinary) and some other necessaries and set off for this place on thursday morning by land and arriv'd on Sunday about noon the distance near 70 miles. I travell'd in a waggon about 10 miles at first setting out, and march'd the whole of the remainder without any complaint except a blister or two on each foot, but thank God am now in as good health and spirits as ever in my Life, indeed I have found my spirits increase as difficulties arise and Pray God it may

continue, there is not any news worth relating, the Sick Troops are to be remov'd from Ticonderoga to this place the Hospital is now fitting up for their reception the Grand Hospital under the direction of Doctor Potts is to be here. We are all now preparing to get our Baggage on Board to embark tomorrow for Ticonderoga distant about 40 miles we are to go in Batteaus within 3 miles of that place, the Situation of this place is very agreable, the Lake close to our Camp, it abound w/th great plenty of excellent Fish, the ruins of Fort William Henry is within 200 yards of the place I now write from. Our Troops are in high Spirits considering the warm weather and long march, We have all liv'd very happily and hope in three days to see our worthy Colonel and the rest of our Battallion who have gain'd great reputation for their steady, manly behaviour in the last Action. I am in great hopes we shall not Disgrace them I have beg'd Doctor Potts to forward this to his Brother Joseph who I hope will imediately send it to you, any Letter you may want to send or any thing else may be forwarded to the Doctor Potts at this place. Lieu/t Col/o Allen went to Philadelphia a few days ago a Letter by him will come safe as I expect he will return before long If I can meet with a safe hand will send you 40 or £50 before long. I desire you may not neglect every safe hand you can hear of to write to me. I think Jemmy Thomson, Tommy Cheney and Tomy Taylor W Town may let me know the news they have as a line from any of them wou'd be very agreable You must excuse the incorrectness of this as the Whole Camp is now in motion packing up their Baggage. I believe I shall want some shirts before spring there is nothing to be had here but at a very extravagant rate. Rum at 18/p Gallon you may guess of every thing else; I cannot recollect any thing particular more to inform you. I have contriv'd to make my Letter as long as possible, there is no part of this Country or any thing in it equal to Pennsylv/a Doct/r Kennedy and all your other acquaintance are well. I hear this day from Colonel Wayne, he is well and all the Officers except one who's name I cannot learn who has been wounded but is likely to recover. And now my dear Wife I beg and pray of you should any thing happen to me (as we are all liable to accidents of various kinds and Life without the proper enjoyments of it is not worth having) that you would use the utmost of your power to bring up the Children that God has blest Us with, in the paths of Virtue, nothing I am sure can give you greater pleasure on reflection and nothing can be of greater advantage to them. Please God I am spared I shall see you the ensuing Winter. I hope no action of mine will bring disgrace on my Children, it is my determination to do my Duty how it may turn out on the day of trial is not for me to say but find as yet no great concern.

Give my most sincere and hearty Love to every One of our relations and friends all my good neighbours whose respect to you I will

not forget. My Sisters Nancy, Sally, Isaac, Betsy, Jemmy Thomson and Sally and particularly mammy Pierce and Little Polly are desired to accept of my most sincere Love.

Give my blessing to my Dear little Sally, Robby, Mary Anne and Peirey and am with my ardent Prayers to Heaven for your welfare my Dear Polly your affectionate and ever loving Husband

Persifor Frazer

Direct for me at Crown Point to the Care of Doctor Potts at Fort George on Lake George.

To Mrs Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township Chester County to the care of Mr. Joseph Potts, Merchant. Philadelphia.

Ticonderoga, July 15, 1776

My Dear Polly

I wrote to you from Fort George on Wednesday last the next morning the whole of our 5 Companies am/tg to 360 men with their Baggage embark'd on Board 15 Batteaus and Cross'd the Lake in about 10 Hours being 36 Miles and ancamp'd at the Landing place about 3 Miles from Ticonderoga, on Friday we remov'd to this place and encamp'd just under the wall to the southward of the Fort, this has been the Strongest place of any I have yet seen, but is now in a very ruinous condition and there is not any thing done to put it in any posture of defence; there are abt. 40 pieces of Cannon here besides 2 Schooners and a Sloop carrying in the whole ab/t 40 p/s cannon more and 2 Gondaloes, another Fortification is propos'd just opposite this place on a point ab/t $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile distant on y/e other side the Lake, where all the southern Troops as they are here call'd, consisting of the First and Sixth Battallions w/th our own from Pennsylv/a and 2 Jersey Battallions are to encamp in a day or two, the ground is now entirely cover'd with Timber and think it will not be a very agreable situation.

Our Battallion is now joined for the first time since it has been rais'd and it gave us all great satisfaction to find ourselves together though many of the officers and soldiers of the compy' through the fatigue they had undergone are in a poor state of health, but it is hoped they will all shortly recover as they will now enjoy more ease and be better provided for than they were in Canada, though I assure you the provisions are chiefly no other than Bread and pork. the Behaviour of the chief part of our officers and Men at the skirmish at three Rivers has gained them great applause, none of the army it is agreed on all hands deserves it more than Cap/t Church and his Company, this I desire you may inform Jemmy Thomson of, as We had some suspicions which I do assure him he has by no means meritted,

but behav'd w/th great Courage in a very hot Quarter that fell to his Share. Poor John Talbot was shot I think in the head doing his duty like a Worthy Soldier.

Colonel Wayne arriv'd w/th 3 Comp/s the day before We came to this place and it is agreed on all hands we shall not go further The New England Troops are chiefly at Crown point, they have for this many days past been sending their Sick to Fort George where a Hospital is providing to receive them and all the sick of this Army the whole of the Troops fit for Duty in this Quarter does not amount to more than 26 or 2700 men though there are not less than 16 Regm/ts and upwards, the Penns/a and Jersey Troops are the greatest part of the army now fit for Action. We have no news here from Canada to be relied on it said General Burgoyne has got near 5 Sail of Vessells almost ready in order to visit this place, the navigation from this place (w/ch lies at the End of Lake Champlain) almost to Fort S/t Johns is easy. Major Haussegger and myself with a small party are to go shortly in a Whale Boat to get intelligence towards S/t Johns.

I want very much to see Crown Point and the Country below it.

Mr. Jones our Chaplain (who's family resides in the Valley not far from Colonel Waynes) proposes to go home before very long, Cap/t Robinson of our Regiment also proposes to get leave to go home for a short time, should either of them go shall send you about £40. it is hard trusting every hand that goes or else should have sent it you before this time. I have yet recev'd but one letter from you. I have wrote many, and as almost all the Officers here complain that their letters have miscarried am afraid some of mine may meet the same fate, it has been a practice to open many letters and erase such parts as has been too severe upon the Measures of Leading men in this Country. Wou'd therefore advise you to write by no other but such hands as you can depend upon, I can think of no safer way than to get Mr. Joseph Potts to enclose yours to his Brother who superintends the Hospital at Fort George and from him the conveyance will be easy and safe should have no greater pleasure here than to receive a Letter from you and desire you may write more full than your Last. I have enjoyd my health as well as I could wish, have laid in a Tent almost 2 weeks and though it rains almost every day find no inconvenience. Would beg of you if you can find a safe hand to send me the things I mention'd in a former Letter, my Hat stockings some home made Linnen abt. 4/yds and if to be had 2 or 3 ruffled shirts, there is nothing to be had of that kind here and every other thing at a most extravagant rate. I am sorry I did not lay in many other little necessities before I left home as I find the want of them. I study to make my Letter as long as possible as I know a particular acc/t of things will please you. We have heard here this day that Independency has been declar'd by the Congress. God only knows how

matters will terminate. Our Cause is good and hope He will not suffer us to be Over Run by our Arbitrary Enemies. There is not that dependence on the New Engl/d Men that I expected they make a most wretched appearance from home, as they are not able to endure hardships equal to the other American Troops above three fourths of them are now unfit for service by what I can learn Give my most unfeigned Love to all my good neighbours, remember me particularly to mammy Peirce, My Sisters Sally and Nancy, Isaac Taylor and Betsy. Jemmy Thomson and Sally and Polly Peirce, my best Love to my Sweet little Babes and am my Dearest Polly wishing you all the Choicest blessings of Heaven

Your ever Loving and affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer.

Ticonderoga July 15/th, 1776.

I open'd this after it was seal'd to desire of you to send me also 3 or 4 yards of fine home made white Cloath send me also the trimmings necessary for Jacket and Breeches as nothing of that sort is to be had here send me also a good deal of thread. You may expect I shall write you again in a few days, please to have the things for me put up in a good Box well secur'd and directed if our Chaplain returns shortly will prevail upon him to take them under his Charge, otherwise Mr Henry or some good friend in Philadelphia may be prevail'd upon to put the things in the Care of some good safe hand as there are many people passing to and fro from Phila/a and this place
N B—a Hat, 2 p/r cotton and 4 p/r Worsted Stockings, 2 p/r yarn ditto 2 ruffled and 2 plain Shirts, 3 y/ds brown Linnen, 6 y/ds white Cloath some large and some small button molds, white lining and trimmg/s for Jacket and Breeches, white lining for a Coat, some worsted etc for the stockg/s, and any other little matter w/ch you may think of.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer in Thornbury Township Chester County.

Ticonderoga July 21, 1776

My dearest Polly

I had wrote the letter w/ch accompanys this and expected to have sent it away by a Gentleman going to Philadelphia but as conveyances are not all to be depended upon was advis'd not to forward it, this goes by a Gentleman Colonel Campbell who has acted as Quarter Master General since my last our destination is alter'd and our Camp is remov'd close to the old French Lines a place w/ch has already cost the English many thousand men and as We are now repairing them with expedition, should our Enemies forbear their approach for 2 or three weeks think We shall be able to give a

very good account of them should they attack us the New England and Jersey Regim/ts are to occupy and Fortify the other side where it was intended We should go, our Encampment is close to the Lines where Genl Abercrombie was defeated, the situation very important, the four Pens/a Regiments are to defend this part w/ch it. is likely will be a very Warm one it is ab/t $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above the Fort to the southward, this is a very disagreeable strange Climate it has rained every day except one since our arrival, the Evening after We remov'd our Camp it rain'd excessive hard when almost every Person in the Camp was nearly afloat with the water, especially those that lay on the ground, among w/ch number I was, the bottom of my tent being 2 inches deep with water, and all my cloaths and my self wet and oblig'd to lay there till morning, notwithstanding I little I continue as well as ever in my Life. Many of the Commanding Officers in this Quarter are and will be call'd to a severe account for their cowardly and dishonest Behaviour, our Regim/ts are in high esteem and hope we shall not loose our reputation, all the Troops are to evacuate Crown Point and repair to this place shortly, and bring all the ammunition Cannon and stores w/ch is a large Quantity. Mr Jones our chaplain will leave this in a few days and promised he will call and see you shall neglect no safe opportunity of Writing and expect you will not omit. Please to send me in the Box all the News Papers since the middle of June. We hear no news here. All your acquaintance here are well. I remain with my best wishes to all Friends, My best Love to my D/r Children my D/r Polly, your Lovg.

Husband

Persifor Frazer

Ticonderoga July 21/st, 1776.

Ticonderoga July 25/th, 1776.

My Dear Polly

I wrote you a Letter from Lake George w/ch I left in the care of Doc/r Potts who is Director of the Hospital at that place and who promis'd me he won'd forward it to his Brother Joseph in Philadelphia w/ch I hope you will receive before this comes to your Hands, I also wrote you another a few days since by a certain Col/o Campbell Quarter Mas/r Gen/l of the army in Canada who was bound to Philad/a who promis'd to be punctual in delivering the Letter which was under Cover directed to Mr. Joseph Potts, these letters gave you an Acc/t of our March from New York to Albany and from thence to Lake George and this place, as also the News here and the situation of the Army and other matters; I have now this opportunity by Capt/ Rippey of the 6/th Pens/a Battallion, who has liberty to go

home for a short time and who I expect will deliver this letter to Mrs Kennedy I have receiv'd but one letter from you since I left home. We are now encamp'd close within the old French Lines, together with the first and second Penns/a Battallions and we are now constantly employ'd with all the men that can be spar'd from other duty, in repairing and putting them in the best posture of defence and hope should we be attack'd here that We shall be able to repulse our Foes. We have heard that a large number of New England troops are to be sent here to reinforce Us, there are now at this place 12 Regiments of Troops, chiefly New Englanders besides our Battallions and the whole am/t to 3100 effective, 2600 Sick and 1300 said to be on Command somewhere but to the General and ev'ry one but themselves unknown, our Battallions amount to about 1600 fit for duty. the miserable appearance and what is worse the miserable behaviour of the Yankees is sufficient to make one sick of the service, they are by no means fit to endure hardships, among them there is the strangest mixture of Negroes, Indians and Whites with Old Men and mere children which together with a Nasty lousy appearance, makes a most shocking Spectacle, no man was ever more disappointed than I have been in respect to them. The retreat of the Army to this place what ever others may think was certainly a well Judged piece of conduct, Crown Point the next fortress to this on Lake Champlain has been a very strong and important place, but the Works are in such a ruinous Condition and they are so very extensive that it would take the whole of our Army I think 6 Months to repair them. I was there the other day and found it to surpass my expectations the situation is very pleasant; the 6/th Pens/a Battallion is now there but should the Enemy approach they are to retreat to this place. General Arnold and a number of Colonels and other Officers it is expected will be bro/t to severe Acc/t for their action in Canada, Courts Martial are sitting and have been sitting this considerable time and it is not known when they will finish their disagreeable business, there has been the basest conduct in respect to the furnishing necessaries to the Army, and the Gentlemen who have had the managing of these matters are or ought to be looked upon as the greatest Traitors to their Country. General Gates has given the greatest satisfaction hitherto and hope it will continue. The Penns/a Troops have not much Connection with the New England Troops and am sorry We cannot be on more friendly terms, they are encamp'd close to the Fort and on a point just opposite on the other side the Lake. The Gentlemen of the Army complain very much that their Letters have been intercepted and open'd, very few coming to hand, such conduct deserves the severest punishment and some time or other those transgressors will pay for it, the design must be to prevent their actions coming to the know-

ledge of the Congress as they have been in every particular almost impos'd upon relating to the affairs in this Quarter.

I desir'd in my last letter that you would send me by some safe hand, 6 y/ds fine white Cloath, 5 y/ds Linnen home made, 2 ruffled and 2 plain shirts, 2 p/r cotton, 4 p/r Worsted and 2 p/r yarn stockings my Hat, some thread, trimmings for 2 jackets and a p/r Brecches, a Box of Andersons Pills and some other little things w/ch you can think of better than I can and as nothing but liquors and such things can be had here for money, shall have the greatest occasion for the most of them, you need not mind the Cloath for the Surtout as I intend to have a Blanket one made as they are the warmest and most fashionable here.

(Written about July 25, 1776 from Ticonderoga)

Draft of a letter to John Morton

Sir.

I have not forgotten the promise I made to you when I saw you last in Philadelphia, but as nothing material happened during our stay at Long Island which was not in the public prints, and our five companies being under daily expectation of having arms and marching to Canada, I deferred troubling you with mere formality, to which I know you as well as myself are an enemy. During our stay at Long Island our people were constantly employed in building fortifications, and were at length ordered to march June 29th, to Albany unarmed, but with a promise of receiving arms there from General Schuyler. On our arrival there we found plenty of muskets, but in such very bad repair that more than half of them were entirely useless, tho' they had been brought to the store last winter, and the whole of the remainder wanted great repairs. We were then ordered to march to this place where our bad arms should be exchanged for good ones, and were then to join our Colonel at Crown Point. We arrived here on the 10th, instant where the other companies with St. Clair's and De Haas's Pennsylvanians had arrived the day before, the 6th Battalion still remaining at Crown Point. The whole of them appeared in miserable plight from the fatigue and sickness they had undergone, but compared with the Eastern troops they are robust and hearty.

Upwards of 3000 sick I am well informed, have been removed from this place since my arrival, to Fort George where a general Hospital is erected for this army. I understand they are recovering fast, tho' many have been launched into the other world. Such miserable Spectacles I do assure you sir, cannot be described, as were every minute presented to our view, and to me who have not yet lost all sensibility were the most affecting scenes I ever beheld, and to a raw soldier as I am, very discouraging. Bread and salt pork are the only diet, the

army having received but 4 or 5 day's fresh provisions since they entered Canada, tho' it is now probable we shall be better supplied.

The amount of the army at this place and Crown Point the other day you may be assured stood thus: 2600 sick at Fort George, 1300 on command nobody can tell where, and 3100 fit for duty. The Pennsylvanians alone, are 1600 effective, and 12 regiments Eastern troops, New Yorkers, and Jerseymen make up the remainder. The retreat of the army to this place I look upon as a very prudent measure, as it is capable from its situation of being strongly fortified. Crown Point, where I have been is a much pleasanter and more healthy place, but the works are so extensive, and being in a ruinous condition, it would take more time than it is likely we shall be allowed to put it in a proper posture. The Pennsylvanians now here are constantly employed in repairing the old French lines at this place, which we are to defend, and expect in 15 or 20 days to have them in a better condition than ever they have been. The other troops are encamped on a peninsula the other side of the Lake, and accessible only in one place. It is about half a mile from the old fort, and they are busily employed in fortifying that ground. We have now on this Lake, 3 schooners, and 1 sloop mounting from 8 to 16 guns; also 4 gallies; and as a large number of ship-carpenters have lately arrived at Skeensborough from Philadelphia and other places, in order to build gondolas we expect we shall have a very respectable fleet before long which must be of great service. This army has suffered in every respect; a few men to whom the management of affairs in this quarter has been left, forgetting every object but that of making money, and that pursued with great industry; batteaux at 35, and almost all the other contracts centering chiefly in one hand, Ox teams and milch cows, are rather below the notice of any man possessing the chief command; supplying the army with every necessary at a very exorbitant price, all contracts going thro' his hands. These are uncontradicted reports, and from the little experience I have had, I have great reason to believe them literally true and far from being exaggerated. Indeed, exactions of every kind make it impossible to live here comfortably or indeed tolerably, and I am afraid that unless contractors and others who furnish the army with necessaries are more attentive to that business, there will not be that encouragement to form another army, that our situation will require. This is by no means a healthy place, as scarce a day has passed since my being here that there has not been rain. Lake Champlain being in a manner stagnated, causes a very unwholesome air, and many of the men who came with us well as the others, are now sick with fevers, and it is not in our power to yield them that relief their situation demands. General Gates is esteemed by all I have heard speak of him. We are all afraid the command will devolve upon a

less popular person; if it does it will be attended with bad consequences.

The whole of the officers here who have been in Canada, unite in saying that there is scarcely a word of truth in any information that has been published respecting affairs there; the letters that would have given the public an unbiassed account having been stopped, scarcely one in fifty from this quarter, or from our friends to this place have come to hand. Albany is charged with this villainous transaction, for what end may be easily guessed; indeed there is nothing makes our situation tolerable, except the cause in which we are engaged.

The arms we were promised at Albany to receive here are not to be had, we must therefore at this time begin to put our muskets in repair, and do without the bayonets. I nevertheless hope we will not bring disgrace on our country when we are put to the trial.

I have enjoyed a very good state of health hitherto, I have since I left Albany, laid in a small tent often upon the ground in very bad weather, and have found no bad consequences until within a few days I have been troubled with the disorder common here, but I am something better.

There are many other things which I could wish you knew, but I fear I have already wearied your patience with complaints which I do assure you are well founded.

Please remember me to your son Sketchley.

I am dear sir, with real regard
your most obt. servant
P. F.

Ticonderoga July 31/st 1776

My Dearest Polly

I had intended to have sent the inclos'd by Cap/t Rippey but as he was not certain on my applying to him whether he would go by the way of Philadelphia or not thought it best not to send it nor the money by him, as Mr Jones the Chaplain to our Regiment and who will give you this and £54 intended to go so shortly. His family resides in the Valley near the Babtist meeting House, do treat him with all the respect in your power he can inform you of every thing relating to this place, send the things mention'd in a good strong Chest Well secur'd and directed, Cap/t Rippy proposes to return to this place in about 7 or 8 weeks and will come by Phila/d he is acquainted with Mr Henry who would be a very good hand to leave it with, Mr Jones talks of returning here shortly, should you be disappointed in both these Mr Joseph Potts can convey it to his Brother at Lake George. I owe Joseph Robbins a small matter w/ch I re-

quest you to pay him as I forgot it, there is no news stirring here, I enjoy my usual health an up every morning before day at the alarm post with my Company and out every day at Work on the Lines, some of our people complain of the Fever and flux the weather Being continually wet and disagreeable. Give my most unfeigned respects to all my good Neighbours my Love to all relations and Sweet little Babes, nothing cou'd give me greater satisfaction than a line from you that you are all in health I am my dear Polly your

Loving and ever affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

Ticonderoga, July 31/st, 1776.

I have enclos'd you a draft of this place which I took yesterday, from a draft made here, it will give you and others satisfaction to have an idea of the situation. (See chapter V of military papers.)

General Arnold had arrested one Col. Hazen, the trial has been of long continuance Hazen is clear'd of the charge and Arnold's conduct not appearing so good and just as cou'd be wish'd he took great umbrage at some reflections that were thrown out in course of the trial, he has thrown aspersions on the court and is to make concessions or he will be under arrest. Col/o Beedle and Major Butterfield have been try'd for their conduct and Cashier'd in Consequence of their Bad conduct in Canada, it is very likely many other similar will take place before long, many of our men are sick this being an unwholesome place, I am thank God in good health tho' not so robust as when I left Long Island, let no opportunity slipp of writing it will give me great pleasure, as we have scarce any news here.

Aug. 1/st, 1776

To Mrs Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County Pennsylvania.

p. fav/r of the
Rev. Mr. Jones.

Ticonderoga Aug/t 6/th, 1776.

My Dearest Polly

I wrote to you the other day by our Chaplain Mr. Jones, who had liberty to return Home for some time, where he proposes to be in about 2 weeks; as he is to go by the way of New York, I sent by him Fifty four pounds Pensilv/a Money his Family lives in the Valley near the Babtist Meeting House on the Swedes Ford Road, he promis'd me he wou'd call upon you on his arrival at Home, I have receiv'd no Letters from you but the one you sent p/r Doct/r Kennedy it wou'd give me the greatest Pleasure to receive a line from you; you shou'd let slip no oppertunity as there are frequently persons coming this Way. I have enjoyed my health pretty well since

my arrival at this place tho' I have fell away a good deal since I left Long Island, there are very few of our Officers or Men but have had a severe spell of the Flux or Fever though none that come with Us died, there are 16 of my Comp. sick at this time though all mending fast Doc/r Kennedy has had a smart spell of sickness this 6 or 7 days past but is now able to walk about, Mr Bartholomew has been likewise ill but is recover'd, Mr. Seely my 2/d Lieutenant is at this time very unwell, the climate here is very unwholesome, the days are exceeding hot, the evenings and mornings are as cold as the latter end of November in Penns/a scarce a day passes without rain, every morning there is a very disagreeable fog arises from the Lake, the Water of which is almost as bad as poison, as it is almost stagnated, there is no other way of preventing Disorders but living well and every thing that is to be had is very exorbitant Spirits 20/. p Gall. Wine 30/. Chocolate 4/. Loaf Sugar 3/6. and every other matter equally dear though the expence of bringing articles is trifling. A Person properly qualified as a settler might make his fortune in 2 or 3 Months, there are no dry goods of any kind to be had and Liquors of all sorts and grocery articles will bring almost any Price. We have got our Lines in a very good posture of defence and hope in 10 or 12 days more to have them very formidable, 500 Troops from New England arriv'd at this place yesterday and 1500 more are expected in a few Days I have not yet seen them but unless they are better than the greatest part of those that have been here before them, they had better stay at Home, no man was ever more disappointed in his expectations respecting New Englanders in general than I have been, they are a set of low, dirty, griping, cowardly, lying rascals, there are some few exceptions and very few, they may do well enough at Home, but every fresh man that comes here is so much loss to the Army, as they will get sick with the small Pox or some lazy disorder and those that are season'd must take care of them and by that means weaken the Army, many of their Regiments for many months past have not had above 100 fit for duty and at some particular times 20 and some times none; this has been common among them, at the best their Regim/ts are not half full, a Colonel came in the other day with only 60 men in his Regiment and some of them had the small Pox, the General imediately sent them Home again. You may inform all your acquaintance not to be afraid that they will ever Conquer the other Provinces (w/ch you know was much talk'd off) 10,000 Pennsylvanians would I really think be sufficient for ten times that number out of their own Country. All the southern Troops Live in great Harmony the others we have little or no Connections with they are separated from us by the Lake. We have no certain Accounts of what the English are doing in Canada. We have heard that there are 7000 English and 5000 Canadians at S/t Johns where they are building Boats and Vessells to cross the Lake and

pay Us a Visit, but think they will scarce come so far this season. We heard yesterday from 2 Canadians that came in that they are retreated from S/t Johns and gone toward Quebec but I rather think, they will go up S/t Lawrence get into Lake Ontario and come down the Mohawk River as there is little or nothing to prevent them, unless we should move from this place to oppose them, However this information is not much Creditted, If our Troops meet with success at New York I think there is little danger of any thing they can do any where else. The Army in this Quarter has been treated with great neglect, the frequent scenes of distress which presented on our first arrival cannot be described, and to me who have not yet lost all sense of feeling for my Fellow Creatures was very discouraging. I expect before long We shall have some certain accounts of what they are about in Canada. We have 2 parties now out and they have been expected to return for some days past. By all means send me the things I mention'd as quick as possible as I shall be in great Want of them; indeed I want many of them now, and Cold Weather will set in, about a month hence, there is nothing of any sort of Cloathing to be had here. I hope to see you and my dear little Children and all friends in good health in the Winter, before that time We shall scarcely leave this place, do not forget to send all the Papers since the middle of June. We have scarce any intelligence here from Pensilv/a more than if we were in the Moon. Cap/t Jenkins son of Mrs. Jenkins in Philad/a is the bearer of this and expect he will forward it carefully to you, I am not certain whether he is to return or not but he will be a good Hand to inform you of any oppertunity coming this way should you miss any of those I mention'd in my former Letters, what is the reason Jimmy Thomson and Isaac do not Write, Tommy Cheyney and Tommy Taylor I expected would have wrote before this. A Letter from them would be very acceptable Remember me to them all and all my other Friends and relations

I am my Dearest Polly wishing you and my dear little Ones all the happiness that Human beings can enjoy.

Your Loving and affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer

Aug. 6. 1776

Thornbury august 6/. 1776

Dear Sir I much Rejoyce to hear from you and that you are in a Good state of Health and that your spirits bears you up to indure y/e fatigue you have to undergo—With so heroic a Resolution. Were it not for my bodyly infirmities I Could wish my self a pertaker in Every Dainger you have to incounter in that Glorious Cause of Lib-

erty I feel y/e same Zeal that warms y/e Breasts of Thousands of
breave Emericans and hass Roused them to take up arms in her de-
fence. so universall a Zeal nothing Could kindle but a Coal from y/e
alter of y/e Great Disposeer of both Causeees and Events, and
if in y/e Case as I believe to be Emerica will be Victorious. altho wee
may be Looock/d upon Like y/e poor, Isreellites broke Loose from
y/e bondage of Pharoug/h may have nations to Concor and seas of
Blood to wade through if not us our selv/es our Posterity will arive
at y/e Land of Promise that flows with Milk and honey

May God Almity Protect you and Direct you and Return you with
Honour and Safety to your family and friends is sincear Prayer of

Tho/s Cheyney

Addressed To
Cap/tn Persifor Frazer of the fourth
Pennsylvania Redg/mt Commanded
By Colonel Wayne Now in Albany
or near it To the Care of M/r
Doctor Potts at Leak-
-George

Ticonderoga Aug/t 10/th, 1776.

My D/r Polly

My last letter to you was of the 3/d instant p/r Mr
Jones Chaplain to our Regiment, by whom I sent One hundred fourty
four Dollars, I am still so unhappy as not to have receiv'd a line from
you, though almost every Body receiv'd letters the day before yes-
terday, We have now a post establish'd between this and Albany. who
goes constantly once a Week. I also wrote to you 3 days ago by
Cap/t Jenkins, (son of Mrs. Jenkins in Philad/a) I still continue to en-
joy my usual good health though I have had 2 or 3 threatening
Symptoms our men in general are getting better and our Fortifica-
tions are almost finish'd so that should our Enemies attempt Us here,
have great hopes We shall give a very good account of them, a Body
of 5000 New Engl/d Troops are to reinforce Us, near half that Num-
ber are already arriv'd I have not yet seen any of them as they are
station'd on the other side the Lake and as the whole of our officers
and men are constantly employed from Day light till Dark on Duty
or at Work have not yet had time to Visit them tho' some of them
have been here 8 or 9 days, the last Acc/ts We have from Canada is
that ab/t 7000 English and 5000 Canadians are at S/t Johns, M/t Real
Chamblee and that neighbourhood, that they building Boats and pre-
paring to pay us a Visit, but think they will scarcely be here this Sea-

son, as they must have every thing in the best order before they will attempt to march and that Country is by no means capable of supplying them w/th Provisions and other necessaries. The Troops on this side the Lake where We are situated are to be augmented to 4000 which I think and it is the opinion of every Body else will be sufficient to maintain our ground if We behave as We ought. You must not my D/r Polly let slip any opportunity in writing to me, if you knew the pleasure and satisfaction a Line informing me of your Health and the Family's, I am sure You wou'd not neglect, but I must think Your letters have miscarried as it has been very common to stop some and open others. Mrs. Kennedy will have a better opportunity than you can have of forwarding Letters wou'd therefore advise you to have yours inclos'd in hers except where you know of a safe hand your self, the Doctor has got better and he and I are now writing in the same Tent, he has been very ill but is now well recover'd none of the men of our 5 Compy/s have yet died tho' many of them have been very ill indeed very few have excap'd, the Season is now much better than when We first came and we have got our affairs in better order than any other Regm/ts and indeed We are reckon'd the best Regiment in the Service, this you and others may think savours too much of boasting but I really think We are upon a footing with any of them. I have got a very good Tent ab/t 7 feet square, well floord and rais'd about 2 feet with boards on the sides, I have got a very good Birth made in it to sleep on some good Blanketts w/ch I find very comfortable tho' my House is none of the largest.

Be sure do not neglect to send me the things I Wrote for as cloaths will be a very necessary Article here very shortly those I bro/t with me are going fast as We have not the best Hands to take care of them and there is scarce any thing to be bought here at any rate. The Major, Adjutant, Mr Harper and myself mess together and live as well as any others here though the best fare is ordinary, tho' thank God you know I can eat any wholesome food w/ch I do assure you makes me much happier than many others. You must excuse the incorrectness of my letters, the most of them are wrote in hurry as we seldom know of a conveyance till the last moment and I always write by every opportunity. I have mention'd many ways for you to write, your own discretion will point out the most propable. I have been very uneasy latterly, not hearing the least Syllable from you, this goes by Colonel Hazen who has the Command of a Canadian Regiment and is now going to Philadelphia. I am to go tomorrow morning on a Command with 140 men from our Brigade to Fort George on what business I cannot yet inform you, expect to be back at this place in 2 or 3 days. I have mention'd every thing to you I can think of. I

must therefore conclude with my most sincere and hearty good wishes to all my good neighbors, Friends and relations my ardent and unceasing Prayers attend you and my Lovely little Children, may the smiles of Heaven constantly attend you all.

I am my Dearest Love

Your affect/c Husband

Persifor Frazer

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Ticonderoga Aug/t 21/st, 1776.

My Dear Polly

No Letter has yet come to my Hands from you since I left Long Island, tho' I have wrote 6 or 7 since that time, my last to you was p/r Colonels Hazen and Antil who were bound to Philadelphia and was under cover to Mrs. Kennedy directed to the care of Mrs. Bradford at the Coffee House, a few days before I wrote by Cap/t Jenkins son of Mrs. Jenkins in Phila/a both of which I expect will go safe to your Hands, as also the letter by our Chaplain by whom I sent 144 Dollars, I can scarce imagine you can have neglected writing and attribute my not having receiv'd any letters to the infamous practices of some dirty scoundrels who have more curiosity than honour, should any of these rascals be found out they will pay dearly for their villainous actions as the whole army are irritated to a very high degree. I shall continue to enjoy my usual state of health and the Army in general are in better condition than when We first arriv'd. Mr. Seely my second Lieu/t has been in a very dangerous way and is now at Fort George where there are better accomodations for the sick both in respect to food and lodging than can be had at this place. Our Army here has been lately reinforce'd by a Brigade of Militia from Connecticut amountg. to ab/t 1500 Men, who are encamp'd on our side the Lake between Us and the Fort, they appear better than any others from that Country that I have seen, but it is expected in a few days the Small Pox and other disorders incident to Camps will break out among them and which are always fatal to their Countrymen. We have had various reports from Canada, about 10 days ago 2 french men came in and inform'd that the greatest part of the Troops with Gen/l Burgoyne had left S/t Johns, and the other posts thereabouts, had embark'd on board the Transports and gone down the River Sorrell, it was expected from the intelligence that they intended to go up the River S/t Lawrence as far as possible and there to send their Troops into Lake Ontario and to come down to Albany by the Mohawk River. We were shortly after inform'd by three men

who were sent out to gain intelligence belonging to the 6th Penns/a Regim^t that they had gone as far as S/t Johns that they saw people busy there building Batteaus etc., that an advanced party of the Enemy were at the Isle au Noix and others at the Isle au Mott, ab/t 100 Miles from this w/ch information made us redouble our diligence in getting our Works in a proper posture of defence. I believe both the reports to be true but think that Burgoyne has gone down the S/t Lawrence and intends to join Gen/l Howe at New York and no doubt has left a number of men in Canada which together with the Canadians that we understood were to join them, would advance as far as prudent this way and fortify; which would (they might well think,) alarm Us, and of course Numbers would be sent to our assistance and by that means weaken our army in New York, this is only my bare opinion of the matter as also that We shall have little or no fighting here this Year; almost every Body particularly our Commanding officers are of a very different opinion and think that We shall be attack'd in a few days.—

A flag of Truce was sent some time ago, with the proceedings of Congress relating to the transactions of Gen/l Arnold and the capitulation made by him w/ch you must have seen publish'd the orders of Gen/l Carleton relating thereto are very extraordinary, full of villainous reflections and abusive Language and in a manner putting a stop to any further intercourse between Us by flags of truce. One Cap/t Willson of Cumberland County with a party of ab/t 30 Men were sent ab/t 3 or 4 weeks ago in Batteaus to reconnoitre down the Lake, they not expecting the enemy to be so far advanced were surprised and made prisoners, a certain Brigadier General Gordon has been kill'd by one of our people who had gone down as far as S/t Johns and though he was surrounded, returned unhurt. Our Lines here are now in a very good posture of defence a few days more will make them very formidable, a small sketch of them I sent you by Mr. Jones, the breast work is from 6 to 8 feet thick faced w/th Fascines or long faggots well pin'd to the earth in front and sodds on the inside very neatly and strongly laid and the space fill'd up with earth and the whole cover'd with sodds which make a very pretty appearance, on the outside the Breast work there is a ditch near 10 feet wide and ab/t 5 deep, outside of that, there are large Picketts or Stakes of wood sharpened and set slanting outwards in the ground, close together, round great part of the Works; We have also a strong Battery in part of the Lines w/ch commans all the high ground and in the low ground next the Lake the New England and Jersey troops are now building 3 or four redoubts which will Command the low ground. We have now 2 schooners and a sloop well arm'd and five or six Gondalow and Row Gallies gone down the Lake to Crown Point and others are getting ready, so that if We all behave well they will have warm work

should they attack Us. We have heard lately that Major Hausegger is appointed a Colonel of a German Regiment to be rais'd, if this should be the case he will leave Us very shortly, he is an excellent officer to regulate fresh Troops and our Battallion will be sensible of the loss of him. He and I have always liv'd together in great harmony and sociability. He has promised when he has orders to return to Philad/a that he will call upon you, by him I shall Write and believe send some more Money for fear of accidents and it may as well be in your hands for expect our Companies will not be discharg'd until We return Home. We have understood here that Pennsylv/a is almost drain/d of Men thay having been sent to the assistance of their brethen at New York. It gives me the greatest pleasure that our Province on all occasions have so generously been foremost in the general cause, it is deservedly entitled to the foremost Rank among the other Colonies, although there has been a great Noise in other parts, the same disinterested Patriotism appears no where in such a striking light as in my own country, there are many there that wish not well to Our Cause but they are by no means so dangerous and numerous as they are in other places, it gives me the highest pleasure that I am by experience convinc'd of my having entertain'd a wrong opinion of our Province in general. If We are not attack'd in 5 or 6 weeks time We shall it is expected go Home early in the Fall as the Winter setts in very soon here. I should be glad the things I wrote for were come to hand, as I shall be in real want of them very soon, especially shirts and stockings. I mention'd in a letter I wrote you from Long Island that I had left a watch belonging to one of my Men, with Mr. John Wood, Watchmaker, adjoining the House where Mr. McMurtrie lived the Corner of Chestnut and front Streets that I had forgot to Call for it, should you not have receiv'd the Letter, wou'd request you would not fail to send for it and keep it till the owner calls for it, as he is uneasy fearing it may be lost. 'Tis expected We shall have a regular Post established from Philadelphia to this place, the Commanding Officers here write by the persons that conveys this to Mr. Franklin in order to have a more certain method fallen upon for intelligence, Mr. Hoffnagle a Gentleman that lives near Fort Pitt and has been here on Public business is the bearer of this. Colonel Wayne, Doctor Kennedy Mr. Harper and all y/r acquaintance here are well except poor Mr Seely but hope he will get the better of his disorder before long. I am sure if you had an idea of the satisfaction a line from you (informing me of all your wellfare) wou'd give me, you would let slip no oppertunity. I wou'd write to all my other friends and acquaintance but as you can inform them of all the News and as many letters would be very cumbersome to private gentlemen who are the only conveyances We can depend upon, they must excuse me as I can assure them all, I think very frequently of them, and as they

cannot plead the same excuse, am surpriz'd none of them have Wrote to me, as news of any sort wou'd be very entertaining here. My most unfeigned Love and respect attend Mammy Peirce, my Sisters and Brothers and all my other good Friends and relations. I remain my dearest Polly, wishing you and my lovely little children every felicity bountifull Heaven can bestow.

Your affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Towns/p Chester County, to the care of M/r Joseph Potts, Philadelphia.

favour'd by
M/r Hoffnagle.

Aug. 21. 1776.

Ashtown Aug/t y/e 21/th 1776.

Dear Percey I have this good Opertunity to Let you now that I am well and my wife and Child. and Likewise y/r wife and Children Are in A Verry good State of helth at present and I have Likewise the Pleasure to Aquante you that you wife Carries on y/r farming Business Exceedingly well and Every part of her Conduct is in fact prised by all her Neighbours your Little Son percey is Indeed y/e finest Child that I Ever saw your Sisters Salley and Nancy are both will the Neighbours in generall are in good helth, and I think we have hardly as Many Tories as when you Left here, I would have wrote to you Long before this time Onley wateing for Something New and has not at this time any thing worth Riteing about I was in Norrisstown Last week and they are all partly gone to work them of your Acquaintence Dis-sired when I wrote to you to send thire Loves to you. Old Joab Fallows is Doing no good with the forge and I think against Spring will not be able to pay his Rent this Day I had the Pleasure to See Person Joans who has Just Come from your Camp and has Give me great Satisfaction from you and the Rest of my Acquaintences helthis and well faire god bless you all and hops you may all Return Safe and In-joy the pleasures of y/r wifes and Fortunes, from Respected friend and well Wisher

Ja/s Thomson

Addressed For
Major Persifor Frazer
of the 4/th Pennsy/a Reg/t
p/r favour of Commanded by
y/e Reve/t M/r Colonall Wayne
Joans at Ticonderroga

1776

August 21, 1776.

My Dear brother

words Cannot express the Joy It Gives me to hear from you And that you are in good health and Spirits blesed be god for It o my Brother what A happiness would it be to me to See you once more I Could not Desire nor Ask a Greater blessing your Dear Little babyes is the greatest Comfort I now have Sally and bobby is most excellent fine Children but A finer Child than my Darling peirsy you never Saw And your Dear Little mary Anne goes every Day to Schoole and now Sayes Letters very prittyly your wife Drives your business on extrenly well I ashure you It would please you very well to See what pritty order She has every thing in And I hope please God that we Shall be blesd with your Company at home this winter Sister wrote to you that tommy Taylor was gone to trentown but It was from wrong Informenation for he now Lays very bad with the flux tory Joe white made shift to fall of A hay Stack and breake his back of wich he is Since Dead if all his Sort was in the same Condition this Neighbourhood would be pritty well thind old Josy talbert has past his Last meeting with Nanny Sharpless And now my Dear brother I must write you something in favour of the presberterians M/r Smith the minesters Son of pequa rocks Last Summer A very great man for espouseing the Cause And got to be Lieutennant but now when the orders went up for the Melitia to march his Courage faild him but rather than he would have a file of men to Escort him he Did apear and went some few miles with them and then gave them the Slip And Joshua way was Last Saterdag In the vally at Richard Jacobs. who told him that him and and his father had gone to philadelphia that morning to try to get him of I think when you presbetererians gets the upper hand It would not be quite proper to Set him at the helm of affairs they had A Remonstrance About here against Independancy And Samuel mendenhall tommy mashel Davy baker blind Conner Danny thomson Isack frank Caby peirce and billy Shankling Could Do no Less than Sign it As It was kepping these wicked blood thirsty presbeterians from getting the upper hand And you know my Dear brother that as Long as they were men of such Carracter and Sense It would have Looke rathor weake of them If they had not Done It they have Stopt parson Caige from preaching because that he Seemd by his prayes as if he would have been quite fond of his friend gorge gaining the victory And Josy white Swore that he would not Die til the key of the Curch Came back Again And I Cannot think what was his notion for going of before It Did except he got out of patience waiting and is gone fetce It I wish all the torys was gone the Same Journey I think they would be pritty Clear of doing much michcheif
Sister Sally Jacob and Aunt betty Desire to be Remembred to you

And now my Dear Brother that the Almighty god may Defend you
 and be your Director And Asisttor In All Dificultyes And Return you
 home to your Dear Wife And Little fatherless babyes and mee is the
 Sincicar and ardent Desires of your faithfull freind and Afecttionate
 Sister

Ann frazer

to Albany . . 4 . . 16
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 Addressed To
 to the Cap/t Persifor Frazer
 care of of the 4th Pensyv/a
 Doctter pots Regiment Comanded by
 at Lake gorge Col Wayne at ticonderoga
 Phil/a. Aug /21
 that he shall be order'd of the ground
 immediatly and be hereafter prohibited from
 Suttlng in the northern Army—

} Note apparently in Capt.
 Frazer's handwriting.

Aug/t 22/d 1776

My Dear Percy

Last Monday I received your Letter of the 15/th
 July and this Day received a Letter by M/r Jones and £54 which givs
 inexpressable joy to Larn that you hav health through So much hard
 Ship may you Stil injoy that greatest of blessings and return to me
 how(?) can Disregeard Life with out you I Shall Endeaver to Send you
 what you have wrote for as Soon as possoble we hav now news Stir-
 ing here Except the Death of you and Col. Wayne which Richard Paks
 Confirms by Saying I received a Letter from you after you ware Shot
 Tommy Taylor has been Like to die with flux Tommy Chainny and
 his family is well me and the family are all well Little Sally and Bobby
 Sends Love mary anne Gos to Cliool Every Day Isaac Bettsy Taylor
 are well and Send there Love your Sister Sally and her family is well
 please Give my Respectfull Complement to Doct/r Kennedy and my
 best wishes and Love to you I am my D/r Percy y/r affectionate Wife
 Mary Worrall Frazer

Addressed To
 P/r favour Cap/tn Persifor Frazer
 of the Rev/t by Col. Wayne at
 M/r Jones Regiment Comanded
 of the 4/th Pensylv/a
 Tyconderroga

Aug. 24. 1776.

August y/e 24 1776

my Dear brother I gladly imbrace this oppertunity of letin you now I am in good helth and aul our frends are well at presant betsey Taylor has got a young daughter and is like to do weel I hope my prayers for you have reach/t the throne of grace god grant you a Safe return to the arms of your afectunate wife and dear littel Children who impatiently waits your return I a mat this time in Norinton many Curay Joyns me In my love to you I have nothing extroniry to relate to you but would beg you would mis no oppertunity of riteing to us I understad you are in grate distress for want of provision and very Sickly but the god in whom you trust is aul Sofisant to presarve you and fetch you to your dear frends that ardently longs to inJoy your good Company I am your most afecinate Sister

Sarah Thomson

dady Curay and brother archey and brother mark and many more of your frends are gone to the Camp at Ambouy and left may Sarowfull harts behind as well as you your prety little Sun perceey is the finest Child you ever Saw aul you Children thrives well polly is like to make a good farmer her neighbors in general is very Cind and obligeing to her Since yu abcence

Addressed

To
M/r Percifor Frazzer
Cap/t in Colonal
Wains Battalion
at Ticondirogo.

Aug. 26. 1776.

Thornbury August 26/th 1776

Dear Sir

I wass favored by Polly with a sight your Last Letters and am Very Glad to find you are in a Good State of health and Likewise in posture to Receive y/e Enemy may Heaven Grant you may Give them as warm a Reception as Genrall Lee at Charles Town in Carolina or y/e Virginians did Dunmore at Guins Island who are intirely Routed and are now Come to york with all their fleets and forces jond Lord

How: and would to Heaven They might * * * be
Completely Defeated. for God is on our side witness
Bunkers they their Gained a Great Loss as was ob-
served by an Irish Genrall upon a Like occasion if y/e
Emiricans had Gained that pos/t y/e would have Dis-
stroy/d y/e City, but God Distin/d them a Victory in
more favourable way which Clearly Demonstrates
that God sometimes in Mercy Denies our Requests it
hass been surpriseing to see how unanimous y/e peo-
ple have been in Every part flocking to y/e Emerican
Standard at new York Except our Neighbourhood
who still Remain at home Grumbling at Every
Measure that hass been taken to secure their Liberty
Our Convention hass Published a bill of Rights which
I think will stop y/e mouths of y/e Tories very much
some talks a Good deal more favorable already I be-
lieve their is meny will turn their Coats in a short
time I tells all I talk with that we of that Denomina-
tion it is time to Chainge their principles that y/e
never will meet with a more favorable oppertunity than
now and y/e obstinate are ignorant are Rater in-
titled to pity than Resentment It is as much out of
y/e power of men to think a like as it to Look alike
My wife Desires to be Remember/d to you and Quar-
ter master Harper she hass favor to Request of you
that is (torn) Enquire after Edward Bennett her
brother who she hass Heard went with one of y/e
Virginia Companies that went first to Canady and if
you Can hear any thing wheater alive or Dead to
acquaint her y/e first oppertunity
Tho/s Taylor westtown hass had a sewar spell of y/e
flux but is like to Recover I am in tolerable Good
Health but so pestered with my old Disorder that at
times I Can scarcely take Care of my business Joseph
white y/e old Bell weather tory feel of a hay stak and
broke his back and is since dead and Left 150 £ in
Good hard Cash which is like to prove a Consolaton
to widow

Please to Give my Compliments to Cap/t Wane
Quarmaster master Harper and Captain Vernon I
am your Sincere friend and Humble Sorvant

Tho/s Cheyney

Addressed To Cap/tn Persifor Frazer of y/e 4th
Pennsylv. a Battalion Now at Tyconder-
oga These

(Aug/t 27/th 1776)

My Dear Percy

this is the 6/th letter I Wrote you Senc our unhappy parting and received 8 of yours which Gives me the Greatests pleasure of any thing on Earth Except your Presents I Shall be Glad you wold Com home Soon in the fall I offen paint to myself your Coming to See your little Babs alround you and the Supprise you will be in to to See your Polly turnd into yallow Looking woman Duch Looking woman Mary anne is offen talking of you this Day and Last night Little Percy has been very bad with a fever rest are all well Every thing Concerning the plantation goes on midling Spring gain is Good Isaac Taylor is Com to his new House the peple Semes midling well reconsild to Independency but very much feare the heavy taxes that is to Com upon us but above all the feare the new Inlanders Should the americans gaine the Day the hav got Sheet Iron to greate perfection at M/r Potts mill the hav pold down the old mill and maid it Larger it will be redy to Gind in 2 weeks John Edwards Fourge will go in 3 weeks Job has not paid the rent yet as there is Some dispute about M/r potts medow I would be glad you would Let me know some thing Concerning it in your next I understand by M/r Jones you are Major please to Let me know in your next Letter that I may hav the pleasure to giv your title for I understand you offissers are very ——— perticulare in these matters

Mame pearce Little polly Sends there Senceire respects to you Little Sally and Boby Sends Love to Dady William Johnson and wife Sends there Compliments please to Give my Compliments to Doct/r Kennedy and Col. Wayne and am my Dearest Percy wishing you all the Choicest blessing that —— heaven can bestow

Your ever Loving and affectionate wife

Aug/t 27/th 1776

Mary Worrall Frazer

(Written in pencil on the back)

My Mothers letter

to my Father

Ticonderoga Sep/t 1/st, 1776.

My D/r Polly

Is it possible that you can have neglected Writing to me; yet as so many Letters have been lately receiv's in Camp, I cannot excuse you. Doc/r Kennedy has receiv'd four since We came here, one of which was in answer, to that, inclos'd in mine to you from Lake George. I have not the satisfaction of acknowledging the receipt of a line since I left Long Island, though no safe conveyance es-

capcs me. I have been unwell 5 or 6 days past, am now something better. I should be the better of the Cloaths I wrote for, as the Weather begins to be cool and very wett. I mention'd so many methods to you of forwarding Letters that you can have been at no loss in that respect. Mrs. Kennedy wou'd have inclos'd yours under her cover, as I mention'd, and wou'd have been the easiest and safest way for you. It would have given me the greatest pleasure to hear of the Wellfare of my Family and Friends. I must apply to some other person for that information, my best wishes await you all.

I am y/r affection/te Husb/d
Pers/r Frazer.

For Mrs Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Ticonderoga Sep/r 9/th, 1776.

My D/r Polly

I cannot address you in any other stile though I think you have treated me with the greatest neglect and indifference. I am sure you cannot find an excuse. I am certain of your having receiv'd the letter dated at Lake George and another by our Chaplain, and I dare say 6 or seven others that I have Wrote, as I always sent by good hands. Your inattention in not sending the necessaries I wrote for you possibly may account for but I do assure you I cannot forget. Doc/r Kennedy receiv'd the day before yesterday a large bundle of Cloathing and scarce any body arrives but brings one or more letters to him. I shall now have no need of the Cloathg as the season demands that I should provide imediately. Mr. Morton who will forward this can convey any letter you may choose to write.

God Bless my Sweet Children

I am y/r affec/t Husband

Pers/r Frazer

For Mrs Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County
Pennsylvania

Ticonderga Sep/t 21/st, 1776.

My Dearest Love

Mr. Jones arriv'd on Thursday last, by him I had the inexpressible satisfaction of receiving two letters from you, informing me of the health and wellfare of yourself and my lovely little Children, I also receiv'd 2 letters from Nancy, one from Jimmy Thomson and One from Mr. Cheyney for w/ch i am extremely obliged to them, those are the only Letters I have receiv'd since I came to this

place, except One from Mr. Morton who was so kind as to inform me of your Wellfare. I have not neglected any safe conveyance in Writing to you, my two last (at least one of them I am not certain in regard to the other) went under Cover to Mr. Morton. I do now most sincerely ask your pardon for the Coolness and hardness of those 2 letters as I find you have not been unmindfull of me who never scarcely has you out of my thoughts, indeed you must when you understand that none of your letters before that time came to Hand Acc/t for the indifferency shown in those Letters, as my temper was sower'd by so many repeated disappointments. You will always find that I have mention'd in my Letters by whom the preceeding ones were sent, that you may have it in your Power to enquire should any of them Miscarry, should be very glad you would do the like, as any Villian that cou'd be found base enough to Stop or Open any letter wou'd be made a public Example of. I have had a very severe spell of the Flux and Bilious Fever it had reduced me very low and Weak I thank God I am now in good Spirits as ever, though very much reduced in Flesh. I had a severe Lax at the time Mr. Jones went away, but was not attack'd with the other severe disorders till ab/t 4 weeks ago. I did not choose to mention any thing of this, as I know the ideas you wou'd have form'd of my situation, the Flux is not so fatal here as in Pennsylv/a otherwise few of Us wou'd have been alive. Colonel Haussegger promises me that he will wait upon you with this. He can inform you of every thing you wou'd wish to know of our situation here. He and I have lived together ever since We came to Long Island to this time in the greatest Harmony. I am sure you will treat him with every possible mark of kindness and esteem.

Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Seely and Mr. Griffith have all been very ill. Mr. Seely particularly has been given over by the Doctors at Lake George where he had gone, being a place where things necessary to his situation were more plenty than here, he is now return'd and will shortly be again fit for duty, the other two are also got very hearty. the Weather is getting cool and consequently more healthy. I expect to have the pleasure of seeing You and my dear Children, all my respected Friends and kind Neighbours in good Health ab/t the beginning of December, if not sooner. Our Commanding Officers are still firm in the Opinion that We shall be attack'd this Fall, if We are; I make no doubt but that We shall make our enemies repent their rashness, I am sure Our Men will fight; on every little alarm or Command they show the greatest readiness to turn out. Our News here from New York is indeed very bad, to loose so many Noble Heroes is almost irreparable, Poor Parry dy's like a Hero, a more firm Friend to America is not left, I cannot hear what has become of my Old Friend Anderson, The southern Troops should not be seperated, the Loss of Long Island is very much against Us, I nevertheless hope

that the Ardor which those repulses will Create in our Troops, will recover all those Misfortunes; We have heard this Day that the Congress have sent 3 Commissioners to Amboy in order to settle with Lord Howe, God Grant they may agree upon terms Honorable and safe for America. A prisoner came in the other day from the Enemy and informs Us that they do not exceed 8000 regulars sick and well, that they have built a floating Battery mounting 24 eighteen Pounders, they have an Arm'd Sloop and a Schooner some Row Gally's and 300 Batteaus all this I do not think equal to our Fleet, We have now here three Row Gallies upwards of 60 feet long done off in the Strongest and neatest manner they will be ready to join the rest of our Fleet in a few days, each of them mount 2 large Cannon in their bow and 2 in their stern and four upon Deck they row with near 40 Oars and will have upwards of 150 men each. I saw an acc/t in one of the New England Papers that one of Fleet here was taken, there is not the least truth in the report, it was suspected the fleet had an Engagement with the Enemy about 10 days ago as a Firing for upwards of 2 hours was heard by the People at Crown Point it gave Us an alarm here as We thought the Enemy was advancing We afterwards heard that Gen/l Arnold who Commanded the Fleet had sent a party of 16 men on Shore to cut fascines to lay along the sides of the Vessels, that a party of the Enemy who had heard of their being in the same place before, Fir'd upon our men kill'd 2 or 3 and wounded 6 upon which the Fleet drew near the shore and fir'd a Considerable time into the Woods but without any effect that they cou'd learn. We have understood by the deserter mention'd before, that there is a party of Indians and Canadians sent out by the Enemy to annoy us. Four Companies of Rifle Men went Yesterday and are not to return till tomorrow evening in search after them. Two or 3 of the Yankee Colonells have died lately more of them are sick, indeed the most of them look like spectres, miserable Creatures they are, the more I am acquainted with them the worse I like them, I hop'd it wou'd be otherwise. I was yesterday with Cap/t Robinson and Mr. Christie upon Mount Independance the other side the Lake where the Chief of the New Englanders are encamp'd, upon our return in the Evening We were Oblige'd to wait a short time for a boat that was Coming over, when it came to shore and the Passengers were Landing, I espy'd our servant Jacob Down that ran away from Us. I laid hold of him, ask'd him if he knew me, he deny'd he had ever seen me, when I told him my name, after a considerable time he thought proper to recollect me, he had enlisted in Massachusetts, where I understand he was Born. I bro/t him over with me, his Captain came over shortly after. He and I have this day been about agreeing for his Price. I believe I shall get 51 dollars for him which is ab/t the same he Cost me. I always expected to see him in the army and there has been scarce a

guard, Company or Battallion collected on this ground but I have had my Eyes employ'd looking out for him.

Our Fleet is down the Lake at Ile of Mott ab/t 100 miles below this place. In regard to what you mention of Job Fallows, Mr. Potts can have no pretentions to the meadows but what Job himself gave him untill his lease expir'd, when he begins to quibble it is high time to bring him to his senses, I wou'd have Jemmy and you not wait a moment as you will have no thanks—after the first of November We shall have the matter settled here whether the Enemy comes or not. I intend then to apply for permission to go Home, which I doubt not will be granted. We expect our Regiment will be order'd Home by that time tho' this is uncertain. For God's sake let no oppertunity slip. Mr. Morton or Mrs. Kennedy will forward your letter safe. I want stockings and shirts badly. I am not certain whether I shall be promoted or not, it is talk'd of. I want it not, My most sincere respects attend all Friends and Relations. I have not room to mention their names. My best Love to my lovely Children.

I am my Dearest Polly y/r ever affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

P. S. Just as I was sealing this, news came into Camp that one Lieu/t Whitlow of the New Englanders and who kill'd General Gordon is just come in here with two Officers Prisoners he took near S/t Johns, he having been again sent out on a scout what news they bring I cannot yet hear.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
p/r favour of
Col/o Haussegger.

Octo 2/d 1776

My Dearest Love

I Received this Evening your two Cruel Letters one of the 1/st and one of the 9/th Sept/r which has been the mose Sever Stroke I have met with Sence our unhapy parting as my thoughts hase run Chefly on this Day ten yeares I hav Spent the Greatest peart of the Day in the new Land you Charge me with neglect which I do asure you is Quite Rounge you are Scarce ever out of my thoughts this is 8/th Letter I hav Sent I have every thing redy for you that you Rote for Except the white Cloath and that I expect in a few Days I Should hav Sent Some of them be now but for want opertunity I have Spaird now paines I have been three times in Philadelphia Sence you Left mee to try to Get your things Sent but was all ways Disapinted I hav now Some hoope of Sending them as M/r Henry is

in Town you Say you Cannot forget the respect M/rs Kennedy Shose by Send Letter and necessaries to her Husband you will please to remember Doc/r Kennedy Rode 100 miles in the heate of Somer to See his wife you will Like wise remember that M/rs Kennedy is Settuated on the Great Rode Sid with every possible advantaige your friends and Relation and Children are all well it wold give me Great Satisfaction to hare of your helth and well fair againe I am

my Dear Percy your affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer

Addressed

To
Cap/tn Persifor Frazer
of the 4/th Pennsylv/a
Regiment Commaned
by Col Wayne at
Ticonderoga

Ticonderoga Octo. 2/nd 1776.

My D/r Polly

I wrote you the 23/d ult/o p/r Col/o Haussegger since which time little has transpir'd worth notice. We are in much the same situation and I am much reinstated in my health. I have receiv'd no acc/t since Mr. Jones from you. When We shall leave this place I can give you no acc/t of. There has been no further acc/t of the Enemies motions, and am more and more confirm'd in my mind that they will not make an Attempt upon Us this Season. Our Superior Officers are of a different Opinion still. Two fine Row Gallies are to go down the Lake to join the Fleet this day, one went down a few days since, and another is expected to be here from Skenesborough tomorrow, they mount from 8 to 10 large Cannon each and will have ab/t 100 Men on board each of them. I am in great want of Shirts and Stockings and other matters the weather is getting very cold almost the whole of our Regiment have got good Chimneys built to their Tents and many of the soldiers have got good warm huts built. w/ch makes them live much more comfortable than they otherwise wou'd do. I was the other day by Order of Gen/l Gates appointed Major to our Battallion untill the pleasure of Congress shall be known, there is another Major of my name at this place. The news from New York is not so good as I wou'd wish but think upon the whole We shall before the campaign ends turn the Tables upon our Foes, do when you write give me more full acc/t of things it gives me great satisfaction to hear of every matter from you. I shall make a push in ab/t 6 weeks to get leave to go Home as nothing

can be expected here after that time am in some hopes I shall obtain Liberty how it will be is however uncertain. I wou'd not wish to go while there is any probability of Action. I am sorry so many novices are appointed in Penns/a at the head of affairs, none but men of the first Character for knowledge and probity shou'd now be at the helm. The Gale is boisterous and requires men of the best abilities to manage the Vessel and steer clear of rocks and shoals.

Give my most unfeigned Love and respect to Nancy Peirce. Sally and Jemmy, Isaac and Betsy, Tommy Cheyney, Tommy Taylor, Billy Johnston and Wife my good old friend Joseph Gibbons and family and all other enquiring friends, may a kind heaven smile upon you and my dear Children no man on earth will be more happy than I to meet you and them in health and prosperity.

I am my Dearest Polly your most
Affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, in Thornbury, Chester County, Pennsylvania
John Rolston Sutler.

By a resolution of Congress, then sitting at York, Penna., of Nov. 12, 1777, Persifor Frazer, who had been raised to the rank of Major during the Ticonderoga campaign by Gen. Gates, was commissioned Lt. Col. of the Fifth Penna. regiment to date from October 1, 1776, (the day before the date of this letter.) To save confusion he will be referred to in the following pages either by this title, the highest conferred upon him by the National Government, or by the courtesy title of Colonel, which was more usual in all but strictly official intercourse.

Oct. 8. 1776.

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My Dear Brother

I received your kind Letter and Am very Much regoyseed to hear that you have recovered from your Sickness blesed be god for It O My Dear Brother What An Excesiv joy Would It Give Me to Se you Again you that Are All the father the brother the friend I have Now Left My Dear Brother I Return you My Sincereast thanks for the kind Instructions you have give Me In your Dear Letter And with the help of God I Shall endeavour to follow them if It has pleased god to take from Me two of the kindest and best of parents he has also been pleased of his Infinite

goodness to bless me with you the Dearest and best of Brothers and If it Should be his blessed Will to bereave Me of you O My Brother What Would become of Me but I hope you Will be Spared to be a blessing to your Dear famm (torn) and Me I Cannot My Dear Brother bear the thoughts of such A Seperation It would Distract My Very Soul to think of It And I trust that the Almighty God Will be your Defender And protect you in every Danger And return you Safe to us again It Must give you the greatest Satisfaction to hear that No person ever Did behave In a More prudent prittyer Manner than your Wife Doth. I Ashure you that She is Admired by every person in the Neighborhood for her good Conduct And Management your Dear Little Babies are All Well and no person was ever blessed with A Sweeter Child than your Dear Little peirce you Cannot think My Dear Brother what A Little Darling he is O My Brother Let Nothing Stop you from Coming home As Soon As It is in your power Sister Sally Jacob and aunt betty Jossua way and his Wife Desires to be Remembered to you And All the Neibours Seems to be very Desireous of your return No people ever Seemd More obligeing than they Do to Sister Polly And Now My Dear Brother I Must Conclude And Remain your ever Loving Sister.

Ann Frazer

Addressed To
Cap/t Persifor Frazer a
of the fourth Reg/mt of pensylvane
Regulars Commaned by
Co/ln Wayne at Tyconderoga

Ticonderoga October 13/th, 1776.

My Dearest

Last night an express arriv'd here from Crown Point informing that a Cannonading was heard the day before yesterday for a considerable time which they conjectur'd was an Engagement between the Enemies Fleet and ours, this morning three Guns were heard at this place fir'd at Crown Point, w/ch was to be the signal of the Enemies advancing the Guns were afterwards repeat'd, which confirm'd Us that they were advancing, shortly after an Express Boat

arriv'd confirming our suspicions and acquainted that a very severe engagement had been between our Fleet and the Enemies yesterday and the day before, that the Enemy had lost two of their Arm'd Vessels w/ch were sunk and ab/t 100 Men in them drown'd as' also that others of their Vessels were very much hurt, the greatest part of this Forenoon We heard distinctly at this place an almost continual cannonading which ceas'd about 3 o'clock, two of our Vessels have since come here and say that this day our Fleet had the worst of the engagement that 4 or 5 Gondolas are taken or destroy'd as also 2 Row Gallies, the greatest part if not all the men in them had got on shore, one of the Vessels has brought a Number of Wounded, she being set apart for an Hospital to the Fleet. The Enemies number amounted to about Thirty sail arm'd Vessels and our 14 or 15 w/ch engag'd. The Army of y/e Enemy are certainly advancing and expect by the day after tomorrow at the furthest that they will be here. We are all this day preparing to receive them properly and hope we shall believe in such a manner as to bring Credit to our Country and the Cause.

October 14/th.

Last night the sixth Penns/a Battallion arriv'd here from Crown Point, they having destroy'd the Buildings and abandon'd that place it was occupied only as an out Post and was to be deserted on the approach of the Enemy. The loss of our Fleet is greater than We at first understood. Out of Sixteen Sail, only 5 have return'd 2 are taken, the remainder destroy'd chiefly by our People, as they were surrounded by the Enemy, General Arnold with about 200 men of the Fleet arriv'd here last night, he had the chief Command, the Vessell in w/ch he was he ran on shore and set fire to, and came here ab/t 30 miles by land. Our men seem in high Spirits and have great expectations from their Courage.

We are all kept very busy in getting matters in proper order.

How it will be with myself i can't say, but hope I shall not bring any dishonour on my Family or Country. Death is far preferable in my opinion to a Life of infamy. Our success here will be attended with the best Consequence, it will prevent the intended plan of junction between the two armies, I hope we shall effect it; I think We shall at least so weaken them that it will render that scheme abortive for this season, we have not heard of the strength of the Enemy's land Forces, they had stop'd about 5 miles below Crown Point when the last acc/ts came away I suppose to Consult what was to be next done. I shall write you by every oppertunity, this is to be forwarded by Cap/t Robinson of our Regiment who is going to Fort George Sick. Hope for the best my D/r Polly, Providence may have many happy Days in Store for Us. Let Us endeavor however to deserve its bless-

ings. My most unfeigned ardent Prayers await you and my Lovely Children, my best respects to mammy Pierce, Nancy, Sally, Sally Thomson and Jemmy, Betsy Taylor and Isaac and all my other Relations and good Friends and neighbors.

I am your affectionate and ever Loving Husband.

Persifor Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Chester County.

To the care of the Honble John Morton Esq. Philadelphia.

Octo 15/th 1776

My Dearest Percy

I received your dear Letter of 21st Sep/r it gives me inexpressible Satisfaction to hear of your helth and like wise to find that you are better pleased with my Conduct then you ware I have nothing to acquse my Self with Except not Sending Letters according to your orders for which I am heartily Sorry you hav Dissired me to Let you know by my Letters by whome the preceeding ones were Sent it is out of my power as the hav been Left at M/r Brookses or with M/r Potts and the Sent them I never knew by whom the ware Sent it is great Satisfaction to your Freinds and neaghbours and to me and your Little fainly in perticuler that you have apinted the time you will Com home your Dear Little Children and I am well in helth your Sister Sally and her family and your Sister nancy and all you other Reletions and freinds are in good helth I heav got the new Land Sode and have don all but a little ry and that we Shall finnish this week the neighbors has been very good the bought ther plows and helped mee your old freind Cheinny bought his neagro and Stad and Sode all the feild and to his Letter I must turn you for what new news wee hav Sturing here as I am going to Philadelphia this Evening with a box of Clothes for you there is in the box 4 Shirts 2 Ruffled and 2 plain 2 pair woolling and 3 wosted Stockings 3 yards of Linning 1 hat 2 yards Black Ribbon 1 pair mittings and 2 pair gloves 2 dozen Small and 3 Large Buttens a Box andersons pils a pen knife and thred 2 Sticks of mohair white Black and red thred you Sister nancy Sally Tomson Betsy Taylor Sends there Love to you and your Little Sally and Bobby please to Give my Censeir Respects to all my acquaintance I am my Dear Percy with respectfull Compliments your affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

Addressed

To
Cap/t Persifor Frazer
of the 4/th Pensylv/a
Regiment Commaned
by Col Wayne at
Ticonderoga

Oct. 15. 1776.

Thornbury october y/e 15/1776

Dear Sir I Receivd your Letter of September y/e 21 the 5 Day of october whearin you inform me you have been sick it must be a dowble affliction f— when from home whear proper attendence Cannot be Expected but it Gives me a Great Deal of Pleasure to heare you are so well Recoverd from your illness and Concerned Least you Should not be able/d to indure the Pinching Cold of that Climate but I must Remind you not to forget to put on that blanket Coat you wear some time ago Speaking of I do assure you Polley have managed your business to admiration She hass Got the new Land Cleard Compleatly twise Plowd and Sood in Good time She turns out a very farmer I believe y/e Beauset must be neglected for y/e farmer seems to ingrose all her attention. Wee have heard hear that you wear Reduced to half-allowance some time in September and at that rate not enough to Serve above 5 days and nunors army of English Canadians and Indians Hourly Expected to attackt you this Report was Currently be- lieved by those who wear inclin/d to have had it so this news to Gether with the Loss of new York and Long Iseland have sweld our Tories above their Com- mon sise our old Friend Vernon by the advce of M/r morton Mr Graham and some other Cattle of the same Kind opened an Election on the first of october whear 334 Electors as much a like as a hatch of Turkeys and very little more sence Met at Chester on y/e day be- fore mentioned and opened the Election in the old way Richard Baker W/m Swaford Robert Mendenhall Isaac Bullock as Judges the Proceeded and Chose James Gibbons Charles Humpris Joseph Pennock Joseph Pyle John Minshall Robert Mendenhall Wil- liam West and Isaac Bullock for assembly—Nathaniel Vernon William Gibbons Shr/o William Kerlin Cor:— Adam Grub Comm: John Jones Frederick Fairlam John Tolbert Caleb James Emor Jefferis Abiah Tay- lor asses/r the Ole Gentleman—Shr/e Proceed to Philadelphia whear the Commity took him into their Cear nor would not Release him until he Gave bale for his appearance at a future Day Last Satterday was y/e Day his advysors the Judges and inspectors wear sum- monded to appear some did and some did not I have not heard what hass been Done but I Expect those that Did not attend will have y/e honour of being at-

tend by a file of musquetheers in a few days The principles of those men who are for Pasive obeydence and non Resistance do not agree with their Practices Please to Remember me to Mr Horper mr wane God Bless you in Every undertakeing is y/e Sincear wish of
Tho/s Cheyney

Addressed To
Captain Peirsefor Frazer
of the 4/th Pensyv/a Regiment
Command by Col: Wayne at
at Ticonderoga

1776

1776

My Dear Brother

we have been Informed by M/r Jones what would have giveing me a great Deal of uneasiness had I a knowd It before that you had had the flux but he Sayes that you were on the mending hand when he Left you blesed be god for It All the Comfort I have My Dear Brother is to hear from you but—I Am very Sorry that the yank/es Merrit no better Carractter than you give them And M/r Jones harbors no better opinion of them than you Do I would not for the world that It was known Amongst our tories here there would be no Liveing Among them At Any Rate they have had Com/d Wayne and John harper and All Cap/t Robisons Company Dead A Long time and Richard parks is very Sure that your Are Dead for he Says that After your head was Shot of you wrote a letter to your Wife to Let her know John taylors wife told Sister polly that She heard that as John Set At his breakfa (torn) ball took Away his head Into the Air (torn) into the Chocolate pot that (torn) And All his Company was Certainly In york goal And A thousand Such things but this will give some Idea of the way these Christians Goes on here old M/r Joseph talbert was yesterday Married to M/rs Nanny Sharpless I suppose that nothing ever exceeded the old gentleman for Smartness but I Dare Say that he Could not refrain from puling up his breches behind I wrote to you before witch together with a Letter from tommy Cheyney was Left At M/r Brookses Sister Sally Jacob etc and Aunt betty Desires to Send there best Love and Respects to you your Dear Little babyes is All well And I hope will be A great Comfort And blesing to you And now My Dear Brother that the Almighty god will Direct and guide you in All your troubls

and Dificultyes And Defend you In the time of Danger and Return
you Safe (torn) Again is the Sincear (torn) faithfull friend and (torn)
Ann frazer

Addressed To
to the Cap/t Persifor frazer
Care of of the 4 Pensylvania
the Re/v Re/g Commanded by
M/r Jones Col/d Wayne
At tyconderroga

Brother

with peculiar pleasure i could once have writen to you as i
believe you to be my Sincere freind and i can with the greatist truth
Say one i Sincerely Love and whose happyness i wish in this world
and in that more blessed State awaits the truly pious hereafter you
may wonder at my writing to you now as i would not if i could have
the pleasure of Seeing you but as the great god before whose pres-
ence we must all before long appear knows me to be clear of what your
wife says to my charge i am easy about what She Says and as i be-
lieve my time here to be Short i Should be glad our afairs were Setted
and that to obey the commands of a dying mother we lived more like
Cristians than we do at present i Should be glad to See you and if you
will be so kind to let me know if you have got me any feathers i Should
be oblidged to you as i now want them if you would Send a few lines
by my Sister i Should take it kind

from your
Sister Sarah Vernon

This undated letter is evidently not in its proper place.

October (2) 1776

My Dear Sister Polly

I think there Never was As od A Creature As
My Self for Since I Left your house I have Cryd My Self Mad And
Now I think I have Courage Sufitient to fight All the Savage Army
God Send I May not Retain My Integrity until to Morrow

from your Sincear friend and
Sister Ann frazer

Head Quarters the Night before
we ingage the ennimy
Addressed

For
M/rs
Mary Frazer

Octo 20/th 1776

My Dearest Percy

I received a Letter of 2/d of this month it gives mee inexpressible Satisfaction to find that you are So well reinstated in your Helth I can Scarcly beare to think that you are now So uncertain of Coming hom when you gave me So much Hoops in your Letter p Col Haussegger if you can not Com this winter pray Let me know for certian and please to give me leave to Come to you and you shall See that nether Mountens nor Laks frost nor Snow Shall be able to Stop me from the inexpressible pleasure of Seeing you your being promoted I feair is what keeps you if So I Cold wish other wise my Love is a over ballance for my pride no person Can be in greater aStain then you are both with whig and Tory your Letters is often Call upon to disside Dissputs Espesully them to M/r Morton and M/r Copland by the Tory account the are Very Diffent from my Letters the Say you hav been upon half aLouance I understand M/r Morton has Left the Congress I and your Dear Little Children are in good Helth at present tho little Mary ann has been exceeding ill for meny Days I thought She would Scarce recovered I have don Sowing. your new Land Looks Charmingly it is Sowd with English wheat that wayd 62 there is Scarcly any in the Naighbourhood that ways above 49 or 50 I am blest with the best of Neighbours your friend Calib Binton Came with 2 plows one Day I would be glad you would wight to him or remembour him in your Letter to me he has Exsprest great friendship for you he is filling his new Seller with good Lickers and Says he will pend this winter very plesently if you Coms home I have never yet seen Col. Haussegger I went all through Philadelphia and Cold not find his Lodging it would give me great plesure to See him I hav Sent you 2 rufflid and 2 plain Shirts the are far from being as good as I Cold wish I give 12 Shillings a yard for 6 yard of the Linning the are maid of and 28 Shilling a yard for the Caimbrick that is on them I hav Lik wiss Sent you 5 yard whit Cloath 4 y/d white Lying 1 red flaning waist Coat 1 pair Shoses 5 pair Stockings 2 pair gloves and 1 pair mittings 1 hat 3 y/d Linning Cloath 2 dozen and 3 buttens Some butten molds 2 y/d black ribon 1 box anderson pils thred news pepers the fall of Brittish Tiriny 2 Sticks of white mohier 1 pen knif please remember Jacob Vernon and Sally in your Letters or right to them Jacob has behavd as moch Like a brother as any of the three Mame Peirce is very ill and Says She thinks She Shall never See you more She and little polly Sends ther Love to you Sister nancy and little Sally and Bobby Sends there Love Dady Gibbons and Isaac and betcy Tomme and Sally Sends ther best respects to you I hav never received a penny from Vanhorn I can not get him to make Nails nor any thing that I want I hav had £4 10s of Job not any from Tommy Johnson I hav had the misfortune to Loose our Largest Ox and bunny

Rachils babe please to give my Respectfull Compliments to Doc/tr
kennedy M/r Jones, Mr Harper and the rest of my acquaintances with
you I am my Dearest Percy wishing wishing you ever blessing that
kind heaven can bestow your affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

Addressed To
Cap/tn Persifor Frazer
of the 4/th Pensylv/a Regiment
Commans'd by Col Wayne at
Ticonderoga

November 16/th, 1776

My Dearest Polly

In my last mention'd the approach of the Enemy
and our being in constant expectations of an attack from them, their
morning and Evenings Guns were constantly heard for 14 or 15 days,
parties of Canadians and Indians were hovering round our Lines in
the night; they kill'd a sick man that two others were taking to the
landing and made prisoners of the men, who were sent back after-
wards. They took another prisoner a few days after from an En-
campment of New England Troops ab/t a mile from this. For fear
of being surpriz'd We were obliged to do very severe duty. We ap-
prehended the Enemy propos'd to repair the Fortifications and Bar-
racks at Crown Point w/ch might secure their retreat should they
be unfortunate in their attempt upon Us and that they wou'd continue
there all Winter their Numbers We frequently heard amounted to
10000 as we had many Spies and reconnoitring parties out to bring
us intelligence, They had an advance part ab/t 4 miles on this side
under the protection of their Vessells thus matters continued till Mon-
day the 28/th, last month in the morning; our advanc'd Boat made
the signals that the Enemy were approaching, alarm Guns were fired
from our different Batteries and in a few minutes every person able
to carry a musket was at his Post. One of the Enemies Boats pres-
ently hove in sight and advanced within ab/t 3/4 of a mile of One of
our Batteries on board this Boat We have since heard was One Gen-
eral Phillips Colonel Carlton and an Engineer and other Officers.
Their intent was to take a View of our Works that they might know
where to attack Us to most advantage. We let them Satisfie their
curiosity near half an Hour and when they were going off, We thought
they would reckon Us impolite if We should take no notice of them,
We saluted them with five Cannon, One had the desir'd effect and
went through their Boat kill'd their Enginier and wounded another

man as we have since heard, they then made off as fast as they could. Shortly after this We saw 14 flat Bottomed Boats full of Men crossing over the Lake We thought this party were to take possession of a piece of ground opposite one of our Batteries and w/ch wou'd very much annoy it. about this time We heard 3000 of them had landed on our side ab/t 2 1/2 miles of, and were approaching to attack our Lines. Our Colours of the different Regiments were stuck on the Top of our Breast Works by way of Challenge for them to Win them and Wear them I never had greater satisfaction than to see the ardor with which our Men were possess'd they show'd the true kind of cool, deliberate Courage; every man wishing and preparing his Arms for their approach. after keeping us thus employ'd greatest part of the day, they thought it most prudent to return to Crown Point. they had a very fair view of every part almost of our Works, as also of our Troops and I am certain they were not pleas'd with the sight; the day was fine and nothing but their timidity hinder'd the Fate of Canada and indeed of almost America to be decided; and never were men in a better disposition to end the Quarrell by conquest or Death than our Troops.—However their retreat will have very near the same effect as a defeat, their great preparations for this Campaign in Canada, has ended in nothing more than destroying a number of our Vessells. Our Army had not possession of any place that could be defended in that Country they have suffered a vast deal by Sickness as Well as our Army, this We are certain of as a Serjeant of our Army who was taken prisoner last Summer and had been sick in their Hospital at Montreal and who return'd the other day informs Us, that he had seen 19 taken out to buried in one day.—The Enemy continued at Crown Point till the 2/nd ins/t and then made their retreat which appears to have been in a hurry as they left many things behind which would not have been the Case if they had proceeded deliberately. I believe their hurry proceeded from an order given by General Gates that every Person in Camp should be provided with three days provision ready cooked and as many Tory inhabitants live round us, they were certainly inform'd of, and concluded that We intended to pay them a Visit.

Two parties one of 400 on our side the lake and 500 on the other side were sent off by us to attack their advanc'd Post at Putnams Creek they set out Saturday Evening and propos'd to be ready to attack them early the next Morning, but they found that they left their Post. Parties were sent to Crown Point to reconnoitre and they brought word that the last of them were just embarking some of their Vessells still remaining to protect them. We kept still upon our guard fearing they might have done this by way of stratagem to deceive Us. A Boat w/th a flag is sent down w/th a Flag to gain intelligence of their intentions on their return we shall take our measures accordingly, during the whole Time from their approach, till this

day We have scarcely had time to eat our Victuals, We constantly lay w/th our Cloaths on and were frequently turning out the Picket Guards 2 or three times in the night and in the day all hands off other duty at Work to give them a genteel reception w/ch they wou'd have had had they advanced. Thus have We disappointed their two Grand Armys from forming a junction, w/ch appears to have been their chief design and would have been attended with unhappy consequences. I hope Gen/l Washington will have it in his power to make Lord Howe and the Gen/l seek for safety at Halifax or England to spend the Winter, In the spring I hope they will find We shall have an Army in every thing baffling their expectations by that time it is possible their Eyes may be at last open to their Interest. You must excuse my incorrect writing as I am frequently interrupted with other matters. I have just receiv'd your letters by Mr. Lucas I shall write you another letter. Adieu.

Ticonderoga Novem/r 18/th, 1776.

My Dearest Polly

I received your inestimable letters of the 2/nd, 15/th, and 20/th of October by Mr. Lucas as also One from Mr. Cheyney and One from Nancy, it gives me the highest satisfaction to understand you, the Children and all our Friends are in such good Health, my dear little Mary Ann Excepted who I hope is recovered as you inform me she was better.

I am surpriz'd Col. Haussegger did not go to see you as he promis'd me in the most punctual manner that he would not neglect it. I cou'd make out pretty well without the Cloaths, if I had the Stockings, as they are the Articles I am most in need of, it will be needless to send any of them now, as I have this day obtain'd permission to set off from here in Company with Doc. Kennedy the first of next Month and hope in 10 days from that time I shall be happy in the Company of you my sweet Children and my Friends.—This day I went with others to Lake George to bid Farewell to Gen/l Gates who is going to Philad/a Gen/l Arnold and Gen/l Brickett also went with him. He deserves great Praise for his conduct at this place, No man could have in my opinion done more nor have given more General satisfaction than he has; it would surprize any Person to see what has been done since our first arrival here. Colonel Wayne has now the Command entirely at this place. The first Pennsylvania Battallion with two of the Jerseys went from this on Friday last 6 or 7 New England Regim/ts have march'd since that time and in a few days all those that are not to stay the winter will decamp. Three of the Penn-

sylvania Regim/ts One of the Jerseys and as many New England Troops as will make ab/t 2500 are to form a Garrison for this place untill fresh Troops are sent to relieve them, it was with a good deal of trouble I obtain'd Liberty to leave them, as Colonel Johnson and Cap/t Robinson left this Sick some time ago. But as the danger from the Enemy is now entirely at an End and our People will have got into Barracks by the the time I shall go away and very little can be done more this Winter I was very urgent untill I obtain'd Permission, A number of our young officers are to go tomorrow or next day recruiting for the Regiment I expect Mr Bartholomew will go and he promises to deliver you this imediately on his getting home.

He is a very worthy Young Fellow and a most excellent Officer. I had wrote the inclos'd just as I receiv'd your letters. by it and what Mr. Bartholomew can inform, you will have a pretty just acc/t of our transactions here since the Enemies approach. A few days after they abandon'd Crown Point a flag of Truce was sent from hence after them, with an English Officer who had been taken in Canada last Spring and whom the Congress had permitted to return to his family, the main intention was to discover their situation as the officer had arrived here before the Enemy had retreated. Yesterday the Boat return'd and We learn that our People that went w/th the Flag had been very ill used by General Phillips and the other scoundrells there, who no longer pay any regard to acts of generosity and humanity. Their army is gone into Winter Quarters their Fleet unrigg'd General Burgoyne gone to England to give a splendid account of their illustrious actions and prudent retreat from an army not equal in number and who they affect to despise in order to inspire their Villainous Mercenary Hirelings with courage w/ch they will stand much in need of when they attempt this place, if We have an army equal to the One We have had, though much Weaken'd by sickness, and struggling with many other difficulties which experience and attention will supply the next Season. It may be expected they will indeavor to attack us early in the Spring and no pains should be spared to be in readiness. I am I thank God very well reinstated in my Health. The weather has been extreemly pleasant 6 or 7 Weeks past the air is sharp and clear and we can see the Mountains cover'd with Snow about 30 or 40 Miles off, I live very Warm and comfortable in my Tent We have no great variety of provision Beef and Bread being the standing Dish, I have been very happy in living in great Harmony with every Body here. The being absent from you gives me the most uneasiness. I have been frequently employ'd in doing matters distinct from my Duty in the Regiment and have I believe yielded satisfaction. Colonel Wayne is in the highest esteem for his Spirit attention to discipline and the services he has done in the Engineer department, the works on this side being almost entirely under his direction

and indeed few excell him in any thing in the Military Line, One or two Generals and all the older Colonells were sent off the Ground in order to make room for him to Command. It gives me the highest satisfaction that my good friends and neighbours should treat you with so much kindness and attention. I shall never forget their favours and hope to have it in my power to acknowledge and repay them for their friendship.

Col. Wayne, Doct/r Kennedy, Mr. Harper and all your other acquaintance are well. Please to inform Mrs. Cheyney that I have made all possible enquiry concerning her Brother, I apprehend he went w/th Gen/l Arnold from Cambridge last year into Canada and as none of the Troops that went on that expedition are now or have been at this place this Season it is not likely I shall be able to hear of him as I imagine he must have gone with the Rifle Companys who were most of them taken Prisoners last Winter at Quebec and as those prisoners I understand are sent home it is most probable by finding out and enquiring of some of those Persons an account may be had of him. Mr. Cheyney will be kind enough to excuse my not answering his letter; I am twenty times in an Hour interrupted. I am very much obliged to him for the information he gave relating to affairs in our Country. I hope e'er long there will be but one opinion, as there is but one interest in Pennsylvania. I think the convention were not politic in making so many alterations from the old establishment. Give my most sincere compliments to Mr. Brinton (tell him I hope to taste some of his good Liquors before Christmas.) as also to my good Friends Cheyney, Jacob Vernon old Mr. Gibbons, Billy Johnson and wife. My love and respects to Mammy Pierce (who I am sorry to hear is unwell) to Sally Thomson Betsy Taylor, Nancy, Sally Vernon and Isaac and Jemmy and Polly Pierce and every other my good Neighbours and Friends. my best Love awaits you and my lovely little Children. I am my dear Polly

Your ever affectionate Husband
Persifer Frazer

"Anthony Wayne" by John Armstrong. (Jared Sparks library of American biography 1835.)

"After defeating a small naval armament on the lake commanded by Arnold, he (Gen. Carleton) advanced his army to Crown Point; whence he began a series of close and careful reconnoitings * * * The old fortifications were found to have been so repaired and new ones so multiplied as to forbid an assault, while from the lateness of the season and condition of the weather a siege and an investment became equally hopeless. Under these new impressions the British

General determined to suspend all offensive operations until the Spring: and accordingly withdrew his army to Canada for the winter. While these events took place in the north, defeated on Long Island and driven from New York, Washington was hastily retreating through the Jerseys. The moment that Gates was able to assure himself that Carleton's retrograde movements was not a ruse de guerre Gates marched eight regiments to Washington's assistance leaving Wayne in command at Ticonderoga" (pp. 12 and 13)

"Dream of Thomas Cheyney Esq/r during Gen. Washington's encampment at Valley Forge."

"He imagines himself sitting in a strange room, near a table spread with costly articles of American manufacture, in the centre of which stands a decanter of Wine. When the company is seated the decanter sings the following song."

- 1 Cheerful spirits here we'll stay
And guard against despotic sway;
Though Britain's numerous frightful fleet,
Makes oceans groan beneath its weight,
And guns and drums cry out so loud
To appease the vengeance of their Lord,
 Yet America will be free—
 Yet America will be free!
- 2 Tho vassal powers them aid afford
And demons crowd their council board,
Yet Innocence will raise its cries
And rend the cloud that shrouds the skies,
And mercy will her aid afford,
And confound their council board.
 Yet America will be free—
 Yet America will be free!
3. Third Stanza mislaid * * *
- 4 The ruffians return in vile disgrace—
Shame and confusion mar each face
And, when before their Lord they come
They're struck with disappointment dumb—
Begone ye scoundrel paltry knaves
You yourselves are the greatest slaves,
 Yet America will be free—
 Yet America will be free!

A. H.

“The Squire Cheney was a near neighbor & kind friend of Gen. & Mrs Frazer, often cheering the latter by his hopefulness & sympathy. In the darkest time for her, while her husband was at Ticonderoga and other affairs of the country were most discouraging, as she sat one morning by the fireside weeping, he came in, and said “Polly dont give up. It will all come true. I dreamed I sat by my candle stand & there were three bottles on it, I was mourning over the state of the country, when out went one of the corks & a smoke & a voice came out”. He then repeated several stanzas of doggerel verse, each ending with “America will & shall be free”. After singing this the cork retreated to the bottle. He added “Now Polly this will come true I know.”” (From a lecture by Dr. I. W. Riley)

CHAPTER III

The Year 1777

The interval between the date of the last letter from Ticonderoga and that of the following was employed in his journey home, and in the service of recruiting to which he was assigned.

April 16/th, 1777.

My D/r Polly

There are some Ships of War at this time within the Capes four of them are as high as Bombay Hook. I do not expect they will give us any disturbance at this time, it is only a stratagem I apprehend to divert us from some other views they may have; a few days will determine the matter. The wind is now fair for them to advance We have two stout Row Gallies Here.

Colonel Johnston set out for the Jerseys. I am to stay, I don't know how long, please to send me the cloath for the facings etc. Send my Horse down on Saturday.

I am y/r Loving Husband

Persifor Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury.

Apl. 29. 1777.

D/r Co/l.

I wrote you sometime ago and Sent Vanhorn to inform you that Noblit was very likely to get Possession of y/r House; which he has Effected a few Days ago by breaking Open the Doore as Vanhorn says, who is mov'd off and left the old fellow big with the Idea that all is his own without Interruption.

I presume you know y/e only Step to be taken is to represent the Matter to the Board of War who Represent the

Supream Executive Council and who I make no Doubt
will immediately Comit him to Prison and put an End to
the Dispute

I am Dr Sir with Respectfull complements to M/rs Fra-
zer in which my Wife joins

Y/r most Hble Ser/t

Address. Apl. 29/th, —77 Sam Kennedy
 Co/l To
 Persifor Frazer
 at his House

SUMMER CAMPAIGN IN NEW JERSEY.

Camp at Mount pleasant June 9/th, 1777.

My D/r Polly

I arrived here in good Health on Saturday last, every
thing appear'd as agreable as I could wish. We have a fine Army, in fine
Health and Spirits and in a fine disposition to fight. General Wayne is
as hearty as ever I saw him, Our Regm/t is fix'd in the advanc'd divi-
sion of the army and guard all the passes through the Hills. We have
constantly partys out harassing them and there is not a day passes but
many deserters come over to Us and very few of our men leave Us.
We have intelligence that the Enemy are prepar'd to embark on short
notice, and think the Course of a week will turn out something of im-
portant. We have no want of Necessaries and a fine healthy situation;
how long we may be kept here I cannot determine. I had the bad luck
to loose my Horse on Sunday but hope to get him again. If you can
get the other on any reasonable terms send him to me if he is not more
than 8 years old, We have an officer or two at Chester that you may
send him by should you agree. I want some Paper, my Ink pot was
forgot and is in the Desk. I was up all last night visiting the guards,
and am rather out of trim to write. We are in Gen/l de Haas's Bri-
gade and Major Gen/l Lincoln's division, who is an agreable fine Gen-
tleman. Our regiment still bears the Belle indeed there is none in my
opinion deserve it better, you know I have a little tincture of vanity. I
wou'd not have you give more than £ 80 or £ 85 for the Horse. This
goes by Mr. Abraham Robinson of Naaman's Creek, who is to leave it
at Mr. Cowplands where I shall send all my Letters, except when they
are to stop at Philadelphia and then they will be left at Mr. Vandegrifts.

I have got the Hanker/s from Mr. Henry.—Mrs. Henry desires you
to have her flax hackled. Our Army is daily increasing.—Give my
best respects to all Friends my Love to Sally, Nancy, Sally Thomson.

[PHILADELPHIA: PRINTED BY JOHN DUNLAP.]

George Warren
I *George Warren* high, aged _____ Years, Feet _____ Inches
late residing in _____ Hair, _____ Complexion, born in _____ do voluntarily
John J. [unclear] enlist myself as a Soldier in the *5th* Regiment of Foot, commanded by _____
in the Service of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, to
serve during the War, if not sooner discharged. And I do engage to be subject to such
Rules and Articles as are or shall be established by Congress for the Government of the
Army. WITNESS my Hand, this *First* Day of *May* 1777.

George Warren

I *George Warren* Do swear to be true and faithful to the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and to serve them honestly and faithfully against all
their Enemies and Opposers whatsoever, and to observe and obey the Orders of the Gene-
rals and Officers set over me.

*Sworn the 5th May 1777
before me, Jas. Young*

RECEIVED, the _____ Day of _____ 1777, of
Bounty ordered by Congress to be paid me. the Sum of TWENTY DOLLARS, being the

Six-tenths, lineal measurement, of the original.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1777.

Head Quarters.

GENERAL ORDERS.

ALL the Officers of the Continental Army, now in this City, are to attend Tomorrow Morning at six o'Clock at the Statehouse, to receive *General Schuyler's* Orders.

By Order of *General Schuyler*,

James Van Rensselaer, Aid-de-Camp.

Fifty-six hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

Betsy Jemmy, and Isaac if he is return'd my Blessg. to my sweet Children. I am my D/r Polly

Your affect/te Husband.

Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township Chester County. to be left at Mr. David Cowplands, in Chester.

fav/d by

Ab/m Robinson Esq/r

(Mount Pleasant, near Bound Brook June 17/th, 1777.)*

My Dear Polly,

I wrote you 5 or 6 days ago p/r Mr. Abraham Robinson directed to the care of Mr. Cowpland in Chester w/ch I doubt not you have receiv'd by this time. On Thursday or Friday last the enemy's main body left Brunswick and advanc'd about 3 miles, their advance guard as far as Somerset; the intent of their movement was to procure forage and in case We should move to attack, that they might take possession of the Ground we occupy, which is naturally very strong. Their situation is very strong; a river on each wing of their army, and a large deep swamp in their Front; so that an attempt to attack them would be very imprudent. On Saturday last the whole of our army were order'd to have their Baggage and Tents in the Waggon, then were Sent off to a place of safety, and our troops were order'd to lay on their arms all night. We expected every moment to receive orders to march to attack them, untill Sunday afternoon when Orders were given to pitch our Tents again, and We are now in the same situation we were before. A number of Rifle Men and two or three reg/ts were sent off and kept them employ'd Saturday and Sunday. the enemy fired a vast deal, and all the Execution they did was to kill One Man and wound another. We have taken several Prisoners, a great Number of deserters have come Over to Us lately. In a very short time you may expect to hear of a General attack; as We shall be greatly reinforced. The General has the entire confidence of the army. Our other Generals are men of the best character for courage and understanding; and if God will but smile upon us every thing within human foresight appears encouraging. Our regiment with several others of our State have the Post of Honor in the Front at the Gap of the Hills the remainder of the army are encamp'd behind us. I am clearly of Opinion a very Short time will decide the Controversy. I am greatly Pleas'd

*This letter is nearly illegible and will perhaps become entirely so in a few years. It was written originally with inferior ink and but for the softness of the paper and the vigorous pressure which furrowed it, much would now be entirely undecipherable. It has been very carefully examined and the above copy is correct.

(P. F. Feb. 18. 1905)

to hear the Pen. Militia are turning out so Generally; this is the time to gain immortal Honor in the service of their country. One grand exertion will certainly put a finishing stroke to the dispute, and then peace and Happiness will ensue if We have Virtue enough to accept the desirable guests. You may have oppertunities to write, as there are several of our officers about Chester. I have sent off my Chest with my Papers and most part of my cloaths 8 or 9 miles off under the care of Captains Moore and Christy who are both sick. I have yet heard nothing of my Horse, tho' I am still in Hopes I shall get him again. I have got my inkpot w/ch I tho't I left behind.—I have nothing more than I can recollect worth Writing. Give my most unfeigned love and respect to all my relations, Friends and Neighbors. My best love to my Dear Children.

I am, my Dearest Love,
Your affectionate Husband
Persifor Frazer.

Mount Pleasant
near Bound Brook

June 17. 1777.

Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County.
To the care of Mr. Joseph Vandegrift, Sign of Cross Keys.
Philadelphia.

Fav/d by
Col. Irvine.

(June 20/th, 1777.)

My D/r Polly

My last to you was p. Col/I Irvine directed to the care of Mr. Vandegrift. The Enemy notwithstanding their great Threats and preparations have return'd again to Brunswick Yesterday they have in many instances behav'd very cruel to the Inhabitants where they pass'd. A respectable woman they Hung by the Heels so long that when they took her down she liv'd but a few Minutes. Plunder and Cruelty Mark their steps where there is scarce a soul but Tories.

We have been in constant readiness to march this 6 or 7 Days, twice We have had all our Baggage in the Waggon, but still remain in our former Camp. We have constant parties attacking them, a number of prisoners and deserters are daily Sent in about 20 within this 2 days. Among whom a Captn and Lieuten/t who were bro't off within 300 yards of their Main Body. They are very much afraid of Us, every Motion Shews it, their Cannon are constantly brought up if but ten men attack them.

I should be very Glad to hear from you, I have not yet rec'd any letter from you. We live here in the greatest Harmony. We have plenty of

every necessary which will cost no small sum during the Campaign. I have not heard a Word ab/t my Horse, Shou'd be glad to know whether I can get Isaac's or not. I have still hopes that I shall find him. Mr. Griffith and 2 or 3 others of our Officers are behind by whom you may Write. send me word how Noblit goes on and who has got into the House. If there is no prospect of Action shall endeavor to be Home ag/t Harvest, though it will be very uncertain.

Give my sincere and respectfull compliments to all relations and Friends. My best Love to my D/r Children.

I am my D/r Polly y/r ever affect/a Husband.

June 20. 1777

Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer. Thornbury, Chester County.
to be left at Mr. Vandegrifts, Cross Keys. Philadelphia
fav/d by
L/t Forbes.

(June 22/d, 1777.)

My Dear Percy

I Received yours of the 9/th and 17/th of June which Gives me Pleasure to find you are in Health and Spirits and that Matters are no worse for we have had Dreadfull accounts hare that the Enemy was within 35 miles of Philadelphia yesterday week it has made a Great stir among Militia the first Draft is to be in Chester this week and Some I heard went Last I am Sorry to heare you hav Lost your Horse as I am not Like to get the other he is Since Sold for a Hundred Pound Noblet took possession of the House the night that the men Left it and is there Still as m/r Chaney dont like to do any thing in it till you Come Home if you think I had better try to get him out Let me know in what manner I Shall proceed and I will do my indeavour I have nobody to go in if the Hous was Emty, Col Hannum is Come home and he Swears Every man in his Draft Shall go he took but one Day to rest him Self after his Long Journey I Shall Send your Stockings and the Linning for your Briches in two weeks if I can get an oportunity your family Relations and Friends and Neighbours are in good Health Little Sally and Bobby gives there Love to you please to give my Compements General to Wayne and M/r Harper and M/r Jones and Cap/tn Betholumy

I am my Dearest Love your affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer

June 22/d 1777.

please to let me know the Number of the Enemy in your next

To Col. Persifor Frazer, of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment at Mount pleasant near Bound Brook New Jerse
Recommended to the care of M/r David Cowpland in Chester.
recommended to the care of M/r Chatson Philadelphia.

(probably June 1777)

My D'r Polly

My last to you was p. M/r Forbes of our Reg/t who promis'd to deliver it to you himself since that time I have receiv'd two of yours, earlier in date than the one I then mention'd—I am now return'd to Camp pretty well recover'd—when I shall see you is uncertain but hope it will be before long as I intend to crave Liberty—the weather is getting cool and shall want some of my warm Cloathing—if I could get some white cloath and trimmings for a Couple of Jacketts and trimming and lining (white) for some light blue Cloath would be satisfied for Coats and Jackets—The News relating to Sullivan you will have in the papers before this time—A movement of our Army We expect will take place before long, it is thought to the eastward—Your letters may be sent to the post—I have just time to give by best respects to all friends and my love to my D/r Children and to tell you

I am ever yours.

Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer in Thornbury, to be left at Major Arch Dicks near Marcus Hook

p. favour

Mr. Henderson.

Wednesday July 2. 1777

My Dearest Polly

This is my third Letter to you since I came to the Jerseys, since I wrote my last our Villainous Enemys have entirely evacuated this State. On Saturday night was a Week, upon intelligence that the Enemy intended to leave Brunswick, Gen/l Wayne w/th part of his Brigade am/t to ab/t 500 was sent off to intercept their march on the East side of the Rariton, Gen/l Vernon with a number was also order'd on the other side, whilst Gen/l Sullivan was to advance from Princetown and cooperate w/th the others. About Sunrise our vigilant countryman began to fire on a very large Body across the Bridge at the Landing, they fled with the greatest Precipitation though at least 5 to one superior at this time Gen/l Vernon hove in sight but from a mistake in orders retreated. Gen/l Sullivan had not at this time come up, having much further to march. Wayne however w/th his little party ab/t 500 Rifle kept on the attack from Hill to Hill where they had fortified themselves till he had put the whole to flight, he follow'd them while Sullivan and some others took possession of Brunswick. They had set fire to two small vessells w/th Stores and attempted to Burn a New

Bridge they had built but in vain. The Best acc/ts We have, make their loss from the time they went to Somerset to the end of this Engagement 500 at least—they made the Best of their way to Amboy where they were strongly fortified. I saw from a Hill near our Camp the whole of the Engagement. Our Division being order'd to stand their ground till further Orders. On Monday I went down to take a View of Brunswic, but believe me the Worst Accounts you have heard of their rapine and plunder fall infinitely short of the reality, it passes all description, the greatest part of the Houses within their limits for 4 or 5 miles around Brunswic, Burnt, or Pull'd down or otherwise tore to pieces, not a sign of a Fence to be seen and a universal scene of savage Barbarity and Cruelty presented themselves to View and this to those who had taken protection from the mighty infamous Howe. I have had information from undoubted authority that while they Were about Somerset they Violated many Women forcibly, two they hung by the Heels. One of whom an elderly Woman and of good family died immediately on her being taken down, they cut down many Orchards, destroy'd all the furniture that came in their Way, Wounded many and kill'd some of the inhabitants and on their retreat from Somerset and Brunswick Burnt the greatest part of the Houses along the road these are incontestible facts, and I sincerely wish those stubborn advocates for British Tyranny in our neighborhood cou'd only make it their Business to take a small ride and see the Devastation and ruin the deluded inhabitants of the Jersey have been treated with. The Baggage of the Army that remain'd were all in Waggons and We lay on our Arms two Nights, on Tuesday We were order'd to march to Quibble Town about 5 miles toward the Enemy, Our Generals went to reconnoitre the Enemy but found they were so very strongly posted that it wou'd be Madness to attack and run the risk of a Defeat, they were posted on a Hill near Amboy, the Rariton cover'd their left Wing, their Right extended to the sound a Battery of 32 pieces of Heavy Cannon cover'd their Front, thus were they station'd and the Mighty Conquerors of America amountg. to near 15000, were satisfied to have their partys, their Guards and Centry's insulted hourly by our Rifle men and scouts.

Our main Body still lay at Quibble town 10 or 11 miles from Amboy till thursday, lord Sterling with his division and Genl. Maxwell's Brigade havg. advanc'd very near them, they detach'd 7 or 8000 of their Army to surprize our troops or to drive them back and to get forage. the attack lasted all day Our people retreated with scarce any loss, except 2 field pieces w/ch were unaccountably left unguarded. Genl. Washington had intelligence that the Enemy were pushing for our old posts on the Mountain, Our division were order'd immediately to March for the Gapps, w/ch We did w/th great speed, We expected every moment to meet them but when We arriv'd the Post was safe, We then

rested 2 or 3 hours, another alarm then took place that the Enemy were near another Gap ab/t 2 miles distant, Our Regiment and another were order'd to March with all speed to attack them, but found both alarms took place from 2 Columns of our own Army who were approaching those places from Lord Sterling's Division. We Were then order'd back to the ground We left and lay on our Arms that night and next day till 12 o'clock at night when we were again Order'd immediately to repair to the same Gap where We lay the remainder of that Night, next day and then encamp't where I now write ab/t 4 miles to the East of our old Post. Last Night intelligence arriv'd here that our people were in possession of Amboy the enemy havg. retreated to Staten Island and left the Jerseys entirely—Our Division are under orders to have 2 days provision cook'd and to be ready to march I expect this afternoon We shall set off to Amboy or Elizabeth town. Our Army are in excellent order, every day large Body's of troops joining us, I cannot ascertain our numbers but think them sufficient for any thing We may have to do. An angel from Heaven cou'd not have the confidence of the Troops equal to Gen/l Washington. He will not risk any thing but on certain appearance of advantage well knowing that annoying them by parties, confining them to narrow limits, and taking possession of inaccessible Posts will as assuredly defeat them as any other Method, he therefore prudently refrains from a General Battle, the issue of which may be uncertain. The Enemy in every skirmish and engagement have shown the greatest marks of fear.

We have a Rifle Regiment lately embodied, being chosen men from the Whole Army their number 500. those Troops within this ten days have had no less than 15 different skirmishes and attacks w/th the Enemy, the whole of their loss you may depend upon is but 3 kill'd and 11 wounded, which I mention to show the great goodness of Heaven in preserving our Men. Two of our men that were prisoners at New York came in here last night they say our People are Bombarding New York (if any it must be Gen/l Putnam who has been at Peeks kill) that the inhabitants were packing up their furniture and goods, that a fleet was ready to take them and the Army aboard where they intended was not known, but thought to be New England, I have very little confidence in any part of this intelligence. I thank God I have my health very well, I have laid out in the open Air 5 or six nights and have found no ill effects. Our Regiment in Gen/l are very healthy and in good Spirits, I shou'd be glad to hear from you, Write by none but safe hands, you will always find Officers of our State in Philad/a. there are 4 of our Reg/t now absent, Mr. Griffith is not yet come. Give my most unfeigned respects to all Relations and friends, I cannot mention them

particularly, I am oblig'd to write in a hurry, they must excuse me.
my best Love to my beloved Children.

I am my Dearest Polly y/r ever affectionate Husband.
Pers/r Frazer.

Mr. Ross is desir'd to leave this letter at Mr. Tho/s Evan's, near Concord Meeting House, and to leave the musket there also, he is desir'd also to leave word there what time he may return with his waggon.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County, to the care of Mr. Joseph Vandegrift, at the Cross Keys. Philadelphia.

fav/d by
Mr. Ross.

(Saturday)

Morris Town July 5/th 1777.

My D/r Wife

My last to . you I wrote on Wednesday last, and went by Ross, a Sutler of our Reg/t. I gave him direction to leave the letter at Mr. Vandegrifts shou'd he be detained any time in Phil/a but as he was to go through Concord on his way home I desir'd he might leave it with Tommy Evans if he sho'd not stay in town. The morning after I wrote We march'd for this place together with the greatest part of the Army, as it was apprehended the Enemy had an intention to pass up the North River. How long We shall continue here depends entirely upon the Movements of the British troops shou'd they proceed to the southward We can readily march after them, as we are but little further off than at the place We left. Nothing of great consequence has transpir'd since my last, the plunderers have got upon Staten Island and owe their safety to the Water that divides them from Us—there they cannot remain long as the Island is not sufficient to maintain their Army any considerable time, it is horrid to hear the accounts that are hourly brought in of the Barbarity and Villainous behaviour of the Enemy, it wou'd be endless to relate every particular, your ideas cannot paint their conduct in Suitable colours We have heard that Ticonderoga is likely to be attack'd. I hope they will be able to defend that place properly. I have not yet got my Horse, but believe I have heard where he is. I wou'd not have you send the stallion as they are very troublesome among such a number of Horses as are in the Army. I wou'd be glad you wou'd send me some inkpowder and some good paper, as those articles are very scarce—there is no probability of my seeing you soon—I am in pain when I think of the fatigue and trouble you will

have in harvest. Cap/t Church will deliver you this, you may have an opportunity of Writing when he returns. I must if possible send all my Papers Home as We shall if We shou'd march any distance be obliged to leave our chests behind. All your acquaintances are well. Give my best respects to all my good neighbors, Friends and relations. My Blessing attend my D/r Children.

I remain my D/r Love
Your affect/te Husband
Pers/r Frazer

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County.
Fav/d by
Cap/t Church

Sunday
(July 6/th 1777)

My D/r Percy

I Wrote to you the 22/d of Last Month Since that I Received yours of the 20/th and I have not heard a word from you Scence which make me very unessey as I Expected you wold Sent me the Glorious News of the Enemy being Drove out of the Jerse I have Saw it in the papers but it wold Reade much better Coming from you we have Some very bad News Sturing among the Torys that Lord Starlings and Gen/l Maxfeilds Brigades ware Entirely cut off Brother Isaac is come Home and much pleased with Carolinna and is going thare with his family to Set out in two months time to Settle in Hilsborrow he will Sell his Land in the Vally and Rent that wheare he Lives I would be glad you would come home to Settle with him before he gos I think you Cold Get that pease of Land from him now I have Sounded M/r Brinton concerning it and find him much for you to hav it and likewise find we hav been very ill Treated concerning it about the time you bought it at Vendew by Some pertended friend Noblit is yet in the House and I am not Like to get any body to go in this Sommer that I now know of I was Last monday down at Gilsons mill trying to get a Horse for you from one Saile he is a very Gay hore abo/t four years old Saile was not at home but I Expect him up evry day if we Deal I Shall Send him as Soon as possible Jemmie Thomson hase Loust the yuse of his Left hand your D/r little Children are all in Good Helth and your Relation and freinds are gennerally Healthy Exsept my Self I have been very ill with a fever and can not get Cleer of it which maks Every thing I hav to do Look like Mountens before me Give my respectfull Complement to General Wayne and Cap/tn

Bethluny and M/r Harper I saw M/rs Harper and Last monday and her and the Children ware all well

I am my D/r Percy y/r ever affectionate wife

July 6/th 1777

Mary Worrall Frazer

Just as I finish this I
received your by M/r Ross
nothing cold give more
pleasure Except the Sight
of your D/r Self

M. F.

To

Col. Persifor Frazer
of the 5/th Penn/a Regiment
at Elizabeth Town in new Jersey

P favour
M/r. Ross

(Wednesday)
(July 9/th 1777)

My Dearest Percy

I received your Letter by M/r Ross without any Date this is the Seckond you have Sent with out I am much oblidge to you for the particular account you givs of the Enemy proseedings in the Jereys it will be of greate yuse to our Freinds heare I Reapt yesterday the new Land wheate and part of the Ry with 26 hands Every man try which Cold do the best for you the ware both whig and Tory in the feild and not the Least Disspute amonge them I have not yet got your Stockings or Linning redy but you may Expect them Shortly perhaps I may Send them with the Horse if I Get him please to Let me know what you wold hav me do with that matter of Isaacs if you cannot get Home in time your Self I wrote to you concerning Noblit in my Letter of 22/d (but find you have not yet got it) that M/r Chenny thinks I had better let him alone till you return Except I put him out the Same Way he Came in he broke the dower open the Same night your men Left it I Still hav Some Little of the fever the Children and family are all well and God almighty Grant that you may hav your Health and be preserved to return to me and your Dear little is the Dayly prayers of you ever affectionate Wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

July 9/th 1777.
Addressed

To

Col. Persifor Frazer
of the 5/th Penn/a Rement
at Elizabeth Town in the
Jersey

P favour
Mr Ross

(Thursday)
(July 10/th 1777)

My D/r Percy

I received your Letter by Cap/t Church and have Sent by him peper and Ink powder three y/d of linning and three y/d of dimety I have not anything more then wat is in the other Letters to inform you of mere then to beg you to Com hom if possible befor ISaac Gos but I feare that will not be in your power if you Should move to the North ward though to have Sent you Som Stockings but find Cap/t Church Can not wait for them wrote Concerning the horse let me know Soon if I must Send him may God Bless and preserv is the unfained prayers of your Ever Loving Wife

July 10/th 1777

Mary Worrall Frazer

Addressed

To

Col Persifor Frazer
of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment
at Morris Town Jersey

fav/d by
Cap/t Church

(Friday)

Camp at the Cloves. July 18/th 1777.

My Dear Polly

I have received your letter p. Cap/t Church the day before yesterday, to hear of your recovery and the health of our Dear Children gave me the highest satisfaction. I am very sorry poor Jemmy Thomson has met with so great a Misfortune, care and attention may yet recover him. I wrote to you on Friday last by a Mr. Thomas who lives near Cuckolds Town, the Letter was to be deliver'd to Major John Bartholomew and have no doubt you have receiv'd it. That morning the Whole Army left Morris Town and arrivd at this place on Tuesday. We are now properly an army of observation as the Movements of the Enemy will determine our Rout. We have heard here that Ticonderoga is evacuated that the Army and the greatest part of the Stores were safe at Fort Edward, that Gen/l Sinclair was attack'd on his march near Skeensburg (ab/t 26 miles from Tycon/a) the Enemy were obliged to retreat laeving 300 dead and a Cap/t and ab/t 40 Prisoners Some of our Leaders think it a happy event that that place has been left, as the Enemy may be tempted to penetrate into New England or York State, and as there is a very good body of men ready to oppose them, there is a good probability Burgoyne will not get so easily back, or join Gen/l Howe as he may have imagined; and indeed I think he will repent this manoever should he attempt to march into the Country. We were informed the other day that ab/t 70 Sail of English Transports

were at Sandy Hook with troops on board from New York by w/ch it was thought they intended for Philadelphia or some other place to the southward, the news arriving from Tycond/a a/bt this time made it appear probable that they might make a push up the North River to join their army, the place we are now at is a/bt 25 miles from the North River and 35 from Morris Town, Where it is likely we shall halt untill We have certain Acc/ts of their destination. Certain intelligence arriv'd here the day before yesterday that Major General Prescott, (who had been before a prisoner) and who had the Chief Command at Rhode Island, is taken prisoner by stratagem and is now safe in custody and will be a good substitute for Gen/l Lee. Our Army is in very fine health and Spirits it wou'd surprise you to see the vast number of soldiers, Horses, Waggons, Drivers, Cattle and Provision, tents, etc., that are here; yet everything goes smoothly on. I am highly obliged to you for the trouble you had in getting me a Horse, but can now make a pretty good shift, therefore desire you may not purchase any for me as I am still in hopes I shall get my own. I expected the other day to have had him, but the one I thought mine had been taken away by another person w/ch I shall enquire into. It gives me great pleasure to hear you are so forward with Harvest and feel sincerely for the trouble and uneasiness you must have; but this once my D/r polly and shall relieve you from ev'ry hardship in my Power. The Expenses We are unavoidably put to, every Necessary bearing so exorbitant a price, makes our pay far short of what it ought to be and I am determin'd not to hurt my Family by the Service, whilst Robbers, plunderers and Villains in Philad/a and other places, are accumulating immense Fortunes in ease and safety. If nothing very material shou'd intervene, shall make interest to get Home in ab/t three weeks, but this will be very uncertain. Mr. Jones our Chaplain will convey this to you he will return shortly, by him you can Write. The hurry We have been constantly in this 2 or 3 Weeks past has occasion'd my neglect in not dating my 2 letters. If I shou'd not get Home at the time appointed, Noblit shou'd be bound over to his good behavior and give Surety's of the peace, or shou'd he not find sufficient Bail imprisoned; this cou'd be done with more propriety by Mr. Cheyney and the other Magistrates that were present than by any other as they have already been acquainted with the matter and the commitment of the Old man and his Son will still remain in force or a new one may be made out. Shou'd be very glad to hear you had sold the land near the Ship, you know the inconveniency of having it at so great a distance. I think you had better have another advertisement form'd and put in the papers. Am afraid Isaac will not get the Value of his tract, Johnsons Lease will injure the Sale. I hope he will meet with everything favourable to his Wishes if he is determin'd to remove to Carolina. I think you had better have the New Land stubble burnt and sow the best part of it with Wheat, it will be much easier done

and will answer other good purposes. I thank God I enjoy my Health as well as ever, though I have endur'd much hardship and fatigue this 2 or 3 weeks. My Mind cannot be ease absent from my dear family, no one enjoy'd more happiness than I have enjoy'd with them, and hope I shall not be again so long absent after this Summer. This season I hope will put an end to this War, every thing appears promising, and with the favours of Providence how happy shall we be in peace and tranquility. I believe it is not Inkw powder but Emery you have sent me, I will desire Doct/r Jones to bring me some from Philad/a 2 p/r good strong Stockg/s to wear under my Boots will be as much as I want from you this season. I shall constantly write all the news worth your Notice nothing has transpir'd but what I have mention'd, but marching and encamping. It was expected We shou'd have gone toward Philad/a as we understood that was the enemys purpose. We have had acc/t from ab/t New York the inhabitants of which begin to feel the friendship of their protectors, in a very sensible manner they are constantly of late treated with great harshness, this seems to indicate the Enemys intention of leaving that place. Amboy is a heap of Ruins, where every one had taken the Oaths and protection, the Measles and other disorders make their Army very sickly, they have been fam'd for cleanliness and but every account and every thing I have seen of them contradict that Character, their Tents, (torn) etc., and Quarters exceed every thing for Nastiness, there (have been bodies) (?) found buried in the cellars at Brunswick, (which it is thought was done) (?) w/th a design to keep their Mortality a Secret. In (some) (?) places numbers have been dug up after the late engagements with them, that they have hall'd from the field. Give my most sincere respects to all our Brothers and Sisters, to mamy Pierce, Tommy Cheyney, Tommy Taylor, Mr. Brinton, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Way and every other my Good Friends and neighbors, whose kindness and attention to you demand my warmest gratitude. I shall conclude my dearest love with my ardent Wishes for the prosperity and happiness of you and our dear Children

Your affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County.
Fav/d by the Rev.
Doctor Jones.

Mr. Joseph Vandegrift at the Cross Keys Philad/a is requested to forward this as quick as possible, by his

Friend and Humble Servant
Pers/r Frazer

(Wednesday)
Camp near Howells Ferry July 29/th, 1777.

My D/r Polly

I am once more in Penn/a after a very fatiguing March, We have March'd 2 Divisions consisting of 16 Rg/ts 90 Miles in four days, under several disadvantages. We cross'd the Delaware this morning with our Brigade. Orders arriv'd just then for the others to stand fast and for us to halt. General Washington w/th the other divisions of the Army are now at Corryells Ferry ab/t 4 or 5 Miles below this place it seems uncertain whether We shall go further to the southward. I am determin'd to see Home before many days. Col/o Johnston and Major Robinson are now both absent, I shou'd have wrote by the Colonel, but from the time he first thought of going 'till he set off was not 15 minutes. I requested he wou'd write to you w/ch he promis'd to do. I am still in good health tho a good deal fatigu'd I was at Colonel Mark Thomsons the day before Yesterday and din'd with him, he and his Family are well and desir'd to be remember'd to all their Friends. I have no News to inform you off. Give my best respects to all Friends, relations and acquaintances. My best Love to my D/r Children.

I am my Dearest your affectionate Husband,

Persifor Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Chester County.

to be left at Mr. Vandegrifts at the Cross Keys, Philadelphia.
P. Cap/t Oldham.

Cross Roads Bucks County July 13/th, 1777
(probably August) (Thursday)

My D/r Polly

I arrived here in good health yesterday morning, but never endur'd more with the heat. I found everything well, We are now 21 miles from Philad/a where I expect we shall remain 'till certain accounts arrive of the Enemy's Landing in some place.

I have sent back the mare by Mr. M/cClintuck, a Lieut. of our Reg/t She is not well, I think She must have been so before I took her from home, as She panted exceedingly, tho' I rode very Slow. It is uncer-

tain how long we shall stay here, you can write by Mr. M/cClintuck. I expect he will call upon you.

Give my sincere Love to all Friends, relations and neighbors and my D/r Children. I am my D/r Polly.

Y/r most affectionate Husband.
Persifor Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County.
P. fav. of
L/t McClintuck.

Note.

(The date of this letter is probably an error and should be Aug. 13th. See letter dated Aug. 21/st.)

(Friday)

(Graeme Park, Aug/t 21/st, 1777.)

My Dear Polly

My last I wrote to you from the Cross Roads Bucks County, by Mr. M/cClintuck a Lieut/t of our Regiment by whom I sent the Mare a day or two after We mov'd to this place w/ch is ab/t 18 miles from Philad/a. As we understand General Howe and his Myrmidons are gone toward South Carolina. We are now under orders to march tomorrow Morning, I think toward New York, which I am not in doubt but We shall enter before 3 weeks, Matters I understand go on very well to the Northward, a large Body of our Army have got between them and Tyconderoga and think there will be a good Acc/t render'd of them at the Close of the Campaign. I have receiv'd no letter from you since I left Home. We are in good Spirits. I shall not fail to write by every oppertunity. Give my sincere respects to all Relations, Friends and acquaintance. By best Love to you and my dear Children. I am my D/r Polly ever

Your affec/te Husband

Pers/r Frazer.

Graeme Park
Aug/t 21/st 1777

(Saturday)

Graeme Park Aug/t 22/nd, Night.

My Dearest Love

A soldiers situation is a very uncertain one, last evening We had orders to march this Mornng. w/ch was countermanded before night, this afternoon We have orders to march tomorrow morning for Albany. Our news from that Quarter is extraordinary and hope with Gods blessing We shall finish Mr. Burgoynes business in that Quarter

very soon. I cannot as yet inform you what number of this army are bound to the North, but apprehend the Virginia Troops will be left behind as We understand Howes fleet have appear'd in Chesapeake Bay. I expect to hear from you soon I believe your best method will be for the future to send by Post. We have many things to do before mornng. God bless you my Lovely Children all Relations, Friends, etc.,

I am Dearest your
Affec/te Husband.
Pers/r Frazer.

Direct to me L/t Col/o of the 5/th Pen/a Reg/t in the Division Commanded by General Wayne—to the Northward.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Township, Chester County.

(Aug/t 29th/ 1777)

My Dear Percy

there is three Waggons Came here this Evening Loded with chests and the are to be left here the have brought me now Letter from you and I understand you hav moved which gives me greater Concern as I expected to hav Seen you to morrow but now God only knows when or wheare ever I shall See you a gane in this world o Percy this is a dreadfull Night with me dow wright to me every oper-tunity for that is all the Comfort I have Left wee are all well as you Left us I am my Dear Percy wishing every Blessing that Heaven can bestow upon you

your Ever affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer

Aug/t 29/th 1777.

I am much Surprise to find that your Chest is not a mong these

Lieut/t Col/o Persifor Frazer, 5/th Penn/a Reg/t
P. favour
Lieut/t Skinner.

(Friday)

Camp near Wilmington Sept. 4/th, 1777.

My D/r Polly—

I have the oppertunity by your old Acquaintance Mr. Bensted, to inform you that I am in very good health. We still remain in the position you saw Us. Yesterday a party of the Militia and a few of our Regular Troops were engaged with the Enemy a few of our men were wounded and one kill'd, they made a push towards Christiana

Bridge, they thought proper to halt ab/t 1 1/2 miles from that place and believe they have retreated to their former station. We are under orders to hold ourselves in readiness to March on the signal being given and think it will not be long before that will take place. Please to send p. Mr. Bensted 3 Books you will find in my Chest entitled "Sterne's Works or Tristram Shandy the Yorick Sermons; also the thread. I shall send home before long some of my old fine shirts, you will be so good as to have the good ones ready.

My best respects to every Body my Love to our D/r Children.

I am my Dearest Polly,
y/r affect/te Husband.
Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury.
p. fav. of
Cap/t Bensted.

(Saturday)

(Sep/t 5/th 1777)

My D/r Percy

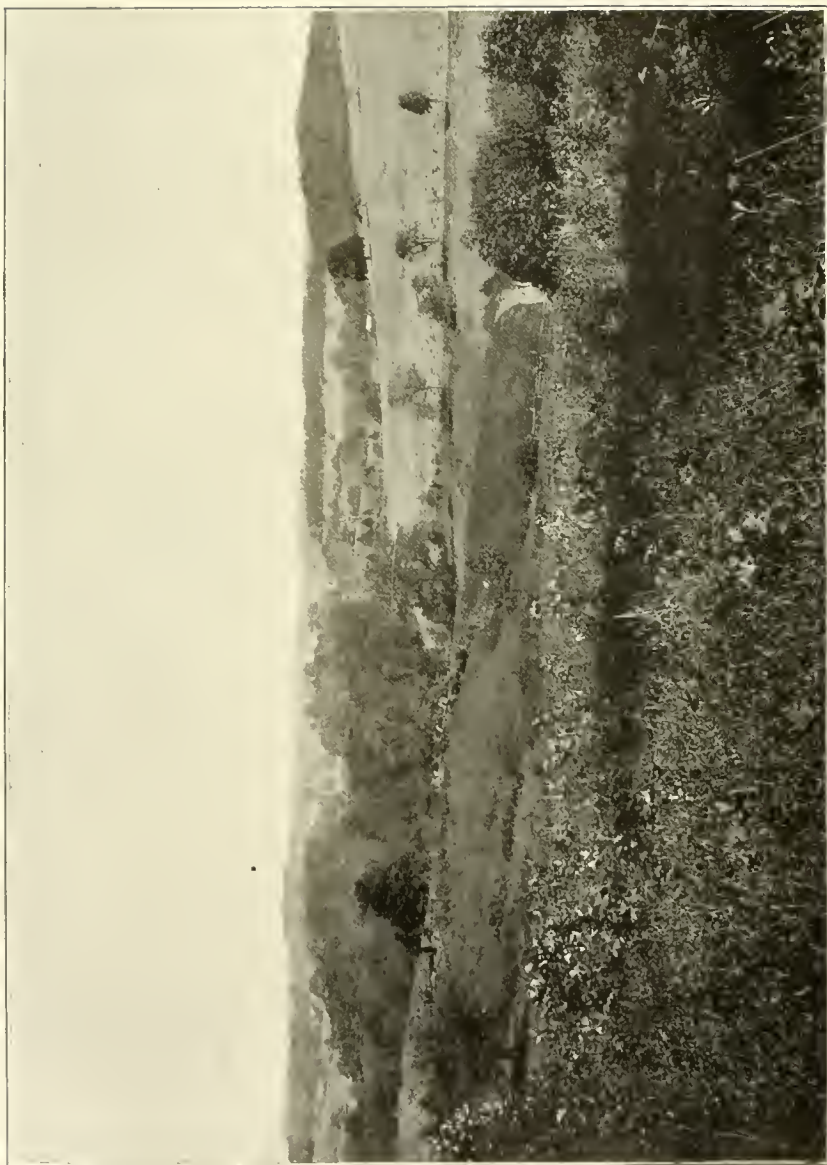
I am glad to find you are in Health for I heard you was badly wounded we are all very much frightned at the Enemy Coming in so Larg a Body as 20 thousand we are all well as you Left us I have Sent the three Books and thred by M/r Bensteid please to give my complements to M/r Jones and my other acquaintents I am my Dear Percy y/r affect/n wife

Mary Worrall Frazer.

Sep/t 5. 1777

To Lieut/t Col/o Persifor Frazer, 5/th Penn/a Reg/t, Camp near
Wilmington
P. favour
Cap/t Benstid

There is a dearth of letters from the fifth of September 1777, the date of the note of Mary Worrall Frazer to her husband, five days before the battle of Brandywine, until Feb. 1778 when the latter wrote as a prisoner from Philadelphia; which is not surprising under the circumstances. This gap can be best filled by the account taken down in writing by Elizabeth Smith a granddaughter of the subject, from Sarah Frazer his eldest daughter, in 1840.



The country around Thornbury in 1893—Looking east from a quarter of a mile north of the Frazer house.

The Battle of Brandywine

September 11, 1777

Narrative of Sarah Frazer, daughter of Gen. Frazer.

West Chester Sep/t 11/th, 1840.

The present writer was eight years and eight months old on the day of the Brandywine battle.—She with her little brother and sister both younger than herself were at school as usual, when firing was heard both of musquetry and field pieces.—The teacher went out and listened some time and returned saying there is a battle not far off, children you may go home. This was about 9 or 10 in the morning.

As we returned we met our mother on horseback going over towards the place of action, knowing that her husband and our father must be in the midst of the affray. Her mother was at that time the wife of John Pierce, and lived about half way from our dwelling on Chester Creek to Chadd's Ford on the Brandywine. She went there, and where else I know not but she was riding about all day — came home once, but was off again and did not return till dark. We heard musketry with an occasional discharge of heavy artillery through the day, but particularly towards evening. There was a continual discharge of small arms heard at our house.

My Father was in the engagement sure enough, and belonging to Wayne's brigade, was among those who sustained the attack in the early part of the day, but was not of that part which was ordered up to Birmingham (Meeting House) afterwards.

He (my father) with his charge remained on the ground till night, he then mounted a wounded soldier on his horse and walked by his side to the Seven Stars tavern in Ash-town township, where he put the soldier into a wagon going to Chester. He then rode home 5 or 6 miles and went to bed. At early morning I got up and seeing my fathers Regimental coat all stained and daubed with blood I set up the murder shout as I thought he must have been killed,—he awoke and as soon as his horse was prepared, mounted and rode off to the army — he was taken prisoner with Major John Harper four days afterwards in Edgmont Township, while on a reconnoitering party.

Thomas Cheyney Esquire, a good staunch whig, but withal a plain,

blunt country farmer, when he heard the firing that morning, threw his saddle on his lightfoot hackney mare and rode off towards Birmingham without dressing himself at all; had neither coat nor stockings on—he knew the country well and rode about the hills until he saw the main body of the enemy marching up on the west-side of the river, when he rode full speed to where General Washington was stationed and told him. He also informed him that they could not cross until they had passed the forks in which time Washington could have a party up; two hundred he said would be sufficient to stop them in the narrow defile they must pass in coming down this side. The General did not seem to give credence to the information as his Aides had been out and brought no such word, moreover he could not tell whether Cheney was friend or foe, as his appearance was the same as the great body of Tories in the country. The dear old Whig's feelings were wrought up to a great pitch, so that he fairly trembled with agitation when he said "if Anthony Wayne or Pers. Frazer were here you would know whether to believe me or not", and as he thought the people about the General seemed to look rather sneeringly at him he clenched his hand and said "I have this days work as much at heart as e'er a *Blood* of you."*

When Mr. Sam. Rush was preparing his Lecture upon "The Revolutionary officers of Chester County" he went to see Aunt Sally and she gave him what I (Elizabeth Smith) have copied.—

In relating the circumstances to me, she said in going down in the morning she went to the door and saw the coat, an overcoat I think, hanging on the paling and her cry was "Oh my Daddy's killed my dear Daddy's killed," and turning round saw her father behind her brought from his room by her cries.

My mother, a younger daughter of General Frazer, says that the soldier assisted was one of the enemy. Major Frazer ordered his man to lift him from the ground, but when the latter had partly raised him (obeying very unwillingly) he let go exclaiming "God bless my Soul is it possible—a British soldier wounded in the back!"

Narrative of Elizabeth Smith.

On a lovely summer afternoon, August 17. 1822 scarcely a leaf stirring or a sound heard, except at intervals the note of the blue jay from the woods, and the far off low of the cattle, with no living thing in

*In Irving's "Life of Washington," Chap. XVIII this story is told but the names of Wayne and Frazer are not mentioned.

As stated by John Armstrong in his "Anthony Wayne," the battle of Brandywine was lost from the entirely unexpected and inexplicable panic and break of the right flank of the American line.



Frazer house, Thornbury, in 1893—Looking north from 100 yards south of the house.

sight but the chickens upon the bank, where the old Gum tree above the spring was silently lengthening its shadow, and dropping down, now and then its bright red glossy leaves, from among the shining green; with the mingled smells of the damask monthly rose, the shrub, the sweet herbs, and the fox grapes, coming from the old fashioned terraced gardens as I sat upon the kitchen door step of the dear solitary sequestered Thornbury home, with *Grandma beside me just within the door, seated in her accustomed arm chair, and we looked over the fields, and woods, and hills and meadows, now lying in such serene repose, but which had been the scene of events so full of painful interest to her and her family, and which were also a part of the history of the country, in its great revolutionary struggle; she related the following incidents which I will give as nearly as I can in her own words.

"On the day after the battle of Brandywine, two very genteel looking men came here proposing to stay all night. Your Grandfather stayed on the ground until evening and then joined the American Army near the Seven Stars, and after staying there a short time came home.

"It was late and the strangers had gone to bed. Harvey an Irishman, your Grandfather's body servant, in carrying his saddle up stairs, struck the stirrups and girths as he stepped and the noise woke the strangers, who called out, asking who had come? The servant said, his master had come home; they rose immediately, went out, saddled their horses, and before any one knew of it were off. We never learned who they were. Your Grandfather thought they must have been some dreadful good-for-nothing Tories. The next day, Friday, a party of Riflemen came, and as there was the baggage of two regiments in the house (there had been a good deal of ammunition and arms which had been removed not long before this time) they advised Col. Frazer to go away, for if the British got wind of it, they would come to plunder and he would be taken. He however did not apprehend danger; the Riflemen got some refreshment and went away. On Saturday quite early, your Grandfather rode over to the Blue Ball ^{tavern} on the Chester road two or threemiles from home, to join a reconnoitering party upon which he was ordered, and there met Major Harper and Uncle Jacob Vernon. Major Christy had been with us for some time nursing a sprained leg, which rendered him unfit for service. I had four children. Sally and Robert and Mary Ann and Persifor these with Polly Follows, a woman who lived with me many years from her childhood, black Rachel and two black men who' worked on the farm, made up my family. The three blacks belonged to us."

"I had been afraid of the British coming to the house and had sent many things of value to neighbor Hemphies. Your Grandfathers papers, £200 in paper money, and some silver and other things, I had

*The General's widow.

hid among some vines in the garden and in some bushes in the woods. In the morning after Maj. Frazer had gone, as I sat carding and spinning wool, we heard wagons coming down yonder-hill. It was then covered with woods and we could not see on the top of it as we do now. I thought that they might be American wagons coming to take away the baggage that was here belonging to the Regiments* Major Christy watched for them to come out of the woods, and seeing that the drivers wore rifle shirts, still thought they were our own people. At length as they approached nearer, he discovered that they were British; just in time to give the alarm, send one of the black boys to Uncle Jacob Vernon's, (Cheyneys now) and escape with the children, Aunt Nancy Frazer, and Polly Follows into the woods, where they hid among the branches of a large tree that had been felled. The boy was sent for a party of Riflemen who had been at the place the night before, but had left, unfortunately, early in the morning. I was then in the house alone except the black girl who took up two large Cheeses and threw them over the fence among some weeds and briars. I sat carding my rolls to pieces, when a British officer, tho' not the commander of the party, entered and accosted me in broad Scotch with "where are the damned rebels"? In those days when I was frightened I always became angry. Since then I have often thought I did wrong to exasperate them. I did however always, say every thing against them that I could.—So I said to him, that I knew of no Rebels.—there was not I believed a *Scotchman* about the place. At this he flew into a great rage and used abusive language.—Many of the soldiers were now in the house ransacking all the lower part of it. One had gone into the cellar and brought up a barrel of salt, both armies at this time were much in need of it and it was very scarce and valuable. He thought he had brought up all there was, but he missed a bushel that was in a barrel hidden under some old beer bottles. What they got the soldiers tied up in rags and put in their pockets, and a great deal they gave to their horses.—The Commander of the party (which consisted of 200 foot and 50 horse) now came up. He divided the horse into two Companies.—Stationing them at a considerable distance from the house but so as completely to surround it. They were in great fear that the Riflemen who they had heard were in the neighbourhood should surprise them. they had seen Major Christy, as they came up the hill, go into the woods and knew the American uniform and the thought that he might be one of a party not far off, did not tend to lessen their fears. They had also a line of sentinels placed within their line of horses. The alarm that had been given by the black boy, had brought a number of my friends and neighbours to the spot. When I saw them with my own servants, for my other black had joined them, I thought that it was the hardest thing

*Brought Aug. 29. 1777. This was Saturday Sept. 13. 1777.



Frazer house, Thornbury, in 1893—Looking south from fifty yards north of its north angle. On the extreme right and parallel with the side of the house was the garden alluded to in Mary Frazer's description of the occupation by British troops.

that not one of them in my great difficulty and distress came near to say a word to me for I did not then know what prevented them."

"After these arrangements had been made Capt. De West the commander (he was Captain of the Guard and ranked equal with a Col.) came into the house just as one of the men was going to strike me.— They had got at the liquor and were drunk— the officers were obliged to drive them off with their swords. However as I said, the Cap/t came in and told me that he had understood the house was full of arms and ammunition asking me to open the door leading up stairs. He was afraid that there was some one concealed on the stairs who would shoot him. I told him I knew of no ammunition in the house and that I would not open the door; if he wished it opened he might open it himself. He then opened the case of the clock hoping to find money; he found an old musket with the lock broken off, this he jammed up into the works and broke them to pieces. He then insisted that I should open the stair door and I persisting in refusing to do so, he was obliged to open it himself."

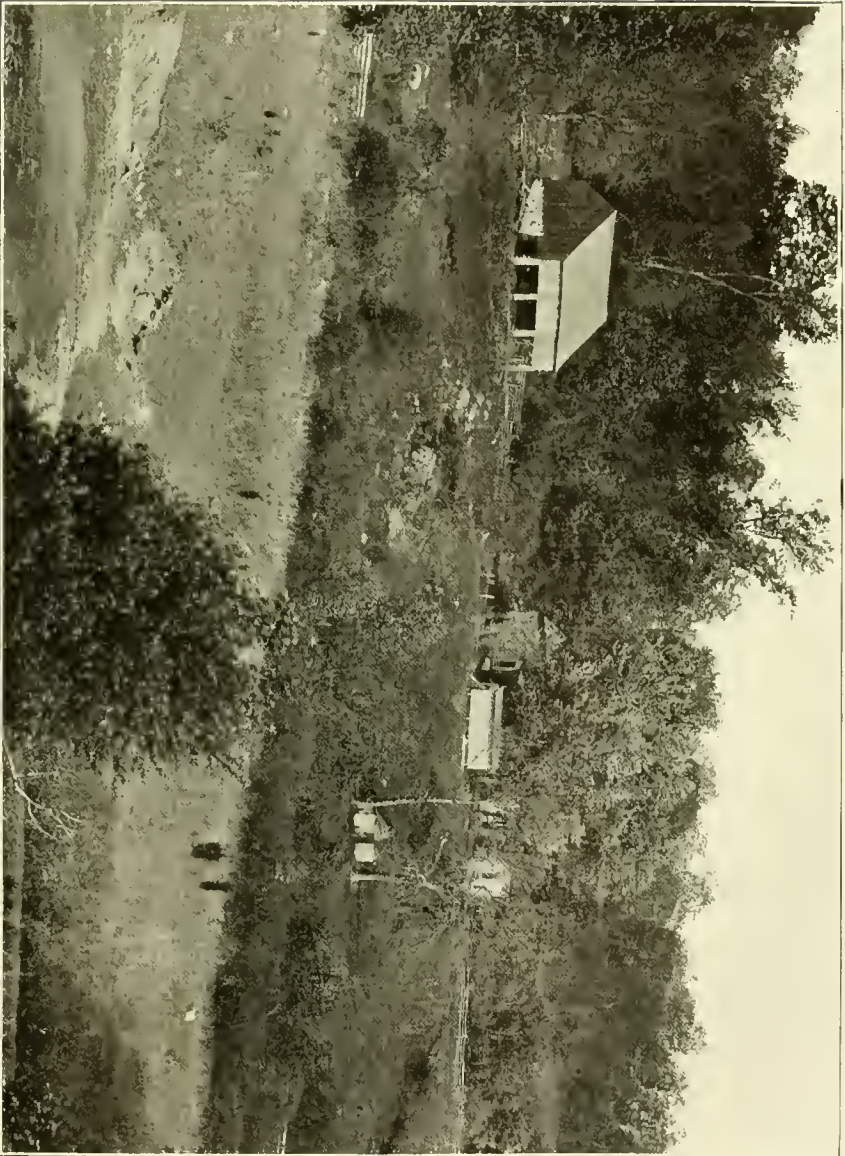
"He then told me to show him every thing that belonged to me and that it should not be touched, which I did.—Yet he went himself to your Grandfather's desk, took his flute and music books, a large French Bible with many other French books and a silver handled riding whip of mine that had belonged to my Grandfather Taylor, saying that he was just wanting a riding whip. I took it out of his hand and told him that it was an old family piece, that he could take it from me if he chose, that I did not want to part with it— and screwing the handle off I put it in my pocket and handed him the whip. He looked very queer but did not take it. When he saw the baggage which was packed in chests and ammunition boxes, turning to me, he said, you told me there was no ammunition, and breaking them open found only the soldiers clothes. Now it became a scene of pillage and confusion,—they plundered the house — what they could not carry away they destroyed: took the beautiful swords worn by the officers on parade, carried off the clothes, one man put on five shirts. While tearing about up stairs they took a suit of plaid worsted curtains I had that belonged to a field bedstead — this they threw at poor Rachel saying, "here nigger is a petticoat for you" she, poor creature, being frightened partly to death thinking she was obliged to put it on, in her efforts to get her head thro' a slit became completely entangled to their great amusement.—"

"They then went to the barn and took 50 bushels of wheat—that was threshed, and in bags. This they took away with them, and fed their horses with a great deal that was in sheaf. The next spring it came up thickly upon the bank in front of the house where they had strewn it for horse feed. All our horses were taken away. In order to catch a young mare that had not been broke they turned her into the garden. She ran in among the vines where I had put my papers, and I was sure

they were gone. but the British did not find them and when after their departure I went to bring them in I found them strewn about and many yards from the place I had concealed them in. At length after doing all the mischief they dared and taking every thing they could carry, they went away, except a few that stayed for, I forget what.—The Captain as he was going said “I had orders to take *Mr* Frazer prisoner and burn the house and barn to the ground, but these I give to you”. I said “I can’t, Sir, thank you for what is my own, and if such were your orders you would not dare to disobey them.” After he went out a soldier came down stairs with a very handsome double reined bridle of mine. I told him to put it down, the Captain had said they should touch nothing that belonged to me, it was made for a lady, and he should not have it; it would be of no use to him if he took it—he very peaceably laid it down, and going into a bed room took from a dressing table that stood under the glass, a dressing box, throwing pincushions, combs, brushes, and many other things on the floor, and was walking away with the box. I told him to put it where he found it and if he offered to take it I should call the Captain who was not yet out of sight or hearing.—He walked straight back, picked up and replaced all he had turned out, and went away. I was very sorry to lose two little glass cream buckets with ladles,—the most beautiful little things,— I never saw any like them—they were brought from England by my Grandfather Taylor.— One of the men took them away. They took a large quantity of liquor that was stored away; some belonging to us, and some to Aunt Sally Thompson who had sent it over here to be out of Jem’s way. After they had all gone the family returned from their hiding place in the woods very hungry and there was nothing to give them. There was not an individual morsel to eat in the house except a piece of meat which had been put over the fire to boil for dinner and a few ears of corn that the children had put in the pot for themselves, and the cheeses that were hid in the garden”.

“Aunt Patty* told me before Captain De West left the house he told Grandma that there were persons employed by his government to offer very high terms to some of the American Officers to induce them to join the British army where they should receive a commission, the post would be overlooked, and a reward given beside.—That her husband was one of the persons designated and that if she would use her influence with him, which was doubtless very great, he would probably accept the offer; and set forth in strong terms all the advantages and happiness which such a change of position would give to her. She said: “You do not know Col. Frazer or you would not undertake such a thing—nor would he listen to me if I should propose it,—but if it were possible to persuade him and he should consent to become a traitor to his

*Mrs. Martha Morris, another daughter of Gen. Frazer.



Frazer house, Thornbury, in 1893—Looking west from 250 yards south by east of the house.

country. I should never consent to have anything to do with him again."—

"A few days after the battle of Brandywine Major Frazer and Major Harper being on reconnoitering duty a few miles from home went into the Blue Ball tavern on the Chester road where they were joined by Uncle Jacob Vernon. They had not been long there when Major Harper looking from the window saw a number of horsemen coming up the road who from their uniform he supposed were part of a company of Virginia Light horse. They proved to be a considerable body of the British, coming up from the Seven Stars to join Cornwallis (who lay encamped on the South Valley Hill) commanded by Gen. Grant. When the mistake was discovered Uncle Jacob Vernon jumped out of a window among some bushes and brambles and, I think, got off. The others in attempting to do so, were fired upon, the house surrounded and they captured, their swords and horses taken from them and themselves compelled to proceed with their captors. Gen. Grant entered into conversation with my Grandfather who was walking near him, and at length asked his name—Persifer Frazer—That is a Scotch name said the General (himself a Scotchman) and should not be the name of a rebel. "England has called other men rebels besides those who resist her government in America" was the reply.—"For that answer," said Grant, "you shall have your horse," and when it was brought he restored his sword also, and they rode along very pleasantly together for the remainder of the journey which was short."*

"This occurred as they were passing the Goshen Quaker meeting house. The main army of the British lay upon the back fields of our Valley home (The narrator lived in the Chester Valley. She was born in 1800.) and General Washington's head quarters were at Malins about two miles below in the Valley, where they were preparing to encounter Cornwallis in the morning. That night a very heavy rain fell and finding his ammunition completely wet, in the morning Gen. Washington with his army moved rapidly down the Swedes Ford road in order to cross the river before Cornwallis should overtake him, who was in hot pursuit. The river was much swollen by the rain of the previous night, and was rising fast when our people crossed. They got over safely just as the advance of the British came in sight.—When they reached the Ford the River was impassable.—My own family always spoke of this as a special interposition of Providence for the rescue of our poor drenched pursued people. A battle in their condition would have been certain destruction. I am told Gen. Washington looked upon his escape in the same light."

"When Philadelphia was occupied by Gen. Howe the American prisoners of war were taken to the *New Jail* at the corner of 6th and Walnut

*About 2½ miles.

Sts. During the winter the jail fever broke out and they were lodged in different places in the City. My Grandfather with Major Harper and Col. Hannum were taken to the White Swan Tavern in 3d St above Market and put on Parole Notwithstanding a Guard was placed over them and their chamber and sitting room locked. I think their chamber windows were barred also. Being released by this violation of military law from any obligation to keep their Parole, on St Patricks day the Irish sentinels having drunk pretty freely to the honor of their Saint, their vigilance departed with their sobriety, and when it became dark the prisoners escaped by climbing over a stone wall at the back of the house, and went to Mr. Frazer's a distant relation of my Grandfather who lived down Front St., below Pine, and from thence to Mr. Blackstone's an old family friend who also lived in Front St below Pine — After three days of concealment, during which they were once hidden in a deep closet behind shelves of china during a search of the house. Mr Blackstone, with great difficulty procured a boat in which they crossed the Delaware and were safe in Jersey. There was a demand made by Howe that they should be returned, but when the circumstances were known the demand was withdrawn.”—

“During the time of her husband's imprisonment my Grandmother having obtained a pass from General Washington not unfrequently went in to see him. Mrs. Jenkins a good whig, kept a tavern at the sign of the Conestoga Wagon in Market St above 4th on the south side; she was a friend of my Grandparents and whatever provision could be spared from the farm, my Grandmother brought to her; and engaged her to supply her husband and his friends with what would add to their comfort, as far as possible. Mrs Gibbons, a neighbor, and sister of Col. Hannum, sometimes went with her making the same arrangements with Mrs. Jenkins”—

“The following was told me by Aunt Sally* I give it as nearly as I can in her own words.—“My mother was going to the City, and the provision was packed upon two horses one of which I was to ride. I was not quite 9 years old but a good horsewoman; every thing—flour, eggs, chickens, meat, butter, cheese,—was packed in large strong home-made tow linnen wallets and saddle bags, and these were thrown across the saddle, the ends projecting far on each side of the horse. I rode a large black and you may think I looked pretty queer, little girl as I was, mounted thus above all this luggage. It was a warm day in the fall, and though we left home in Thornbury before noon, and our horses were large, and strong, and good travelers, yet with their heavy loads and the heat it was nearly dark before we began to descend the hill to Darby.—Here we were met by an American officer on horse-back —

*The same from whom the description of the battle of Brandywine was received.



Frazer house, Thornbury, in 1893—Northeast room, first floor.

who said he could not suffer us to proceed; accusing your Grandmother of taking supplies into the City for the British, at the same time making complimentary remarks upon her beauty (she was at that time the handsomest woman I ever saw). She rebuked him for his impertinence, which she said was unworthy the uniform he wore, and insisted upon his allowing her to pass, and attempted to do so, but he caught her bridle rein to prevent her; she cut the horse with the whip and as he jumped she loosed her rein and again tried to get away, but finding him determined to detain her, produced her pass. Upon reading it, he seemed much mortified, asked her pardon, and rode off very fast. We never knew who he was.—We soon entered the thick woods, which extended several miles on this side the River, and on the East side nearly to where the *New Jail* stood, at the corner of Sixth and Walnut Streets. Here we met companies of Hessian Soldiers, under command of their officers, sent by the British to cut wood to supply the City with fuel. We had not gone far before it became dark. The light of the large torches which some of these Hessians carried (they were frightful looking creatures) and that gleaming from their huts through the stems of the trees away off, made the surrounding darkness seem deeper. I shall never forget the impression the scene made upon me the longest day I have to live. My mother did not seem to be afraid, she said the British were always glad to see provision going into the City, that if any one troubled us we should be protected by the sentinels who were stationed along the road. We crossed the River at Greys Ferry on a floating bridge, we had not been spoken to till we came here, though I thought some of the men we met looked fiercely and wickedly at us. The Sentinels at each end of the bridge questioned my mother and then we passed peaceably on to our resting place at Mrs. Jenkins' who at once set herself about obtaining a permit from Gen. Howe for your Grandmother to see her husband in the Prison. This was no easy matter, and the delay caused by this difficulty kept us in the City till late on the second day after our arrival. It was at length procured through the influence of an American lady, an acquaintance of Mrs. Jenkins, who was intimate with Gen. Howe, under promise that her name should not appear. Your Grandmother never knew who it was that did her this kindness. The next morning she was too much worn out to rise early. It was some time before the birth of the Patty that died, anxiety on my father's account, the uncertainty of her being permitted to see him, the fatigue in preparing to leave home, and the ride in the heat and in the night had been too much for her. I was up pretty soon and looking out of the window saw, far down the street, a large body of British soldiers on parade. The sun just rising shone on their arms and uniforms and made a brilliant sight. I hated them so, and was so indignant that I screamed and stamped and cried with rage."

"After breakfast Mrs. Jenkins took me to the Prison to see my Father

Across the wide hall that ran through the house, almost half way down, was a heavy iron grating reaching from the floor to the ceiling; back of this was a close screen that reached to within two or three feet of the floor. The prisoners walked in the back part of the hall, with front and back doors open, for air and exercise. Guards were placed at both doors. Several gentlemen were walking backward and forward as we entered and I instantly distinguished through the grating, my Fathers feet and legs, I cried out jumping up and down "O; I see my Daddys' legs! I see my Daddys' legs!" till Mrs Jenkins and the people about us thought I had suddenly gone crazy. The screen being removed I saw and talked with my Father through the grating."

"From neglect, and bad food, and cold, the sufferings of the American prisoners in Philadelphia were very severe.—"

The hills which descended to the river on the right bank of the Schuylkill at Gray's Ferry and the land from there to the jail building were thickly wooded and infested by camp stragglers and outlaws. Mrs. Frazer however traversed this region at each visit to Philadelphia either with Mrs. Gibbons or with her daughter Sally, a girl of nine years, or alone, usually bringing provisions to Mrs. Jenkins who kept a tavern at the sign of the Conestoga wagon on Market St., above Fourth on the north side. This woman was a good patriot and supplied the Continental prisoners with delicacies and necessaries for their comfort.

The following account of the return from a similar journey was given by Mary Frazer to Elizabeth Smith and written down by the latter.

"Your Grandfather (General Frazer) asked me if I could take a paper which was addressed to Gen. Washington and signed by the officers (and men too I believe) describing their condition; and some of the bread that was given them; and have both shown to Gen. Washington, who was then with the army at White Marsh. This I undertook to do. In the morning after seeing Col. Frazer we mounted and turned our horses heads towards home. At the Ferry there were persons whose business it was to search all those who left the City by that road, and Mrs. Gibbons and I were shown into a room where two women came forward to undress us. She gave full employment to them both, declaring that they should not touch her. I had ripped the quilting of my petticoat, putting in the paper between the lining and outside, and had sewed pieces of the braid all round inside the hem, and did not feel very comfortable at the thought of undergoing a search. Mrs. Gibbons kicked and slapped, and fought and scolded, giving them a great deal of trouble, and making them believe she had something to fight for tho' she had nothing. They took off her shoes and stockings and undressed her entirely, greatly provoked that they had their trouble for their pains. I was very quiet. When they turned to me they performed their office slightly saying this one has nothing to be afraid of or she would not take it so quietly, after examining our saddles we were allowed to go

on our way. Tho' I had kept my composure I was very far from feeling unconcerned. I tho't of my little children at home without Father or Mother if I should be detained, I thought of the business at home with no one to attend to it, and what would become of our living, but most of all I thought of the poor prisoners if their efforts for relief should be discovered and frustrated, not only could there be nothing done to lessen their suffering, but the rigor of their confinement would be no doubt greatly increased. I took a very long breath when we were safely over the River.—

It was afternoon before I reached home; I had something to eat changed my dress had a fresh horse saddled and set out for White Marsh.— It was dark and raining when I came to the Swedes Ford, where I crossed the Schuylkill. There was a large house not far from the ford, a tavern or Ferry house, I rode up to it to ask for some one to go with me across the River.— The light came from all the windows. It seemed to be full of Soldiers drinking, and swearing, and carousing, and I was afraid to call, and rode down again to the River, here all was dark, and raining, and blowing, the River rushing and rising, and I was afraid to venture through a Ford I was not used to; After sitting awhile on my horse I determined to return to the house.— The Soldiers were some of our own, and seeing a man at the door I asked him if he would request the commanding officer of the party to come to me. This he did and when the Officer came he proved to be a gentleman that I knew. He ordered his horse to be saddled and crossed the river with me keeping hold of my rein, the current was very strong, the River rising and the water above the saddle girth.—

I saw Gen. Washington at headquarters the next morning Gen. La Fayette and some other officers were with him, I gave him the paper and the bread, he seemed much moved at the condition of the prisoners and after his asking some questions relating to the business, I came away. He sent a gentleman with me to see me safely across the River.

Gen. Washington immediately had communication with Howe respecting the treatment of American prisoners in Philadelphia and their condition was improved, tho' it never was what it ought to have been".

(Notes by Elizabeth Smith)

“At the time General Lafayette paid his visit to this country and was in Philadelphia my Grandmother (Mary Worrall Frazer) was paying a visit to Uncle Jonathan Smith opposite Independence Hall. On the day the General went to the old State house (Independence Hall) Uncle told Mr. Biddle, one of the committee that attended him, that he thought it would be a great satisfaction to Grandma if she could see him. Mr. Biddle mentioned it to Gen. La Fayette and he at once con-

sented to call. She told him the only time she had ever seen him before, was under the circumstances I have written above.—He remembered the circumstances distinctly, and seemed gratified to have them recalled, this and some other conversation relating to those troublous times they had; he speaking French and she English with some one to translate. The recollection of this interview afforded her satisfaction as long as she lived.”—

“During the dreadful winter when the army lay at Valley Forge, enduring extreme suffering and privation, Grandma told me that she has ridden day after day through the country, far and near on horseback, collecting all she could from friends and neighbours, to help supply the wants of the poor soldiers; and these, with what she could give herself, she repeatedly took to the Camp herself. She has traced the steps of a foraging party for a long distance by the tracks of the bleeding feet of the soldiers in the snow. The blankets and half worn clothing and stocking and yarn that she obtained, would be bro’t home; the clothes pieced and mended till they were wearable and comfortable; the stockings footed, and new ones knit; and these with all that could be spared to eat, she would take on her long cold journey.—More than 300 prs. of stockings were prepared and sent in this way at different times during that winter with a great deal besides. She often sat up all night knitting and sewing for them.”

“All the cloth and linen that my Grandfather wore during the whole time he was in the army was spun at home mostly by her own hands. All the clothing of the family was made at home during the war except the weaving.— Besides she had the business of the farm and all the business of every kind to see to herself, she would have her horse saddled as soon as she could see in the morning in summer, ride all over the farm, direct her men, and often rode down the Creek to where Sharpless iron works now are, attended to matters there, and was home to breakfast, ready to give her time and attention to children and servants and household duties.”*

“My Grandfather Robert Smith said on one occasion, when he went to Valley Forge with a load of unthreshed wheat; the soldiers snatched it from the wagon and rubbing it from the chaff in their hands devoured the grain. They were nearly famished.

“I (Elizabeth Smith) add one or two things in the shape of notes to parts of the foregoing.”—

“When I was a little girl—(I think after Aunt Eliza† was married)—the tenants who lived in the house in the meadow had a pet Crow. One evening a girl coming from their spring house noticed something bright in the birds beak and going to it took from it

*She rode well until a few years before her death which occurred in her 86/th year.

†Mrs. Henry Myers, another daughter of Gen. Frazer.

a gold sleeve button which the next day she brought to Grandma who knew it to be one of a pair she had thrown with some other things among the vines in the garden, the day the British plundered the house. I suppose it must have been a quarter of a mile from the place where it was thrown in the garden to that where the Crow scratched it up in the Meadow."

"In the conversation Grandpa had with Gen. Grant they made themselves out to be cousins. Grant said his mother was a Frazer and cousin to our Great Grandfather" (John Frazer XV-5)

The transmission of this letter to General Washington was an act of daring involving danger and hardship, as may be better appreciated when the condition of the country is taken into consideration, together with the fact that the messenger gave birth to a daughter but a few months later. The importance of the act of carrying to General Washington circumstantial evidence of the maltreatment of the American Officers in custody in Philadelphia, and the unwholesome bread which was given them to eat, may be gathered from the expressions of regret of General Washington in the reply transmitted to Lt. Col. Frazer, at the futility of his efforts to induce Gen. Howe to consent to a continuance of the General Exchange of prisoners "on just and equal terms". As he states, the effect of the letter of Lt. Col. Frazer was to cause him to renew correspondence with General Howe on this subject, with the result that the desired renewal of the cartel was accomplished on the succeeding 21st of April 1778. This consummation was partly, and probably largely, due to the brave act of Mary Frazer.

(See on this subject Mr. Bancroft's letter on the exchange of prisoners during the American war of independence, N. Y. Historical Society,) containing a letter from Washington to Gen. Howe Dec. 18. 1775 in which he intimates that retaliation will be taken for maltreatment of our officers in the hands of the British and adds in a postscript "if an exchange of prisoners taken on each side in this unnatural contest is agreeable to Gen. Howe he will please signify as much to his most obedient" etc., etc. Gen. Howe's letter to Lord George Germain dated Dec. 19. 1775 says "Mr. Washington commanding the rebel army presuming upon the number and rank of prisoners in his possession has threatened retaliation in point of treatment to any prisoners of theirs in our power and proposes an exchange, which is a circumstance I shall not answer in positive terms nor shall I enter upon such a measure without the King's order".

Lord George Germain writes to Gen. Howe Feb. 1. 1776 acquainting him with the sending of the prisoners taken aboard the privateer by H.M.S Greyhound and advises their exchange for Officers held by the Americans.

July 22. 1776. Congress took into consideration the exchange of prisoners and Resolved 1, that the commander-in-chief of each department have authority to exchange prisoners of equal rank, 2, that each State hath a right to make any exchange it thinks proper for prisoners taken from or by them.

July 24. 1776. Congress further resolved that General Washington be empowered to exchange Gov. Skene for Mr. James Lovell. Washington wrote to Gen. Howe July 30. 1776, notifying him of the above. Gen. Howe wrote to Washington as follows:

“Wishing sincerely to procure relief to the distresses of all prisoners I shall readily consent to the mode of exchange which you are pleased to propose. “Officers of equal rank, soldier for soldier, citizen for citizen”. You must be sensible that deserters cannot be included in this arrangement and for the mode of exchange in the naval *line* I refer you to the Admiral”.

(Bancroft's letter N. Y. Hist. Soc.)

The exchange of prisoners proceeded without interruption until the capture of Gen. Chas. Lee at Basking Ridge N. J. on Dec. 13th 1776.

Gen. Howe claimed that he was a deserter and did not come under the agreement.

Washington who was an intimate personal friend of Lee refused to allow this and the exchanges were terminated “until the (British) government directed Lee to be treated as a prisoner of war” (id.)

It was during this intermission in the exchange of prisoners, but before the recognition of Gen. Lee by the British authorities as a prisoner of war that the letter from Lt. Col. Frazer was carried to Gen. Washington.

This letter and the reply to it are appended.

The results of these renewed efforts of Gen. Washington to secure an exchange of prisoners appear in the Boudinot papers, Elias Boudinot being the American commissioner who conducted the negotiations.

From them we learn that “Gen. Lee arrived in Philadelphia March 25. 1778 His parole was enlarged on April 5. A few days afterwards he visited Congress then sitting in York(town) Penna. His exchange was arranged while he was there.

(Penna. Magazine April 1. 1891. p. 30)

In a foot note on p. 32 of the same number it is stated that his exchange was effected three days before April 24. 1778.

The renewal of exchanges followed therefore about five months after that of the correspondence on the subject brought about by the letter of Lt. Col. Frazer to Gen. Washington, carried under the circumstances just related by Mary Frazer.

September 17. 1777

Madam I Saw Colonal frazer and Major Harper about Six oClock this Evening Colonel frazer Desired me to Let you Know that he was well and in high—Spirrets and that he was used Exceeding well and treated with a great Deal of Sivillity by all the officers he Desired that you would not be unesy for he Exspected to be Released upon Porrole when he got to General Hows head quarters I Should have been very fond to have brought the Message my Self but for fear of Some ill Natured People I am oblidged to Continu with the Army—this from your f/d—

For
Mary Frazer
Living, in Thornbury
these With
Care and Speed

Joseph Robins Date Near
head quarters in Goshen
September 17/th 1777

This note was written on the day after Col. Frazer's capture.

On consideration I am inclined to believe that Col. Frazer wrote the first of the following statements to be carried openly by his wife and of course read by the British guard in order to disarm suspicion of her carrying other dispatches, while the second, in which the barbarities were more fully revealed, was concealed with the specimens of bread in her petticoat. Washington, though prudently confining his reply to the open letter, shows that he is moved more deeply than would be likely had he not seen the second. In the letter of Feb. 5, 1778, Col. Frazer warns his wife against coming back because "lying Villians have reported you and Mrs. Gibbons took letters from the City." This was very likely intended to deceive the enemy.

Sir

I wrote to General Wayne from Germantown about 2 Weeks ago, mentioning that Major Harper & myself were Prisoners, since our capture the Number of Officers taken belonging to the Army Navy & Militia has increas'd to near Fifty—Upon our arrival in this City a Number of Us were admitt'd on our Parole to continue in this City—On Tuesday last orders were given that We should be confin'd in the State House under the Main Guard—

His Excellency General Howe by his Aid de Camp Major Belford has this day Signified to Us the reason of this proceeding, as also

Some proposals which materially affect every Captive Officer and which We fondly hope, if your Excellency Should think them constant will be adopted, or some other mode attempted that may release Us from our present irksome Situation—The reasons given for our confinement are, that should such a Number of Officers be Set at Liberty in this place (as there is none other convenient) it might be highly prejudicial to the Kings Interest that a Number of Officers in the British Service taken at Staten Island has been confin'd in Irons; that others taken prior to those have been sent to remote parts of the Continent at a great distance from their Connections & some of them imprisoned; Also that Your Excell/y has fail'd in agreing to An Exchange of Prisoners on just Principles—

I have Liberty to mention that General Howe earnestly desires a general Exchange of prisoners may imediately take place on equitable terms; Or otherwise that the Officers that are Prisoners of War on both sides shou'd be releas'd and have Liberty to go to any place in possession of their Friends on their Paroles—I have in as concise a manner as I can given your Excell/y the substance of what General Howe thought proper to communicate to me this day by Major Belford—We would not presume to give our sentiments on those matters, fully relying on your Excellency's disposition to do every thing just and reasonable in your power for our Relief—

We wou'd beg leave to mention that our situation is render'd more disagreeable by a want of hard Cash. We think an attention to this matter highly necessary to render our Captivity tolerable, especially as the Winter is fast approaching ———

Fragment of a rough draft of Lt. Col. Frazer's capture and treatment written by himself while still a prisoner.

I was made prisoner on the 16th of Sept/r by an Advance party of the British Troops, that March'd from Ashtown, Major Harper being taken with me, that day and the next we were kept under seperate guard of the 4th & 64th Regem/ts & were treated well, on the third day after our Capture upon the March of the Troops from the White Horse we were turned over to y/e Provost guard & so continued till they arriv'd at Germantown, during the time of this March We were constantly expos'd to the insults of the Army twice each day; in the Morning the prisoners Were drawn up near the Road the Troops were to March & ----- so remained till they had pass'd & We then fell into the Rear; in the Evening We pass'd from the Rear to Head Quarters generally near the Front (dur)ing which time every kind of abusive Language was made (torn) Use of to Us, by the Soldiers, without the

least Check from any Officer — I had been frequently told by Officers of the first Rank among them that on our arrival at Philad/a We should be admitted to our Parole in the City & upon our Arrival there the 30th of October We were inform'd by the Provost Marshall that We were to go to such Quarters as we Chose & remain there 'till further Orders. Our Paroles being previously sign'd at Germantown. We remain'd in this manner 'till the 7th Octo/r when the Commiss/y of Prisoners (one Dement). ^{infor} inform'd Us he had orders to take Us to the State House where We were to be kept in close confinement, the Reason given for this was, that there being so large a Number of Prisoners, it was thought might be prejudicial to their interest to have Us at Liberty; in This place We remain'd till the 4th Janu. Many of Us were here six days without having any provision serv'd to Us — and for many Weeks after, Our allowance did not exceed from 4 to 6 ounces of salt Pork & ab/t half a pound very ordinary Biscuit p. day — and had it not been for the supplys We had from the Citizens We must all have inevitably Perished. We frequently complain'd & remonstrated but never in-----we had---- We were told We had the same allowance, of their own Troops when on board Transports. We were also inform'd that we might Purchase what Necessaries We pleas'd in the City. Upon M/r Fergusons being appointed Commiss/y our allowance was honestly dealt out for a Considerable time, but by inattention it is now far short of what it should be. at the first of our confinement our acquaintance Were suffered. to Visit Us. but that and every other enjoyment Satis Priviledge they could think of was by various Pretexs withheld from Us except in some instances when particular Officers of more sensibility than the rest had the guard and it was not until they began to insult & restrain Us from that any attempted their Escape

Centries were placed in each of the Rooms, who very often pick'd our Pockets & Stole our Cloathes whilst we were asleep Money & Letters that were sent to Us has been withheld & very frequently considerable sums of Money (torn)—ssing, the Persons who brought our Victuals have been (tre)ated with abusive Language & Women with indecent behavior often kept in very Cold weather waiting a considerable time at y/e outward door, which treatment We had just reason to think was intended to retard the Citizens from supplying Us. the Soldiers very frequently pilferd both Victuals & Cloaths w/ch they were intrusted to deliver —

We were often refused the Liberty of going from one Room to the other, the Windows also naild down, though the smoke occasion'd by a stove below stairs in the guard Room & the Badness of the Chimnies, has been for many Days together, almost intolerable there were forty of Us in the two upper Chambers in the State House which serv'd for every purpose of Kitchens & Bed Chambers. when We were often insulted both by Officers and Soldiers, A Negroe that was appointed to

wait on a Room on being order'd by an Off on Lieu/t Lefevre to sweep the Rooms treated him w/th very abusive Language for w/ch the Lefevre attempted to strike him the Negroe seiz'd him & on Endeavouring again to chastize the fellow who had struck him, the Centry swore he wou/d run his Bayonet through M/r Lefevre if he did not immediately desist. On his complaining to a Subaltern of the guard he was told the Negroe was as good as any of Us & refus'd any redress, application was made to the Captain of the guard to as little purpose.

About the Latter end of Decem/r We were informed we were to be remov'd to the New Goal, as we had been told by the Physician that attended the prisoners there that a very malignant disorder raged among them & as we frequently saw six or eight dead bodies taken out to be buried in a day. We thought it our duty to-----complain to Gen/l Howe of this inhuman Order. We were told in Answer that the General----- intended by our removal to put us in a more comfortable situation and that We might be more agreeably accommodated, that he would order the a Physician Generl to exam(ine) the state of the Goal & make report to him — We were informed (the) Doctors report was that no infectious disorder rag'd there and consequently We were desir'd to hold ourselves in readiness for our removal, with promisses that the Rooms allotted to Us should be cleans'd in the best manner, and every thing should be made as agreeable to Us as possible which was neglected in almost every instance, Upward of 180 of the privates were sick when we were sent to this place which together with other Causes occasion'd such a hor—

(The rest of this account is missing)

It seems likely that this was a rough draft of an account which was secretly carried from Col. Frazer by his wife to Gen. Washington, while the letter beginning "I wrote to Gen. Wayne," &c., was carried openly and was composed accordingly. Washington, of course, only alludes to the latter.

The following is Gen. Washington's reply to the letter of Lt. Col. Frazer. The body of the writing is in the hand of his Aide de Camp and Secretary, Lt. Col. Robert Hanson Harrison, of Md., the signature only by Washington.

Head Q/rs 4/th Novemb/r 1777

Sir

I have been favor'd with your Letter of the 9/th ult/o and was sorry to find, that the situation of our Officers was so disagreeable. You are well acquainted with the treatment of the prisoners in our hands, and therefore can determine without difficulty, how just the grounds for your confinement are.

Head Quarters 4th November 1777

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In respect to a general exchange of prisoners, it has ever been my wish, that it should take place on just and equal terms. My letters to Gen^l Howe upon the subject, I trust, evince this to have been the case. I have written to him again, and shall be happy, if we can effect so desirable an Object on proper principles. If this cannot be done, I have propos'd, that it should be no impediment to the Exchange of All the Officers, as far as circumstances of Rank and number will apply; and, if any should then remain, that they may be released on parole. The first mode-mention'd for the Liberation of the Officers, I expect, will be most agreeable to both parties. You may imagine, your letter upon this Subject, might have received an earlier Answer. I assure you, the delay has not proceeded from inattention to the distresses of our prisoners, or want of inclination to afford them every possible relief.

I am Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

Gen^l G. Washington

Lt. Col. Frazer

of 5th Penn^a Reg^t Balablon Prisoner in Philadelphia

Permit Mr. Frazier, Mr. Harper, and Miss Nancy
Frazier to pass to Philadelphia and to return
this pass to be returned for eight days after General
Howe's army returns into the city of Philadelphia
December 27: 1777. — Stirling
M. J.

Pass in the handwriting of Lord Stirling. Sixty-three hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original

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I am Sir

Your most Obed Servt

G/o Washington

L/t Col/o Frazer

of 5/th Pennsylv/a. Battalion, Prisoner in Philadelphia—

Pleas to lett Leu/t Col/o Frazer have Sum Hard Cash and the favor Dun him Will be Acknowledg/d by your Hubl/e Sarv/t John Reed Dessemb/ y/ 9/th 1777

NB. Dont fail in abligeing M/r Frazer, all in your Power, and the favor shall be Returnd by your old frend &

Jn/o Reed

The following pass in the handwriting of Lord Stirling was not that which Mary Worrall Frazer showed to the unmannerly Officer on the occasion related by Sally Frazer, but was issued about two weeks later

“Permit Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Harper, and Miss Nancy Frazier to pass to Philadelphia and to return. This pass to continue for eight days after General Howe’s Army returns into the City of Philadelphia.
Stirling M. G.”

“December 27, 1777.”

Notes connected with Brandywine battle

On June 18. 1895 after the ceremonies at Birmingham Meeting House attending a visit of the Pennsylvania Sons of the Revolution to the Brandywine battle field, including an address which the present

writer was invited to deliver, Mr. Alban H. Dilworth introduced himself as the son of James Dilworth who was one of Titus Taylor's Company in the war of 1812, and one of the command of light horse which received Lafayette on the latter's fourth visit to the United States in 1825.

Mr A. H. Dilworth was very enthusiastic about Gen. Frazer, calling him the "bravest of the brave" etc. He said there was a tradition that when the British captured Lt Col Frazer after the battle of Brandywine they threatened to hang him, and actually did attach a rope around his neck and threw one end over the limb of a buttonwood tree. At this juncture Lords Cornwallis and Howe rode by and said to the victim "We leave you with our guard". But the men of Brandywine assembled and "Clairwood Le Clerc" one of Lafayette's trumpeters climbed out on the limb and cut him down while the Brandywine boys drove the British soldiers back.

It is extremely improbable that the "Brandywine boys" (i. e. Washington's soldiers who must have also been prisoners) drove back the British soldiers who were engaged in executing a prisoner. But independently of that and of the remark ascribed to Howe and Cornwallis, none of these circumstances are alluded to in the papers of Gen. Frazer or have come down as traditions in the family. There would seem to have been also no motive for this excessive cruelty toward him.

Mr. Dilworth's great uncle, Charles Dilworth, built the hotel of imported brick at Dilworthtown in 1750. The Dilworths afterwards built the Birmingham Meeting House, and one of them filled the first grave in the burial ground.

Shortly afterwards Dr E. Shippen, Maj J. E. Carpenter and the present writer drove to Dilworthtown and thence by the headquarters of Lafayette and of Washington to Chadd's Ford.

(These are passed by taking the second road to the right after passing through Dilworthtown from the direction of Birmingham Meeting House.)

On the way we met Mr Jester, 87 years old sitting by the side of the road. It was he who as a boy heard Lafayette say when being taken over the scenes of the battlefield in 1825:

"I was wounded about fifty feet from the fence in that field". The West Chester Historical Society put up a tablet on this authority. Mr Jester also reports being at the same time with Lafayette, in the room of Mr Gibbons, who was dying, and hearing the dying man say, "I hope we shall meet in the world beyond where there is no trouble". Mr Jester thinks Lafayette was a deeply religious man. Dr Shippen asked Mr. Jester if the latter could understand Lafayette whose English was said to be very meagre. Mr Jester replied that he had no difficulty at all in understanding him.

IN CONGRESS.

THE DELEGATES of the UNITED STATES of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia, TO Seneca, Sawyer of the State of Pennsylvania, Esquire

WE, repoling especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be *Adjutant General of the 5th Continental Regiment, and by a special Order of the Senate, sworn from the 1st of October 1776*

in the Army of the United States, raised for the Defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every *solite Invasion thereof*. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Adjutant General*

And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as *Adjutant*

And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress, for that purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. DATED at *Philadelphia the 12th Nov^r 1777.*

By Order of the CONGRESS,
Thomas Jefferson PRESIDENT.

Ans^d. Wm. Thompson Esq

Commission as Lt. Colonel Half, lineal measurement, of the original.

CHAPTER IV

The Year 1778

(Philad/a Feby. 5/th, 1778.)

My D/r Polly

I have been at Lodgings in the City now almost 2 weeks, I have had a pain in my breast w/ch you know has been common when I wanted exercise, I am something better. Poor Mrs. Jenkins is obliged to leave the City this morning. I now lodge at Mrs. Rivers's in Arch street. I do not think it would be safe for you to come here, as I understand some lying Villians have reported that you and Mrs. Gibbons took letters from the City. I wou'd advise you to be very cautious in speaking your mind. Scarce a day passes but some from our neighborhood are here. Many of the Officers that were in Goal have taken the fever, 2 have died 4 or 5 others are not expected to recover and many others unwell. Please to send me 2 or 3 good Shirts Norris Jones's Brother-in-law will be a good Hand he will be in y/r neighborhood this Week. It gave me pleasure to hear the other day that you and the family were well. I hope your health will continue and that you will not suffer your Spirits to fail you. My situation I doubt not will answer some good end. I got £20 in gold from Mrs. Gray, which I drew upon you for, do let no oppertunity slip to have my acc/ts settled with the Army, you will find greatest part of my acc/t in a Marble Cover'd Book. I am surpris'd they should be so neglectfull as not to pay you. Col/o Johnston has got my Silver mounted Belt and Bayonet, desire him to send it as I understand he is out of the Army. I wou'd be glad to know how our Regiment are, who Commands it and what alterations have been made in it. My best respects to all friends my Love to the Children. I am my D/r Polly

Y/r affect/te Husband.

Pers/r Frazer

Phila/da Feb. 5/th 1778

To Mrs. Mary Frazer. Thornbury, Chester County.

According to the letter of General Washington to Lt. Col. Frazer of Nov. 4. 1777 the latter's letter to him was dated Oct. 9 of the same year; but the date of its conveyance to the commander-in-chief by Mrs. Frazer, who in company with her friend Mrs Gibbons smuggled it through the lines sewed up in her petticoat, may have been later. Col. Frazer in the above implies that no communication had been carried, evidently fearing the letter might fall into the enemy's hands.

The date of the above letter, in which caution and depression are manifest, was the day before Dr. Franklin signed the treaty with France in which that Nation recognized the independence of the United States and promised the aid which ultimately assured it.

Lt Col Frazer's escape from
the British military prison in Philadelphia.

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In the reminiscences of the battle of the Brandywine and subsequent events, related to Elizabeth Smith by Mary Worrall Frazer and her daughter Sally Frazer, a brief account has been given of the circumstances attending the escape of Lt Col Frazer, Col Hannum and Major Harper from their confinement. The commissioner of prisoners, Mr Ferguson, must have known that the parole of an Officer which relieved his guards from the necessity of watching him, could only be asked for the consideration of a freedom from restraint within certain reasonable limits. Yet after obtaining the paroles from a number of Officers (among whom by his own carelessness or that of his Assistant W/m Serrett, Lt Col Frazer and Major Williams were not included) the severity of their captivity was increased instead of being diminished. The Officers whose paroles had been thus obtained by false pretences repeatedly but vainly protested and demanded that their paroles be returned to them. In neglecting either to grant or to reply to these demands he tacitly acknowledged the contract between himself and the Officers cancelled and of no binding force.

But when he discovered that they were able to secure their freedom, he sought to excuse the negligence of their guard by bringing against them the outrageous and unwarranted charge of violating their given promise.

The form of this charge was an affidavit by Serrett and another by Ferguson, made nine days after the escape had been effected. This probably only came to the knowledge of Lt Col. Frazer after he had

been honorably discharged from the Army (Oct. 1778). The statements by Lt Col. Frazer are unsigned but in his handwriting and were apparently rough draft copies kept among his papers; the complete statement and affidavit having been probably presented to Gen. Washington.

They are so explicit and satisfactory that no comment is needed.

I the subscriber assistant Commissary of Prisoners do declare upon oath, that on or about the 25th of Feby. last. I received Orders from Mr. Gordon Surgeon attending the prisoners to take several Officers on their parole at Sick Quarters into confinement, among which number was Lt. Col. Frazer and Major Williams whom I accordingly informed, that by the Doctors orders they were ordered into confinement, but at the same time told them, that the officers having now the privilege of their parole to remain in the Swan tavern they might either go there on giving their parole for that purpose or return into confinement that they agreed willingly to go to the Swan on the Terms prescribed to the others, that I did in consequence of this fill up paroles for Lt. Col. Frazer and Major Williams in their presence but whether those paroles were signed by one or both of those Officers or what afterwards became of those paroles I cannot fully recollect, duty calling me away at that time, but must nevertheless think they were signed and left on the table by mistake or through hurry and that the aforesaid Lt. Col. Frazer and Major Williams remained in the said Golden Swan three weeks before they Broke their Paroles, as did Col. Hannum who broke his Parole at the same time and whose parole is present

Sworn this 26th day of March 1778
before me

Wm Serrett Ass. Comy.

Daniel Coxe Mg. Police

(copy)

I the subscriber do declare upon Oath that Lieut. Col. Frazer and Major Williams prisoners of War to the Kings Army did remain three weeks or thereabouts in a house Call'd the Golden Swan in this City with a number of prisoners on Parole That the said Frazer and Williams were understood by me to all intents and purposes as upon parole, my assistant having assured me that their paroles were duly taken, that they were well informed of every circumstance relating to the Nature of the parole granted to the other Officers in said House, which I had fully explained in the presence and hearing of the said Frazer and Williams neither of whom expressed any objections nor dissatisfaction with the Conditions thereof, though a few others

did and were consequently depriv'd of the advantage of the parole but notwithstanding this the above named Frazer and Williams have furtively absented themselves from said house, in breach of those ties of Honor ever held sacred by Gentlemen

Sworn this 26th day of
March 1778. before me

Danl. Coxe Mg. Police

W. Hugh Ferguson

(copy)

Sirs

I have just been inform'd that the British Commissioners have made a demand that I shall be delivered up, alleging that I have made my escape from Philada. being on *Parole*. I will in as concise a manner as possible mention the transactions and leave it to you, them, and the World to Judge whether I have in the least punctilio deviated from the Character of a Gentleman and American Officer.

I had been in close confinement in the State House and New Goal near four Months; for want of my Usual Exercise and the extreme badness of the air in the latter place, I was afflicted with an obstruction in my Lungs, on my frequent application to the physician who attended the prisoners, he, (after I had taken Medicine near 2 weeks) recommended me to Sick Quarters in the City. I signed my Parole for that purpose about the 20th January, and though the parole specified my being restricted to the limits of the City I had notwithstanding private instructions from a Deputy of Mr. Ferguson that I was not to leave my lodgings, though moderate exercise was absolutely necessary for my recovery.

I remain'd in this situation until the 28th February when I received notice from the afores'd deputy that he had orders to put me again into confinement, he indulg'd me till 3 o'Clock that afternoon when with another Gentlemen in the same circumstances, I went to the Golden Swan in third Street, and was received by Mr. Deputy and ordered to our Room up Stairs. Into this House abt 10 days before a Number of Officers had been removed from the New Goal, upon their signing their Parole not to leave the House without leave; many favours and indulgences being promis'd them by Mr. Ferguson as I was informed by them but the restrictions were here much greater than they had been either at the State House or Goal. The Moment I became acquainted with their situation I determin'd not to sign a parole under such disgracefull circumstances; but fortunately for myself and some others, a parole was not demanded of us, yet it must have been intirely through neglect, for every other Officer who was ordered in from their quarters in the City, their Paroles were immediately demanded. In this situation I remained 17 days and

Mr Ferguson presents Compl^{ts} to Colonel
Fraser, and has no objection to Colonel
Fraser giving Mr Bell a few lines to
inquire him a safe passage through the
Enemy's lines to Chester

24th Jan^y 1778

Handwriting of W. Hugh Ferguson, British Commissary of Prisoners.
Seventy-two hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

would have made my escape much sooner but that I understood an Exchange of Prisoners was likely to take place, but when we were informed by Mr. Ferguson that this illusion had vanished I proposed to make use of the first opportunity to escape which I thank God I have effected without any kind of dishonour to myself or my Country. The parole which I signed on being admitted to Lodgings in the City for the benefit of my Health is now made use of most basely and ungenerously to stigmatize my character and serve as a pretext to justify the Cruel treatment of many worthy Officers now confined in Phila. Mr. Ferguson is not ignorant that he or his deputy has or had two, three and four paroles in their possession at one time, for separate Officers, who had been admitted for the benefit of their health at divers times into the City, and which I have frequently heard them demand of him and his deputy without effect, when they have afterwards been brought into confinement, and should any of them escape from the New Goal he might with as much propriety charge them with a breach of Honor as me. The Golden Swan was to every intent a prison, Centrys were fixed in the front and Rear of the House with orders to suffer no person to speak to the prisoners, neither to speak with them themselves, they had their Bayonets fix'd and constantly loaded their pieces at sun set. Our nearest connections and acquaintances were refused the satisfaction of speaking with us. And it was often with much difficulty our Victuals and Cloathing could be brought to the end of the alley, that led to the Passage to our apartments, and then both examined in the strictest manner for fear of intelligence being conveyed, Many of the Officers have been treated with the grossest insult by the guard. A stinking stable yard to walk in a few at a time, and looking out of the doors and windows were all the Liberty, we were suffer'd to take and the Town Major was heard the day I left them to reprimand the Sergeant for suffering "those Fellows" (as he call'd Us) "to have *so much* Liberty", A few days after my Confinement in the House, my Wife came to Philada. I wrote to Mr. Ferguson for Liberty to see her, which he informed me was not in his power to grant though I had been indulged in a similar request by the Officer of the guard when in the New Goal. Mr. Ferguson cannot forget this, and yet he would insinuate I was under parole. Neither parole nor any Conditions whatever were demanded of me and out of upwards of Sixty there were but three or four of Us in that situation, who all happend to be ordered into confinement the same day. Surely He cannot be serious if he means that I was bound by a Parole dated about the 20th January. I apprehend any Gentleman of Candor either Friend or Foe will be of the opinion that the moment I was confin'd it was no longer in the least obligatory. The facts here stated are most scrupulously true and, am sorry to add that

this charge should be made use of among many others equally groundless, to justify at different times the severe treatment of many worthy Gentlemen now in confinement in Philada. And I do with pleasure mention that during Six Months that I was a prisoner I never knew an Officer make a bad use of any indulgence, and I was well acquainted with their transactions.

The parole signed Jan. 20, granted him liberty within the limits of the city, notwithstanding which he was confined to the "Sick Quarters" which thus became a prison.

I Persifor Frazer late Lieutenant Colonel of the fifth Pennsylvania Regimt. do declare that being a prisoner in the New Goal when the Enemy were in possession of Philada. in company with Colonel John Hannum and several other American Officers that abt. the 20th day of January 1778 I obtain'd a parole to go to Sick Quarters in the City my health being impaired—that I remained in that situation until about the last of Feby. followg. that during this time the other Gentlemen who were in confinement with me obtain'd Liberty as I was inform'd to go to the Swan Tavern in third Street. At the time last mention'd myself and Colonel Marbury who lodg'd together and the next day Major Williams were ordered into confinement in the afors'd. place—that when I convers'd with the Officers who had been there before me I understood from them they had been persuaded to sign paroles having been promis'd great Libertys which I found had in every respect been Violated—As they were as well as myself in every respect as much prisoners there as ever we had been before—that no paroles were demanded from me nor as I understood from Major Williams and Colonel Marbury, That during my confinement at this place Mr. Ferguson the British Commiss'y. of Prisoners came into the Room where Colonel Hannum and myself and other prisoners were when Col. Hannum complained that the privileges promised by Mr. Ferguson to him and the other officers at the time of their removal to that place had not been comply'd with and mentioned many hardships we at that time suffered, upon the relating of which Mr. Ferguson seem'd very much surpris'd and said the Guards had misunderstood their orders but that he would explain the matter to them and that for the future We should have more Liberty that the Guards were only plac'd to prevent us from insult. For a few hours after this conversation we were suffered to speak to some friends who came to visit us but the same evening the Sergeant or Corporal of the Guard informed some of us that they had received fresh orders not to suffer us to speak to any person or that any person should speak to us, which was strictly comply's with on their part, who frequently threat-

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parole to go to sick quarters in the city my health
being impaired - that I remained in that Situation
until about the last of Feb^y follow^g. that during
this time the other Gentlemen who were in confinement
with me obtained Liberty as I was informed to go to
the Swan Tavern in Third Street, at the time last
mentioned myself & Colonel Marbury who lodg^d
together & the next day Major Williams were order^d
into confinement at the afores^d place - ~~that~~
convers^d with the Officers who had been there before
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had in every respect been violat^d - As they as well
as myself were in every respect as much Prisoners
then as ever we had been before - that ~~for~~
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when Colonel Hannum & myself were ^{other prisoners} when Col^l
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some of Us that they had reciev'd fresh orders not to
suffer Us to speak to any person or that any person
should speak to Us, which was strictly comply'd with
on their part, two Centries were constantly at the front
who frequently threaten'd to Bayonet any persons who
offer'd to hold any discourse with Us, two Centries were
also plac'd at the Back part of the house & one
at the Chamber door up stairs where our quarters were
upon relieving their guard We were ^{constantly} counted over &
given in charge to the preceding guard & in the evening
we were also counted by Mr. Serjeants deputy and the
Serjeant & Corporal of the guard - We remain'd in this
situation till the 17.th of March when I made my escape
I understand afterward Col: Hannum & Major Williams
follow'd the same evening - When we got clear of Britain
we made all possible haste to Camp I went to head
Quarters and upon a just and particular Account given
to his Excellency Gen: Washington by Col: Hannum of
the various ^{good Serjeant} instances of his confinement & Escape, His
Excellency & a number of ^{other} Gentlemen of
the Army then present thought him in every respect
justifiable

ened to Bayonet any persons who offered to hold any discourse with us, two centries were also placed at the back part of the House and one at the Chamber door upstairs where our quarters were, upon relieving their guards we were constantly counted over and given in charge of the succeeding guard and in the evening we were also counted by Mr. Ferguson's deputy and the Sergeant or Corporal of the guard. I remained in this situation till the 17th of March when I made my escape and understood afterwards Col. Hannum and Major Williams follow'd the same evening. When we got clear of Philada. we made all possible haste to camp and I went to headquarters and upon a just and particular account given to his Excell'y Genl. Washington by Col. Hannum* of the circumstances of his confinement and escape, His Excellency and Lord Stirling and a number of other Gentlemen of the army then present thought him in every respect justifiable.

Both the above statements are unfinished and unsigned but in Col. Frazer's handwriting.

See Chapter V, letter of Aug. 15. 1779, from Lt. Col. Williams to Col. Frazer, mentioning the board of officers of the American Army which sat to determine who were justifiable in escaping from the enemy.

William Williams was Lt. Col. of 2d Pa. line and resigned April 17. 1780.

* Col. Hannum's case was presented as a test to Gen. Washington because Hannum had actually signed a parole which Washington and his officers declared under the circumstances was deprived of binding force by the non-fulfilment on the part of the British army authorities of their promises. Still less founded was the charge of violation of parole by Col. Frazer and Major Williams, who had not given their parole at the time alleged.

The Battle of Monmouth.

Englishtown Monmouth County, June 30/th, '78.

My D/r Pollye

I have not had any proper conveyance to write to you since we left our old Quarters at the Valley Forge we cross'd Skuykill on friday eveng. the 16/th, and encamp'd about 2 miles from the Bridge on Sunday morning We cross'd delaware, the day follow/g detachments from the different Reg/ts were drafted to strengthen Col/o Morgans Corps who, were sent off to annoy the Enemy on their march—other strong detachments of the most active Men were sent off for 2 or 3 days successively under Command of Gen/ls Scott, Wayne, etc., and General Lee was sent off on Friday last to take the Command of the whole of those Troops—The Main Body mov'd on as fast as circumstances wou'd permit, On Sunday the 28/th, (a day ever to be remember'd by Americans,) We were under Arms early in the morning and came to this place about 5 miles—here we rested our men a small space of time, we were directed to leave all the Packs of the Soldiers in order to expedite our March as the day was excessively hot. We went from hence to Freehold (4 miles) Meeting house and proceeded ab/t $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile further, where we were order'd to form in order of Battle. Gen/l Lee had this morning advanc'd near Monmouth Court House, about six thousand of the Chosen Troops of the Enemy, consisting of the whole of their Grenadeers, Light Infantry, a Brigade of guards, and some of their best Regim/ts were sent to attack him, he retreated to a Bridge. We came up in a very critical time and imediately engag'd in small parties from each Brigade, We soon checked their Column—they then began a very heavy Cannonading which they continu'd three Hours chiefly at our Division, our Cannon were not behind with them in their exertions—they try'd to outstand us but met with very Spirited opposition. They at last were oblig'd to give way to our persevering Troops who kept a regular constant Fire upon them from every quarter and they left Us Masters of the field of Battle, our people advanc'd cautiously, they retreated with great precipitation to Monmouth Court House near 4 Miles from the Field of Battle, here they Made a show of standing but understanding in the Night that our Troops were advancing—they in a great hurry decamp'd left 4 officers of theirs wounded and 50 privates and push'd off. This has been as fatal an Engagement to them as any they have experienc'd in America and I believe will be attended with as fatal consequences to them they have left the flower of their Army both in Officers and Men—258 have been buried by a party sent from our Army for that purpose, a great number were buried by themselves that had been kill'd in the fore part of the day

—and numbers have been inter'd by the Country people—they took a great part of their wounded in waggons those particularly that were in the greatest likelyhood to recover—the others they left to our mercy—what their numbers are I cannot learn exactly but this day has certainly cost them from every account not less than 1500 kill'd wounded prisoners and deserters. Among the Officers kill'd 4 Col-onels, one Major a number of Captains and other inferior in rank amountg. to upwards of thirty kill'd and ab/t 10 wounded in our hands and 4 taken prisoners, Col/o Monkton, Col/o Abercrombie, Col/o Trelawney are among the dead and some others thought to be high in rank—all this you may depend upon is strictly true. We have lost some worthy officers—one L/t Col/o and a Major killed and four other officers—a good many wounded but not above 50 privates kill'd. I have I thank God escap'd, but two men of our Regiment are missing—We were in the front Line though not engag'd except in small detachments. The highest Praise is due to our gallant General and almost every other person nor can I describe their intrepidity in every attack, our little Boys in comparison driving superior numbers of their Gigantic Grenadiers—You may depend upon it as fact that those of our men that were engag'd were not equal in number to the Enemy—the remainder of our men were form'd in line of Battle expecting they would have advanc'd—but those small parties done their business without Us, looking on with pleasing anxiety—as we saw the whole, except the Engagement in the morning by Gen/l Wayne and Scott etc.,—We cannot be too thankfull for this important Victory it gives the highest spirits to our men whilst it intimidates the Enemy. We have suffer'd unaccountable fatigue and hardship laying upon our Arms for many nights without tents or any other Covering, provision scarce, the weather hot, water very bad and scarce in this sandy Country, our duty severe—has worn down many—but the grand prospect before is delightfull and dispells every Cloud.

I cannot describe things to you as I would Chuse We are all hurry—tomorrow mornng. 2 o'clock We march to Brunswick and it is now ten at night—the Enemy we here are now embarking on board their ships for York or Long Island—We I believe shall cross the North River—get me a Coat made of the Blue Cloath if you have got it home, in Uniform, and send it to me as soon as you safely can, a Philad/a Taylor wou'd do best there are many of my size to measure—have it made genteel and light for Summer.—I congratulate my Sister Nancy upon her marriage and sincerely wish her and her husband every happiness—I should be extremely glad if I could get them to the White Horse. if they have no better place in view—Write me all the news—Give my sincere respects to all Friends my best Love to my dear Children—You will believe me to be my dear Polly your affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

28/th, June 1776 Gen/l Clinton was defeated at Carolina
It is said by every body here that their march through the Jersey will
cost them 3000, men.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County, to the care of
Mrs Jenkins, Philadelphia.
P. Cap/t Seely.

The retreat of Gen. Lee alluded to in the beginning of this letter was the historical occasion of Washington's only recorded profanity. The postscript about Clinton's defeat just two years before refers to his bloody repulse on Sullivan's Island, S. C., by Col. Moultrie.

(Greenwich in Connecticut July 23/d, 1778)

My D/r Wife

My last to you was from English Town the day after the Battle at Monmouth—The account I then gave you of that affair was as perfect as cou'd be expected at that time considering the hurry attending an Army in our situation. I am since well inform'd that the Number of dead of the Enemy was not less then 400, Numbers having been found in the woods and where they had buried others while they had time—We march'd for Brunswick and arriv'd the 2/nd, July where we lay a few days in order to refresh the Army after their severe duty. Many Officers and men being left behind on the March sick, owing to the excessive heat, bad Water and great fatigue we all endur'd—We then took our course for the North River by way of Newark and crossd at Kings ferry on the 15/th ins/t ab/t 45 miles above New York—We arriv'd at this place by eas'y marches on the 19/th. General Gates's Army is ab/t 3 miles in front of Us. We expect to join tomorrow. A Number of Troops are sent to the North River to prevent the Euenys doing any Damage to our Magazines and Stores.

We are very happy here on hearing of the arrival of the French Fleet at Sandy hook*—The Gentry in New York think their situation alarming—Numbers of deserters come in daily, they all agree that Provisions are scarce with them—in the course of a very few days we shall surround them in such a manner that they will get no provisions from the Country two Brigades of New England Troops March'd from Us yesterday morning for Rhode Island So that We shall cut out Work for them in that Quarter also—I hope a little time will determine our troubles if Providence smiles on our endeavours this once—the power of Britain is Crush'd for ever—I anticipate the happiness I shall then enjoy, when the noisy scenes of War are at an end. if it shall please God to spare my Life—I have receiv'd no letter from

See Appendix Note 11

you since I left home should be very much pleas'd with a line from you—Write me all the News—let me know if you got the Negroes out of Philad/a Mr. Frazer gave me 42 dollars in Philad/a do settle the matter with him—settle also with Mrs. Jenkins* and pay her generously for her trouble and kindness—†Mrs Rivers, acc/t is also unsettled. As you have a power, I wish something could be done with Robinson and Noblit—I should have prevented this trouble to you, but neglected it—My things have not been sent from Philad/a yet, I expect our Paymaster who is now there will bring them; if you have not employ'd a Taylor send the cloath and necessary trimmings to me as soon as convenient as I can have them made in Camp—Let the Buttons be small and good—if the cloath does not please you do not send it—as I can do pretty well without it.

I have in general enjoy'd my health very well, though I have experienced much more hardship than ever I did for the time—Col/o Johnston has been unwell and absent since the Battle of Monmouth and we have no Major so that the sole trouble and care of the Regim/t has been upon my Hands., our men are very much recruited in health the greatest part have join'd us that were left at the Hospitals—this is a very healthy Country—everything is in a fair way—I hope to see you before two months—I understand the Tories are highly indulg'd in Pems/a

I was never an advocate for Cruel Measures but I wou'd have justice done to every one—those Villians who have been constant enemies to Us—supply'd the British Troops with Provision and intelligence and by that means were passively acting the parts of Murderers of their Country Men, who had generously turn'd out to oppose those Savage Enemies—shall those scundrels be pass'd over unnoticed and be suffered to partake with the most Virtuous the benefits and advantages of faithfull Citizens—without ever being brought to acc/t for their Crimes—is this prudent, is it good policy, is it justice? No by no means—it will create a dislike to the Laws and those that are in the Execution of them, which may be attended with the worst of consequences—Give my best respects to all Friends my Love to my dear Children—I am

Mr D/r Polly

Your affectionate Husband

Pers/r Frazer.

Greenwich in Connecticut

July 23. 1778.

White Plains

July 26/th. We March'd to this place yesterday, the whole Army

*See page 164.

†Kept a boarding house "next to Major Gwyn 16th Dragoons."

are now encamp'd as near together as convenience will permit—Colonel Johnston I expect is in Philad/a by this time, if my things are not yet sent he will forward them by some of Waggons that May be coming this way—do send my Bayonet and small hanger by the Colonel, his servant will carry them for me—I have no sword to wear—inform Mr. Cheyney that I have made what enquiry I can ab/t his son but cannot learn what Corps he is in.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer. Thornbury, Chester County. to be left at Mrs Jenkins Market Street, Philad/a

July 27/th 1778.

My Dear Percy

I received yours of the 30/th of June I hav had no oppertunity to Right to you Sence and but Little Dissire to Seeek one as I hav nothing to right but the Sorrowfull account of the Death of your little Patty that died with four Days of the flux was bured this Day week and the hired girle Lays very ill with it now not any of the rest hase got it yet tho Bobby has been very Like to di with a bad fever is now recovered So as to go about the House I hav been Exceeding ill my Self with a pain in my Left Eye and a fever that I was obliged to keep my room Darkendned all harvest and was but just recovered when Patty was taken ill I hav not yet got your Cloath it will not be redy befor next week then I intend to take it to Philad/a in order to get it mad up I went to Philad/a with the flower Soon after the British Left it and had the misfortune to Loose a Horse with the Excessive heat that I bourrowed of william Johnson the horse was 15 years old a middle Sized and a good Draft horse I Should be glad you Cold get a nother to repl ease him it is out of my power to get a horse of any kind in this part of the COUNTRY M/r Chenney Sends his Complements and would be very glad to heare from his Son in your next Letter our relations are all in good helth Except mame Peirce She Sends her Love to you and is very Dessireous to See you before it is Long but that is a favour I Little Expect you Dissired me to right you all the news there is Schearce any thing going but Tory lise the have altered there tune from a prisbetarin to pepist government the arc Shure amarica is Sold to the french and all the Disserters are gon back to joine with Indiens the Look upon it as a grand peece of polycy of the English and Such like Stuf there is a great many refuggees has delivered them Selves up and many has taken the test Latly ples to give my best Complement to the pride of Pens/a General Wayne. and all my other acquaintance your Little Sally and Bobby gives there

Love to you I am my Dear Percy wishing you Every blessing that
kind Heaven can bestow your Sencirly affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer.

To Lieu. Col. Persifor Frazer, of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment in
Gen/l Waynes Brigad on the White Plains.
recommended to the care of M/r Chasson, Philadelphia.

No mention is made of the receipt of this letter.

White Plains July 28/th, 1778.

My D/r Polly

I wrote you 3 or 4 days ago by one Mr Pierce di-
rected to the care of Mrs. Jenkins. We have nothing remarkable at
this time but what I wrote you before—It is just now mention'd but
not to be depended on, that the Enemy are embarking their Troops
at New York—it is I believe very certain that the French fleet have
gone to Rhode Island to assist in the reduction of that place—any
thing you may have to send may be forwarded by Col/o Johnston,
Mr. Kimmell our Pay Master, L/t McCullough or L/t Griffith of our
Reg/t who are all ab/t Philad/a or the Country near—I have enclos'd
a letter to Mrs. Jones respecting a Mare I had got from Gen/l Greene
and w/ch was lost just before I come away you will please to send
for her—you will seal the letter before you send it off—Robinson
owes 24 £ on the 4/th, April last—I warn'd him out in presence of his
Brother in law Templeton about that time—I long for a letter from
you give my best respects to all Friends, my best love to my D/r
Children.

I remain my Dearest Polly
Y/r affec/te Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

I just learn that there is some truth in the report of the enemy be-
ing embarking, maybe they take this oppertunity when the French
fleet is away, but I hope they will fall in with them before they can
get far.

For Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury Chester County.
P. fav/r
Major Williams.

My D/r Polly

I have wrote three or four letters and have not re-
ceiv'd a line from you—We still remain in the same situation men-
tion'd in my last—I have just heard that the Enemy lost 4 Frigates at

Rhode Island w/ch they were obligd to Burn to prevent them falling into the hands of the French—upwards of sixty Houses were lately burnt in New York—a Powder Ship was struck with lightning and blew up there—this day is talk'd of for the grand attack at Rhode Island—the Enemy keep Close in their Lines—We have partys down every day but without any skirmishing—Our Army are in fine health and Spirits Col/o Johnston is expected here when I hope I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you—Give my best respects to all Friends and acquaintance my Love to my D/r Children I am

D/r Your Loving Husband.

Pers/r Frazer.

To Mrs Mary Frazer Thornbury Chester County

West Town August y/e 1/st 1778

Aug. 1. 1778.

Dear Madam this morning according Yours and Col. Frazers Request I took an oppertunity with Caleb Brinton: and he says he will Enter satisfaction in the Margin of the Record, provided you pay him for his Trouble and the Cost acruing, but signifyeth. Untill that is done he Shall Rest Easy; as the matter don/t Lay him Under any disadvantag therefore if you should have an' oppertunity to Pay him the Cost he then Can have no Excuse, which I should be glad to see perform'd as Life is Uncertain; and he Pass/d no Rec/t for the money Rec/d, if any thing should happen it may be attended with Trouble: from your friend and H. S.

T. Taylor

To M/rs M, W, Frazer

The Cost of Entering satisfaction 4. p

Addressed

To
M/rs Mary W. Frazer
These
pr favor of
Jacob Vernon

Aug/t 14/th 1778

My Dear Percy

I received yours of 26 and 28 of July and am happy to find you hav your helth So well and Every thing is Like to go so

well in regard to our publick trouble I have written to you the 27/th of July recommended to the care of M/r Chasson in philad/a wheare in I gave you an account of the flux being in the family not any of us hav had it Except Sally and She but two Days it was Stopt by Drinking plentyfully of old man tea the reson I mention the Cure is it possobely may be of yours to you I have not got the Negros nor can I heare any thing of them in philad/a. I hav been informed that there was a great number of negros and others Left in Jerse the time that the British Left it it is not unlikly but that they may Still be there I have got the blew Cloath but do not think fit for any thing but Sommor and it will be so Late before you get it that it will be Shorely worth youe while to get it mad up the Collar is Exceeding good you mention Col. Johnson taking Care of any thing I had to Send I have never Seen nor hard from him Sence I am afraid I shall get no way to Send what you wrot for Except I can get a oppertunity in philad/a I Shall go there a monday or tuesday Josse Vernon will go to the Vally if I can 'git Nobblet out next week I know not what method to tak there is a most Dredfull tax Lade I think ours is nere 8 pounds young men 3 pound and it is to be Double on all that has not taken the Test on or befour the 13/th of this month John Peirce Says he will tak it you need give your Self no futher Trouble about M/r Cheney Son he has been at home with in this week it has been a very Sickly time this while past and Seems Likely to Continu flux and bad fever our relations and friends are in good helth Sally Thomson givss her respects to you Little Sally and Bobby and Polly follows givs there love to you please to give my Compliments to all my acquainttents

I am my Dearest Love your affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

I have got the mare from Mrs. Joanses a little poor thing as Ever I Saw I Can hardly think it is yours.

To Lieu/t Col. Persifor Frazer, of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment in Gen/l Waynes Brigad on the White Plains.

recommended to the care of Mrs. Chasson at the harp and Crown Phil/a

No mention is made of the receipt of this letter.

White Plains Aug/t 19/th, 1778.

My D/r Polly

My last to you was about a Week ago p. Col/o McClelland who promis'd to be punctual in the delivery of it—I am still without the satisfaction of receiving a line from you—I was inform'd

the other day in a letter from Major Williams that We have lost our dear little Babe—this bereavement has no doubt plung'd you into much trouble, the strong ties of Nature demand it—but thank God We are not without consolation that the sweet little one is now enjoying uninterrupted rest with him—Let this Loss urge us my D/r Polly to an attentive and strict watchfulness over the Morals of those that are mercifully spared to us. Let us endeavour to Vie with each other both by example and precept in inculcating into their tender minds those necessary instructions which will be the means to render them happy here and hereafter—this my D/r Love is our indispensable duty and a neglect thereof will be a fund of trouble and distress to Us—therefore for our own sake as well as theirs, We ought not to neglect it. I am certain of your clearfull acquiescence in your part if this duty—and sincerely hope I may be enabled to do mine conscientiously. Should it please God to continue me with them—And the loss or absence of either of Us to them, should be made up, by an additional assiduity and circumspection of the other—A determin'd resolution to put these dutys in practice is only necessary—the good effects We may reasonably expect will attend our endeavors, will be too pleasing on reflection for Us to drop the pursuit—

I have been severely afflicted this 8 or 10 days with the Piles. I am now lodging about 4 Miles from the Camp and am much better of this disagreeable complaint—There is no News of any kind stirring that I can learn—no advices from Rhode Island—are daily in expectation to have agreeable intelligence from that quarter—The Army is very healthy—I fondly hope this Campaign will end our troubles—I am weary of a Soldiers Life—Remember me to all Relations and Friends—my best Love attend to my D/r Children. I am my D/r Polly with fervent wishes for your and their prosperity,

Your ever affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

In strange hand.

To
Lieu/t Col/o Persifor Frazer
recommended of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment
in the Care of in Gen/l Waynes Brigad on
Major Dick the White plains in the State
near Marcus of New York
Hook

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County. to be left at
Mrs. Jenkins's the upper end of Market Street, Philadelphia.
fav/d by
L/t North.

Aug/t 22/d 1778

My Dearest Persifor

I have received 4 Letters from you and this is the 3/d I have wrote to you your Last is with out date and what is more alarming you make no mention of your one helth which would be the Dearest peace of new to me altho what you wrote is very agreeable I beg you may Let me know if you are Sick for it givs me great uneasiness your not mentioning of your helth as usual

I have never heard any thing of the Negros yet I understand there was a great number of Negros and others left in Jerse they time they British left if I went to Phil/a Soon after the Enemy Left it with the flower and had the misfortune to Loose a Hors by the Excessive heate the hors was a middle Sizsd 15 years old and good for the gairs I would be Exceeding glad you Cold Send me Such a one as it is not in my Power to get one of my Sort in this place william Johnson will want him before it is Long mention thes matters in my other Letters for as you have not got them it it is Lik you will not get them for if Col. Johnston Saw thim it is very Like he would not Carry them or he might have Stopt at our house give my Compliments to Col. Johnston and tell him if I was to go by his Door I would not Stop to ask his Lady how she Did this is the Second time he has been in the neighbourhood and has not Stopt to See me I was Down at Brother Isaac Last Monday and met a French gentleman going to Camp Sent a Letter by him from Sister Nancy which I make no date but you have got by this time I Saw Major Dick he Says there is Scharcly three Days passes but what he can Send to Camp he very kindly offerd to forrod my Letters and Says if you will order your Letters to be left at his house he will take Care to to Send them to Isaac or directly up to me I hoop you will get Letters more regular there is 8 vessels Lays at ours Caps Supposed to be part of the Cork fleet Cap/t Fits gos on Robbing and biding Defiance he has been in this Neighbourhood Last monday and Tuesday, the night befor Last all the Whigs between this and Brandywine ware under arms to Waylay the Rods Expecting he was towards Hook the mist him his Conduct is much applaud by the Torys we heard a very great firing Last Tusday for neer 4 hours but can not heare wat it ment I met with Something very Extrauniry in the Penns/a Packet Aug/t 1/st, Concerning an aloetree it is in Norrises garden I cold hardlv beleve the account had not Mark Willcox been to See it and Says it is So I will wright it down Lest you hav not Seen the peper (on the morning after the arrival of his Plenepotentiary the accomplished Girard being the thirteenth of the month an aloe tree the only one in this State Immediately Shot forth its Spire which it never dose but once in the Course of its Existence and in Some other Climate in not Less then one hundred years it had been planted about forty five years in the neighbourhood of this City

and heretofore Every year had Produced four Leaves but Early this Spring it Spread forth thirteen the Spire is remarkable being thirteen inches round and having grown thirteen feet in the first thirteen days the Scotch talks much of there thistle and the South Brittons of the Glastenbury thorn much finer things may be said of the aloe tree of America and the fleur delis of France) Josse Vernon is about Lifting the two and fifty pound fine it make a great Stur among the Torys as the have Scharely any Congress monny I hav not don anything with Nabble and Robbeson yet but intend to go up a monday to See what is to be don with them me and they family are all in good helth thank god, I Saw Jacob and Sally yesterday the are well givs ther Love to you Sally Tomson Little Sally and Bobby and Mary Anne and Polly Follows sends thear Love to you and little Percy Sends his Lob to Daddy My Dear remember the Last of next mont I am to Expect you home I beg you may not Disapoint me for I Can not help Looking over the medow already please to Give my best respects to acquaintance I am my Dearest Love your affectionate Wife.

Mary Worrall Frazer.

I hope you will have the plesure of being in new york before the time you are to Com home.

To Lieu/nt Col. Persifor Frazer of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment in Gen/l Wayns Brigad on the White Plains.
recommended to the care of Major Dick, Marcus hook.

Aug/t 30/th 1778.

My Dearest Percy

I received yours of the 19/th of Aug/t and am Exceeding unhappy to find you have not receivd a Letter as this is the fourth I have wrote to you but nothing can Exceed my Disstrees to find you are So unwell as to be obliged to Leave Camp what is theare to hinder you my D/r Percy from Coming home if you are abel to traviel onely Six miles a Day in a Carrage I would Set out Emediatly to go you but three of our D/r Little Children and mark are bad with the Chincoff Little Percy is exceeding bad I may Say that this three years past has been all most one Continual Scene of Sorrow to mee but I hope for better Days and that god will enable me to Discharge that important duty you So kindly mention in your D/r Letter of 19/th I went to the Vally Last monday and got 15 pound of Robbison in part of the Rent he is Determined not to pay the remaining part of as he was not wornd out according to your agreement with him he Says you agreed to give him Six months notis when you wanted him out and Nobblit has got one abednigo Jones

and his family the House with him and I find the and John Carlin are all of one mind I undersand Carlin or his Son is about to biing the house of Nobblit I think it not Safe to meddle with them till you return or Send perticular orders in what manner I shall proceed Carlin told me him Self that you Cold not have any Claime to that House During Baines or his wife Life as he Says he has Seen all the wrightings Concernning it I went in Company with Mrs. Kennedy to Chester who was So kind as to Stay two nights with mee I find the Thirteen Thousand pound that the Doc/r Left her is not a bribe Suffeciant to keep her from thinking of an other Husband and I think She would except of one as Low or Lower in rank then a general for I find it must be an offieser I Saw mrs Wethe and mrs. Copland and miss Sally Copland the all Sends there Love to you Sister Sally Vernon was Deliverd of a fine Son Last friday who is to be named Persifor She is as well as can be Expected and her family is well Sisters Sally and nancy and famillys are well and Send there Love to you mammy Peirce Continnuse much as She was Little Sally and Bobby Sends there Lov to you please to give my Compliments to all my acquaintants with you I am my Dearest Percy with fervent wishes for your helth and prosperity your

Ever affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer.

the infamous Fitch was taken this Day week by a woman in Robing Cap/t McAfee in his fathers house I expect mrs. Cheney will give you the perticulars of Fitch and the Transactions of the Court please to Let me know if you have Seen Fredrick Taylor Son Sence you went out they have never heard any thing of him Sence Fredrick Left the povo

To Lieu/t Col/l Persifor Frazer of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment in Gen/l Waynes Brigad on the White plains.

recommended
to the care of
Major Dick
near Marcus
Hook

No mention in the correspondence of the receipt of this letter.

Thornbury September ye first. 1778

To Peircifor Frayzer

Dear Col: A Prospect of Future enjoymnts will sometimes Release ye minds Present Misery. I have have a great Desire to see you Return and flatter my self that time is not far distant. we know very Little more of your Proceedings than if you wear

in Camp/t in the moon. Dunlap informs us nothing about you his Paper 3 sides advertizements and ye 4/th Contain Dispa/es from Constantinople or some fine addresses to ye Quakers—insignificant stuf. and you are not as good as your word you Promised to write to me I did so far get the Right side of Polley that she Let me see the account of that Glorious Jersey affair a Considerable Number of Capt James Troop are Come Trooping home again and begs ye mercy of their Country I hope Justice may be mingled with mercy may be administered to them.

I am now Sir about to Give you an account of a matter that Gives me some uneasiness. Last Tuesday was the time for holding our Court at Chester. I rejoyce at ye thought that Heaven had so far favor'd us, the Enemy who a few weeks ago who wear domaneering in our Channel are Reduced to as Great Straits by our Friends the thought was Pleasing. but there was Question put by our Presedent whether those that had taken ye Test since ye first of June should serve on Jury or not ye Bench Nearly Divided on ye Question it was at Length agreed to hear ye Lawyers Explain ye Law and there was 5 of those Gentlemen spoke near 3 hours and Left us as much in ye Dark as before they spoke at all. upon which Very warm Diputes arose between ye Gentlemen of ye Bench. which at length carried 6 to 5 in affirmative upon which ye Grand Jury was Call'd Benj Beetholenew wass foreman and wass sworn but their was Eleven Gentlemen who had Taken Test before ye first June Last Refused to serve with those that had taken it sinc upon which ye Court find them £5 Each man and the Court Broke up after settleing ye Tavern Licences. I shall Leve these matters to your own feelings wheather it was not a very Disagreeable Sircumstance at a time when their wass so Pleasing an appearance of Order and Government being Restor'd to this Distracted place. There wass a num. of men that applyd to me to take ye Test before ye time wass Expired and Enjoined me to Keep it a Secret. others came afterward and declared ye Came as soon as ye Durst Come for fear of ye Enemy. and why those Gentlemen Liveing at a Distance should Claim a Prohemenence—over those that wear more Exposed to ye Enemy I am at Loss to undstand. Their is men of very Respectable Carracters hass taken it sinc the first of June William Parker Henry Haye Charles Crookshank Charles Humpris Isaac Person Richard Baker Henry Halegrat Adam Grubb, Hugh Loyd and many others wose Connections will naturally follow.

I am so Huried with Collecting Substitute fines and matter Relating to that business that I have searcely one hour I can call my own. My son Dickey is Listed in Capt: Bedkins Troop of horse

Command Genrall Pulaskey and has been at willmintown and is now Gone for Camp. I Conclude with my sincear Prayers for your Well-fear and safe Return.

Thomas Cheney

N.B. Please to give Respects to Capt: Bertolemew and Harris and Capt. Christy and all other acquaintance. Please to write to me your situation and ye Enemys. My wife sends her Love to you and Desires you would Give Respects to Capt. Cristy.

Camp White Plains Sep/t 2/nd, 78

My D/r Polly

Your letter dated 22/nd, Aug/t came to my hands last Evening It gives me the highest satisfaction to hear of your and the Childrens health. I receiv'd a letter the other day directed in your hand Writing, inclosing one from Nancy and Joshua of the 1/st, Aug/t but not a line from you only a Postscript mention'd you having seen Mrs Wayne at Dillworths, the letter was tore to pieces, so that I imagin'd what you had wrote was lost and it had past through so many hands I cannot find who brought it to Camp—My last to you was P Mr. North of our Regiment. I directed him to leave it with Col/o Arch/d Thomson or w/th Mrs. Jenkins—I have been very poorly this 3 weeks past but am now pretty well recoverd, though I still Lodge out of Camp—

I mention'd in a former Letter to you that a Mare I had got from the Quarter Master Generals had stray'd from me, and that I had heard by Doctor Jones that she was at his House. I enclos'd a letter to Mrs Jones, desiring she would deliver her to you. As you do not mention any thing of this in your Letter am afraid it has not come to hand—it will be impossible to procure a Horse here for Mr. Johnston. I am Sorry he should suffer by the misfortune but must do the best We can, either in procuring him another Horse or pay him the Value—I hope We shall weather all these misfortunes—I have directed the Bearer who is an officer in our Regiment to Call upon you he can possibly put you in a way to forward some things to me as it is at present very uncertain when I can get home—Please to send me the Blue Cloath for a Coat with the White and Lining and Trimmings—if you could send me 2 yards of white Lining besides for a Light Blue piece of Broad Cloath w/ch I have procur'd for a Coat it would oblige me, also Mohair and white mettal Buttons and other necessaries for it—There was a pair new Shoes left at Mrs. Jenkins's you

may remember I now want them much—I got only a pair Blanketts a Coverlid and set of Camp Stools from Mrs. Rivers's by Col/o Johnston so that I have left my matrass, Pillow, Coat, Jacket a pair new draws pair Boots, 1 pair Shoes, pair Spurs and a Vallice to carry my Bed in, I should be glad to know what became of them—the Vallice Matrass, spurs, and Shoes were left at Mrs Rivers's by me and Understood the other things were to have been sent there—the Value I do not mind, but they are very necessary and not to be procured. I had forgot to mention that I have got my Sword and Bayonet. The News we have is that Two of the French Ships suffer'd in a late Storm in consequence of w/ch the Fleet were obliged to leave Rhode Island to convoy those that were disabled to Boston—in Consequence of this, Gen/l Sullivan had orders to leave the Island for fear a Reinforcement might arrive w/th the British fleet and cut off their retreat, Gen/l Sullivan the 28/th, at night, made a disposition for this purpose ordered 2 Regiments to Cover the retreat, the Enemy hearing of this March'd out to attack them early in the morning those Regim/ts were reinforc'd and so were the Enemy's till at last it brought on a General Engagement w/ch continued about an Hour Excessive severe. the British were at last oblig'd to retreat in great precipitation and left Us Masters of the Field of Battle, both sides lost a great number, We lost a great many brave Officers. the particulars are not yet arriv'd but expect they will be in to day—The French Fleet it is—believ'd are now return'd to Rhode Island The British have sent a large reinforcement from New York—it is expected Sullivan left the Island he having particular orders for that purpose—something extraordinary is expected to take place very soon. I have not time to write to any acquaintance, you might excuse me to them. Mr. Cheyney can advise you what is best to be done w/th Noblit. I think he ought to be committed in consequence of his Judgment as nothing could have been done at that time the Enemy coming into the Country otherwise a New process against him and his Son, Bernard Vanhorn can be had to Witness against them and the affair may be settled in that way. Calonel Hannum can give you his advice as I spoke to him about it at Court before I came away—Excuse me in having given you this unnecessary trouble I could not well avoid it—My best respects to all friends my Love to my D/r Children I am my D/r Polly

Ever Yours

Pers/r Frazer.

Mosses Cox
 nere the Draw bridge } (In a strange hand)

Sep/r 9/th 1778

My D/r Percy

I have this minute received the agreeable account of your being in good helth, by Jemmy Thomson who Saw Major Herbut at the Sine of the Ship yesterDay he Says he Saw you jest before he left Camp this is to go to the Ship to Day the Major is to Call there for it I have Sent your hanger and bagonete three weeks ago I Expect you have got them I have not received any Letter from you Sence that of the 19/th of Aug/t it gave the account of your illness from that till this I think I have been as unhappy as any one Living as the Children Still Continue bad with the Hooping chouf I shall Expect you home in three weeks from this pray write every oppertunity our Relations and friends are in helth Little Sally and Bobby and Polly fallows Sends ther Love to you I am my Dearest Percy with fervent wishes for your helth prosperity and Saife return to mee and your Deare Little Children your Loving and affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

this is the 5/th Letter

I have Sent

Addressed

p/r fav
of Major
Herbut

To

Lieu/t Col/l Persifor Frazer
of the 5/th Pens/a Regiment
in Gen/l Waynes Brigad
on the White Plains in
the State of New York.

Sep/r 16/th 1778

My Dear Percy

You mention in your Letter p. L/t Forbes of the uncertainty of your coming home it givs me a great Dail of concern for I quite Expected you the Latter end of this month from what you wrote me in your Second Letter I Spoke to m/r Chenney about Noblets afaire he Seems reathir to Let it be till you return I hav not yet Seen Col Hannum but intend to See him as Soon as possable concerning it, your besiness with mr. Brintin is Settled to Satisfaction and he and his Lady is to Dine with me before Long the Children are all geting better of the Chincoff but your Little Percy I am in helth thank god and intend go for Philadel/a to morrow this Day we finnish Sowing wheat I mention in a former Letter Frederick Taylor Son I Suppose you never got the Letter I would be glad you would Lett me know if you have Seen him as his parrants has never heard

from him I Have Sent you 4 yards blue and 4 y/ds white Cloath 17
Canes of thread 1 pair of Linning Draws 2 flanning west coats 1 y/d
of Linning 2 y/ds of white Linging it is all that I hav Shall endeavor
to get Some in Philad/a Mamme Peirce continues much as She was
when you Left us She Sends her Love to you I would be glad you Let
me know what Stocking and other things you will want please to Let
me know Soon and Send me Some monney if can get a Safe hand to
Send by if you hav it too Speair if not dont put your Self to any
trouble your Sisters and brothers and there familys are all well
Jemme has not paid of the morgage yet I hav kept the money for him
I am afraid he will do nothing in it till you return I would be glad
you would write to him concernig it Little Sally and bobby and Polly
Fallows and Sally Thomson Send ther Love to you please to give my
Love to my acquaintance at Camp I am my Dearest Percy with fer-
vent wishes for you helth and saif return to me and your D/r Little
Childrer

your Ever affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

This is the 7/th letter
I have sent to you

I have sent $\frac{1}{2}$ yd buckram 4 Scanes of blue Silk Six dozen white
medle buttons three Sticks of moheer

To Lieut. Col Persifor Frazer of the 5th Pensa. Regiment at Camp
fav/d by Lieut. Forbes

September 28. 1778.

Sep/r 28/th 1778.

My Dearest Percy

I was in Philadelphia Last Satterday was a week
and Left the following artickels in the Care of Cap/n Peirson who
promissed to Send them to you the first opertunity 4 y/ds Blue and
4 y/ds white Cloath 2 y/ds of white Lining 1 y/d Linning $\frac{1}{2}$ y/d
buckram 4 Scanes Silk and 16 of thred 2 Sticks white moheire 6
dozens of white mettle and plaitted Buttons 2 flanning Jacketts 1
paire Lining draws your Shouse that was Left at M/rs Jinkinses is not
to be found and M/rs Rivers Says the things that you Left there was
Sent to the Swan to the Care of Col. Maybury and ware Sent out by
Col: Bedford I Shall send you some more white lining and Some
worme Stockings next week and Shouse as soon as I can get them
maid, Oct/r 2/d my Dearest Percy this Day Twelve years I little
thought that ever Such a Dreadfull Separation would fall to our Lot
O this unhappy war that has made Life almost insupportable to me

if it was not for the pleaseing thought of Seeing you Some times and in that how am I Disopinted the time is past that you gave me to Expect you home in, in your Second Letter O the Cruel Spiler of our peasable Land that has town fathers from their tender Children and Sons from there aged parents may the Just Vengents of god over take them in this world that was the beginers of these troubles this is my Sincare prayers, for you know my Dear we are Commanded to pray for our Enemy and I am Shure I can not pray for them cincerly in any other way when I think on the many happy Days we have Spent to gather and are now So Cruelly Sepperatied this Day has brought to my remembrance all your former fond Endearing behevour to me and your deare little Children my Dearest Percy it is imposable for me to describe to you how heavy time Drags on

Oct: 4/th I have been very ill this week with a paine in my head and fever am now prity well recovered little Percy Stil Continues ill with hooping Chof the rest of family is well this will go by M/r Blackissten and by him I Shall Send Blue and white Moheire three paires Stocking white and Lite Collered thick for Jackett and Britches with blue thred white Lining, and buttons for the Jackett and Britches S Jemme and Sally Thomson and Jacob Vernon and Sally are well and Send thear Love to you Nancy and Jesse is going to Delworths Town to Live as there is nothing to be don with Noblit til you Come home m/r Cheney thinks a rong Stepe in the matter might Cause you a vast daile more trouble as I can not be So well acquained with it as you and am Sure Cirlin in will do Every thing he can in Noblit favor I mentioned the matter in a former Letter and concerning the Land at the Ship Jemme has been offerd 10 pound an aker for his and think we may get that for ours please to give my best Complement to all frends in Camp I am my Dearest Percy wishing you all the Choicest blessing of Heaven

Your ever Loving and affectionate wife

Mary Worrall Frazer

Little Sally and boby
Send there Love to you
I had forgot them till the
Letter was foled and the ware
not pleased

Endorsed

favor/d by
M/r Blackiston

To
Lieut/t Col. Persifor Frazer
of the 5/th Penn/a Regiment
in Gen/l Waynes Brigade
at Camp

(In Dr. Riley's possession.)

*(Fredericksburg Octo. 2/nd, 1778.)

My D/r Polly

I would have apply'd for Liberty to have got home before this, but as I have some accounts to settle w/ch I have nearly compleated, thought is best to wait a few days longer for that purpose rather than to leave them in confusion as I have not settled since I left Ticonderoga—And as I propose to resign made my tarrying a few days more necessary. I expect in 10 or 12 days to have the pleasure of seeing you—The Enemy have been in the Jerseys for some days past, they surpris'd ab/t 60 or 70 of our Light Horse there and killd and took the greatest part of them—Major Lee has also the day before yesterday took 12 and killed 12 of the Enemy's Light Dragoons

We mov'd from the White plains ab/t 2 weeks ago to this place w/ch is about 25 miles to the northward. The reason of our moving was, that Forage got very Scarce and as it was probable the Enemy intenced either for Boston or the North River We are now that distance nigher Boston and within ab/t 20 miles of the North River where our chief Fortifications are near Fish Kill. Our Division was to have march'd to Jersey yesterday but News arriv'd that the Enemy had left it. We are orderd to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a moments warning—I cannot leave the Army whilst there is a probability of Action—but I am of opinion we shall have little or no fighting this Fall—from every thing we can learn they will leave New York before winter—I have seen Major Williams he tells me you have sent me some Cloathing by Cap/t Lang—he is not yet arriv'd being obliged to retire to Morris Town for fear of the Enemy. My best respects to all friends my love to my Dear Children. I am my D/r polly

Y/r affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer

Fredericksburg
Oct. 2. 1778.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury, Chester County, Pennsylvania
P/r fav/r
Lieu/t Wood.

* Fredericksburg was a precinct of Dutchess Co., now a portion of Putnam County, N. Y. *(Baker's Washington)*

Accepted in full discharge of the
debt of the said [unclear] to the
said [unclear] on the 10th day of
October 1870.

By the said [unclear] (Governor)

John A. [unclear]

Acceptance, of resignation endorsed on the back of the commission of Lt. Col. Frazer. Half, lineal measurement, of the original.

CHAPTER V.

Military Papers and Correspondence.

March 25. 1776

At a Regimental Court Martial held at Chester on Monday the 25/th day of March 1776 on Serjeant Killpatrick Accus'd of Damning the Congress & striking one of the Guard

President Cap/t Frazer

Lieu/t Johnston

Ensign Vernon

Members

Lieu/t Bartholomew

Ensign Standley

Cap/t Moore sworn declares that he being inform'd that a person behav'd a Riotous manner in the Court House went with a guard to Confin him & found the person to be serjeant Killpatrick who he heard express the Words "Damn the King & Congress"

John Watt sworn, declares that he was one of the guard when the s/d Killpatrick was Confin'd & that the s/d Killpatrick wrung the deponant by the nose & afterwards struck him.

Killpatrick Confesses he made Use of the expressions with which he is Charg'd & in excuse for his saying so says he was in Liquor & was agravated by one Bradley Who s/d he was perjur'd. he also confesses he struck the guard & his reason for so doing was that the person he struck Made use of abusive language to one Ellis who was at that time a Prisoner. the s/d Sergeant Kilpatrick being Unanimously found guilty of the Crimes wherewith he is Charg'd by the Members of this Court Martial Do adjudge that the s/d Kilpatrick shall be reduc'd to the Ranks & kept under the closest Confinement in the guard house for two Weeks

May 21. 1776

Long Island May 21/st 1776

A Court martial to be held tomorrow at 10 O'Clock

Capt/n Frazer President

Lieut/t Potts

Lieu/t Johnston

Members.

Lieut/t Bartholomew

Lieut/t Williamson

All Witnesses to have notice to attend _____

A Sentry to be posted at the lower Ferry to prevent the Soldiers from attempting to cross the over to York, and likewise to prevent them from using strong Drink —————

Every Soldier who shall in future attempt appear disguis'd with Liquor must be confin'd—& shall be denied trial by their own Officers—

The Col. cannot help expressing the greatest sorrow, to find the Vice of Drunkenness so prevalent in the Regiment—It appears as tho' the men were bereft of every principle of Christianity, & in short of every principle w/h constitutes the Gent/n or Soldier—Their Conduct is observed by other Regiments, & by other Officers, who will, unless an Amendment take place undoubtedly punish them with Severity ———

May 22. 1776

Proceedings of a Regimental Court Martial of the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment Commanded by Colonel Anthony Wayne held on Long Island May 22/nd 1776 by order of Francis Johnston Esq/r Lieu/t Colonel —————

	Cap/t Frazer President	
Lieu/t Potts		Lieu/t Bartholomew
	Members	
Lieu/t Johnston		Lieu/t Williamson

John Tanner of Cap/t Frazer's Company a Prisoner charg'd with stealing a Shirt the property of Timothy Kelly, being brought before the Court, Acknowledges he is guilty of Crime with which he is charg'd being in Liquor at the time he committed the Fact & was advis'd thereto by (Lawrence Connelly) one of his Companions & that he Sold the Shirt to a Shallop Man (for Cyder)

The Court upon due Consideration do Adjudge the said John Tanner to receive twenty one Lashes on his bare Back with a Cat O'Nine tails well laid on at the Head of the Battallion & that he shall pay to the said Timothy Kelly the Sum of Fifteen shillings the Value of the Shirt Stolen

Persifor Frazer Cap/t
and President

There is a second record of this court martial identical except as to the words above in parenthesis.

May 27. 1776.

Dr Sir

Have sent you the Letters we spoke to you about yesterday. wou'd take it very kind of you to leave those that are directed for the County at M/r W/m Grahams Tavern keeper in Market Street opposite the Sign of the Connestoga Waggon the others you will be so good as to deliver to those directed, in Philad/a the Doctors Compliments & mine wait upon M/rs Young & yourself & wish you a very agreable Passage I am Sir

Your most Hble Servant
Persifor Frazer

Long Island

27/th May 1776

For

Cap/t John Younger
New York

June 14. 1776.

M/r Robert Gregg Please to pay Cap/n Pircefer Frazer the sum of four Pound five shilling Pennsylvania Currency and this Order with his shall be your Discharge in full from S—

Your Humble Sv
John Harper

June y/e 14/th 1776 Accepted by me Robert Gregg

June 23. 1776.

Camp Long Island June 23/rd 1776

A Court Martial held p/r Order Major Housagger

Capt/n North President

Lieu/t Potts

Lieu/t M/cClintuck

Members

Lieu/t Johnston

Ensign Letts

William Davidson Prisoner brought before the Court for Insolence

Prisoner Pleads not Guilty of Committing any Crime

The Court by Suffitient Evidence have found him Guilty of Provoking Insulting and Coloring* an Officer to the Great Prejudice of Good

*Collaring(?), or perhaps cholering i. e. angering.

Order—Therefore have Adjudg/d that he shall Receive Thirty Nine Lashes on his bare Back at the head of the Redgment and go Six days Runing on Feteigue

Caleb North Capt/n

Endorsed

Proceedings of
A
Regimental Court
Martial

No date. Probably Long Island, May 18 to June 29, 1776.
Capt/n Frazer—

Order a part of the Guard immediately to Capt/n Vernons Barracks to seize upon every Rascal who is drunk or has misbehaved—particularly confine (Row the old offender) as he has struck and abused Stophal Knare—likewise confine Mullen—

F: Johnston L/t Col

A Sentry must be posted this Ev/g at y/e Q/r Master's Store—let him be a trusty fellow—
Cap/n Frazer

No date. Probably Long Island, May 18 to June 29, 1776.
To Cap/n Frazer—

Col: Johnston's Orders.—

Sir

You will take care to suffer no Soldier at his peril to destroy the fences adjoining our Quarters, particularly, order them to refrain from doing any Damage, to the Premisses of the bearer hereof—Let the Q/r M/r Serjeant see that a suff/t quantity of Wood be supplied the Troops before their present Stock be out.—

F: Johnston

Capt/n Frazer

Probably in camp at Long Island May 18 to June 29, 1776.
Capt/n Frazer—

I shou'd have waited upon you early this Morn/g agreeable to promise, but I find myself considerably indisposed, added to this, I slept very little last Night, on account of the noise w/h was

made at my Quarters by the seizure of a Capital Tory (no less than the present Lord Mayor of N York) I am to accompany his Lordship this Morn/g to his Excellency Gen/l W/n

You will please to make out an exact duplicate of the General abstract for my use—as soon as you are done you will go over to York & meet me at M/rs Aireys

Your's &c F: Johnston—

Capt/n Per/r Frazer

Probably in camp on Long Island between May 18 and June 29. 1776

May or June 26. 1776

Col Johnston's Orders—

A Fatigue party must be form'd out of the several Companies consisting of Carpenters, in order to lay the floors of the Tents—Send the Q/r Mr Serjeant with the above order to N: York for the Tools—Let no time be lost in putting the several Tents in good Order—

Capt'n Frazer arrived at Albany by boat with his command July 2d. See p. 93.

July 2. 1776.

Sir

As soon as you shall have received what arms may be In store here, (many of which will doubtless be unfit for service without some repairs and will be repaired at Tyconderoga) and such other necessary's as you may want and that can be procured here for the troops under your Command, you will march with all possible dispatch and Join me at Crown-point, my secretary will furnish you with a rout and give you every needful assistance.

I am Sir Your Ot. Serv.

Ph. Schuyler

M. General

albany July 2/d 1776

To L/ Colo: Johnson of Colo: Waynes regiment

July 21. 1779.

Proceedings of a Regimental Court Martial of the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment. Commanded by Colonel Anthony Wayne at Ticondoroga July 21/st 1776—

	Cap/t Frazer President	
Lieu/t Potts		Ensign Lette
	Members	
Lieu/t M/cClintock		Ensign Wallace

Corporal Biggam of Cap/t Vernons Company confin'd by Major Morris of the 1/st Pen/a Regiment for insolence & disobedience of Orders—upon hearing the Charge & the Prisoners defence do find the s/d Bigham guilty of the Crime with which he is Charg'd and do adjudge that the said he shall be reduc'd to the Ranks—

Samuel M/cGowan of Cap/t Frazers Company confined by Cap/t Tilton for milking a Cow belong/g to Col/o Starks Regiment. Cap/t Tilton not being known & not hav/g notice did not attend, the Prisoner was therefore remanded.

John Ross of Cap/t Taylors Company confin'd by Serjeant Ruth for accusing said Ruth of Stealing his Pocket Book & ten Shillings the said Ross making satisfactory concessions to Serj/t Ruth he for declin'd the prosecution

August 5. 1776.

Albany August 5/th 1776

M/ Matth/w Mauss

Sir p/r Doctor Stringer I received yours with a six dollar bill,* and now send you those articles I was able to procure for you as you will see at foot—the nails are not to be had in town, but should I be able to get any I then shall sent them p/r first oppurtunity—inlosed sent you the Ball/c of your six Dollar bill

I am
Sir your most humb/l Serv/t
Henry Will

*A curious denomination for paper currency but not uncommon then.

1 Tea kettle	£ 0,, 17.. 0
4 Plates	10.. 8
1 Teapott	6 —
1 Pair knee Buckles	1.. 6
1 y/d Ribbon	2 —
	<hr/>
	£ 1.. 17.. 2
Cash	10 — 10
	<hr/>
	£ 2 8,, 0

NB: the Ribbon & buckles could not get better

My Regards to Cap/t Frasier
M/r Matthew Mauss.
or Capt/n Frasier

with 1 Kettle
1 Teapot &
4 Plates

at
Fort George

August 8. 1776.

Major General Gates

Ticonderoga Aug/t 8/th 1776

Sir

The Court Martial ever desirous of rendering their proceedings clear and intelligible, have thought proper to mention to your Honour, the principles on which their determination was grounded in regard to the Testimony of Major Scott; which if your Honor should esteem necessary may be transmitted to Congress.

From Major Scotts overstrain'd Zeal to serve as Judge Advocate during the course of the Trial; from his own Acknowledgement in the Face of the Court, that he had never furnish'd Colonel Hazen with any Written Orders from General Arnold; from his appearing extremely solicitous to give Evidence in the Cause; from his application to the Court to cross examine a Witness; And lastly from the purport of the Testimony of divers Witnesses, proving that, the Goods were deliver'd to Major Scott & while under his care, conducted in such a disorderly manner, that part of them must unavoidably have been damaged or lost previous to their arrival at Chamblee; that Colonel Hazen never had the possession of the Goods, And that he could not possibly have taken them (granting he had been authoris'd so to do) not having

sufficient Store Room.—From these—concurring circumstances We beg leave to assure your Honour, that We were constrain'd to believe Major Scott so far interested in the event of Colonel Hazens trial as to render his Testimony inadmissable. We are &c/a

(Unsigned duplicates (except the concluding words) in the handwriting of Col. Frazer.)

Philad/a the 18/th Aug/t 1776

Dear Sir

your favor of the 31 ultimo is received I thank you for your Intelligence it may be useful to me and may be in some way go to the public but am sorry to hear of the Extream distress of my dear Countrymen there is no body abhors Peculation more than I do how can people attend to such things in this time of distress surely good cannot Come of such doings; Pennsylvania Never see such days as now on Account of Arrival of so large an Armament at N york the Enemy now—Consisting of 27000 or as some Accounts say 30.000 men are all Encampt on Staten Island our Militia are march'd to a man Out of Chester County Except some few that ran of and hid Themselves and so they have from all the Counties to the amo/t in the whole of Upwards of 15000 the Spirit of the Association on this as well as on other occasions does them much honor and I have good reason to hope at this time they will be the salvation of North America 4000 more will soon arrive from Maryland and the delaware counties and two Battalions of Regulars are on their march from Virginia for New york and General Lee is also on his way there by order of Congress I hope If we can stand it this Campain the spirit of our Enemies will be broke and Busieness will then be Easie we have arrivals of powder and Military stores frequently make a good deal and are in no want of that article nor of lead our Militia are Stationed at Amboy Woodbridge and Elisabeth Town points are in health though some of them that went from this City about a Month ago are I am told somewhat uneasy to return, Our army at New york at present Not so Numerous as I Could wish but Increases every day, General Washington Expects an attack every hour is well provided with every thing and I am sure our Troops will sell their lives dear or Conquer they have my prayers and yours I am sure for their success.

Your friends and Relations I have reason to believe are well it is a very healthy time here as I have known or Else there is no no body

——to be sick the men being mostly gone I had almost forgot to mention the arrival of Devil Dunmore and Clinton who are both at New York and all their troops; with my best Respects to you and prayers for your health I am sir with real Esteem your most

Obed/t

To Cap/n Persifor Frazer

P S write freely to me

no fear of Injury
to you Subscribe P. F.

Sketchley's Complement to
you he marches this day to Jersey
from this place.

humble ser/t

John Morton

Aug/t 21/ News has Just now arrived from Martinique that the Governour will receive our Vessels to trade freely Protect That trade and receive and suffur us to sell our Prizes there that the french are preparing for war which will soon take place ag/t the English this may be depended on

See letter of Capt. Frazer, p. 100, to which this is a reply.

August 28th, 1776

August y/e 28/th 1776.

Dear Sir

I, Have Thought often of you since your Departure: and Likewise Often Intended to write to you, But having my mind Draw/d Away by Other Buisness; as our State hath seem/d in a Very fluctuating Condition: By the different Oppinions of The People Concerning Independance;* But it' Took place And Our Bill of Rights is Declared; that Old obsticle Of Riligion is now Put Upon an Equal footing; which seems to Ease the minds of the People; But the Association Continueth nearly in the Old Line; as when you left Us, But our Convention has Provided an Aqualibrum; they fine Every Non-associator 20/. Pr. month & 4/ Pr Pound On their Property; which will be Likely to make those that hold' Back; think they are hardly Dealt by: But I think the Remedy is suitable to the Desease; Now as to Our Military affairs at New York; with Gods Blessing we shall be able to; send to Britain a Very Good Account of Our firmness and Resolution: By that Commissioner so much Talk/d of: M/r How and his 20000 Ruffins; for at this time Of a truth there is 70000 Now at York

*We are apt to imagine our ancestors too unanimous for independence—while it was yet to be achieved.

Bold Americans and y/e Jerseys oppesite Staten Island 15 or 16000 from Our Southern States so we hope to Give them a Suitable Reception when Ever they make an attack Upon us—

Sir; I Receiv/d a Letter from your Q.M. M/r Harper; which Came By your Chaplain The Reverand M/r Jones, which Informes of Your situation; which I think Perelous. Enough But with y/e Blessing of Heaven I hope you/ll be Reanforced And be Able to withstand any fource, that Northan Ministerial Scoundrel with all his Law artifices can Sugest will be able to Bring against you; And Sir; as I have nothing more of Moment To write; But my Best wishes for your Safety & welfare; tho; Must think; Your ^{must} sufferings Can/t otherwise be, but be Great Considering your Situation; And I Pray God; you may Preserve the Souldiar, and Let Patience in Suffering be your Charecterstic; the Neighbour' is all in Health for Ought I know or have Hear/d and Every Other Matter Nearly as When you Left us— Sir I Conclude these Lines at your House in company with your Spouse; Who are with God' Blessing in Good Health; She Shew/d several of your Letters; Which makes my Heart Shudder; in feeling for your Distresses But Hope in God You/ll be Preserv/d, as the Cause must be the Cause of Heaven so I think it will Prosper, Your Old friend Tho/s Cheyney is along with me at your House; & Desire you may Give my Compliments to Col/l Wayne in Perticular; and the other Offecers of my Acquaintance so Conclude With my Best Wishes for Your Safety & Return to Your Loving wife & Little Children and Subscribe myself

Your Real friend. & Hu/ Servent
Tho/s Taylor

To Cap/tn Persifor Frazer
of y/e 4/th Pensy/a Battalian

September 7th, 1776.

Dear
Capt/n

September the 7/th 1776

I have Just Got able to Write to you to Let you Know that I am a Giting Better Fast For I have Got able to walk about a Little But Very Weak as yet, I have, Bin as Low as Ever any Body Was for to Live I do suppose I was Give Over By Doctor Potts I Stayed But three or four Days at Fort George I Pushed Down in a Wagon a bout 11 miles Bellow the Fort to one Widow HARRISES where I Remain yet and Shall (torn) remain Till I Git Stronger if you Remember when I

was Coming away from Camp that you Told me if I wanted any more Money to Write to you and you would Send it to me I Shall Stand in Grate Need of some Realy for the Man I Have with me and my Self is Very Expensive I intend to Send Charles home as Soon as Ever I Git well a nuf to Do with out him.

My Love to M/r Bartholem— and M/r Griffith
From your Very Hu Servn
Isaac Seely

N B Cap/t af you Could Send Five
or, six pound I would Be obligat
Do Please to Send it in a (letter) and Give the Letter to the (bearer(?))
of my Letter Lieut Gro(ss who can send) Right Down Direct to W
Haris

To
Captain Persifor Fraser
at
Ticonderoga
Pr for
of
Lieu/t Gross

September 7th, 1776.

general Hospital
Fort George—Sep/t 7/th 1776

Worthy Sir,

Since I wrote my Last I heard you Recev/d those articles for which I wrote to albany I wrote for a p/r of knee Buckles and Ribbon for my Self if you have Rec/d them Please to Send them by a Safe hand I am in grate Need of them—

I Should be under a grate Compliment if you would be Pleas/d to Settle my accounts at Tycondaroga I think I left you my account but for fear I will Send it now—

Enter'd into the 4/th P: B: Camman/d by Co/l Anthony Wayne as Surgeons mate under D/r Kenedy the 13/th of april 1776. was in the Service 3 months and and 5. Days—

3.. 4
5
16: 8

ad 13 2/3 Doll/r per m/o

£ 16.. 4.. 7

to Cash Paid for the Medicine Chest
from Philadelphia to New yorck

o— 15.. 3..

Total

£ 16.. 19.. 10

May 6/th 1776. by Cash Recev/d of Major Hausecker in Phila/d	£ 6.. 15.. 0
July 19/th 1776 by Cash Recev/d of L/t Co/l Johnson at Tycondaroga	10.. 1.. 0
	<hr/>
total	£ 16.. 16 0
Balance Due	£ 0.. 3.. 10

As for my Rations I thing I Left you my account,—
The account I Left you mentions. 18 Doll/ per m/o but as D/r
Kenedy Promis/d more then he Could perform whether he did it
Ignorantly or Designingly I do not know but this I am Certin of that
he told Cap/t Lacey and adju/t Ryan the Night before I Left yau
that If I Left him it would be Some Pounds out of my Pocket. not
that that I Value the few Pounds. but any man that Dos doo any
thing Designingly I Look upon to be the greatest Villian on Earth—
Too long have I Dwelled on this Insignificant Subject or at Least
the Cause of it is Insignificant, I am Sorrey I Could not Entertain
you with Some News which would be more agreeable of which I Can
Let you have non at Present but Expect Some Every hour although
you have it allmost as Sune as we have—

M/r Seeley is better no more at Present but Remain Sir with the
gratest Esteem Your Sincere and most Obedient Serv/t

Matthew Maus

P: S: Please to Send back the Letter from M/r Will which I Send
you—

Please to give my Compliments to all Enquiring Friends Yours etc

To
Cap/t Frazor
in the 4/th Pensylvania Battalion
at
Tycondaroga

p favour of
the Bearer

September 10th, 1776.

Dear Sir

We have no News from New yorck farther then what you must have
Rec/d but we Expect News Every hour—
by the Bearer L/t Gross I Sent you a 11/ Coucumbers Please to ac-
cept of them

The account in my Last is Pennsylvania money—
M/r Scealey and M/r Lezt are both bether

I am Sir in grate haste
Your Sincer and affectionate
Humb/le Serv/t

Matthew Maus

General Hospital Fort George Sep/t 10/th 1776
To

Cap/t Frazor. 4/th P. B;
at Tycondaroga

F—A—G
P favor of L/t Gross

(No date.)

Sir

Maj/r Stuart, has this moment receiv'd your Note relating to
the prisoners Keyes &c—but is too unwell to answer it—

I can see no other method, than for the the Court to *proceed* to the
tryall of *some other person*, & to have it in Order that the persons to
whom the money was pass'd, attend the Court tomorrow morning—

I am Sir

Your Very Obed/t

J Trumbull

D. A. G.

Wednes morn/g

John Trumbull of Conn. was Adj. 2d Conn. May 25; A. D. C. to Gen. Washing-
ton July 27; and Brigade Maj. to Gen. Spencer Aug. 15, 1775; Deputy Adj. Gen. of
Northern Dept. Sept. 12, 1776 till his resignation Apl. 19, 1777.

Major Christopher Stuart was a Capt. 5th Penna. Battalion Jan. 5, 1776. pro-
moted to rank as Major from Feb. 28, 1777. (Heitman).

Oct. 28, 1776

On Monday Morning 28/th October at 9 OClock the Alarm Guns
were fird When our People man'd the lines at 1/2 after Nine the
Enemies Spy Boat appeard in sight and Came In within Gun Shot,
When three Cannon Was fird from the Jersey Redoubt one from the
Sandy Battery East of the Jerseys & one from the Ronzallie Trumble(?)
which Went Nigh her without Damage excepting killing one &
was Return'd with Small Arms from the Enemy, the Enemies Ves-
sels Came to the three mile Point and there Cast anchor & Landed a
Considerable Number of men then (at 12 OClock the Signal gun was
fird of the Enemy when the lines was mand a Second time——&
thirteen Boats full of men Landed the East Side of Champlain our
People Retird from the lines for Dinner & was not Disturb'd that Day

Nov 11. 1776

Report of the Guard at the French Lines.
Ticonderoga November 11/th 1776. Parole Falmouth C: Sign Norfolk

	Capt.	Subs	Serj/ts	Corp/ls	Drum	Fife	Privates	Centinels by Day	Centinels by Night	Occurrences.
Main Guard consists of	1	2	2	2	1	1	40	10	10	
Detached Guard consists of	"	1	1	1	1	"	20	6	6	Received the Grand Rounds at half past one o'Clock
Total	1	3	3	3	2	1	60	16	16	

Jos/s Harmar Capt. of the Guard.

Beautiful handwriting

Nov. 24. 1776

Col Wayne's Compliments to Maj—(torn)
him to cause all the Muster Rolls—(torn)
out—and the Muster Roll of the—(torn)
—these will be wante—(torn)
24/th Nov/r 1776

Major Frazer
present

No. date.

*Major John G. Frazer's compliments, to Col/o Wayne, & his Major
Frazier, shou'd be glad of their company to Dine with him to day at
two Oclock.

Thursday Morning

Col/o Wayne

*Probably John Gizzard Frazer of Massachusetts. Asst Q Mr Gen 22 Sept to Dec.
1775, Major 6/th Cont'l Inf. Jan 1. to Dec 31. 1776.

November 1776.

Proceedings of a regeme—(torn)—

Ticondaroga November ye—(torn)—Colonel

Anthony Wayne

Captain Lacey President

Lieu/t Bartholomew

Members

Lieu/t Boude

Lieu/t Seeley

Ensign Funck

John Dun Confined by Colonel Johnston for drunkenness & disobedience of orders.—Brought Before the Court Pleads Not Guilty,—No Evidence appearing against the Prisoner, the Court thinks Proper to return him—to the guard

David Thomas Confined by Lieu/t Christy for Thretning to shoot him. Being Braught before the Court Pleades not guilty; M/r Harper declared before the Court that at the time M/r Christy was Currecting his servant he heard the Prisoner say that if he served him so he would shoot him the Court Considering the Evide—(torn)—do find the Prisoner guilty—and do ad-judg—(torn)—Christy's Pardon and to go on three days—(torn)

Patrick—(torn)—Bartley for giting drunk and—(torn)—ut leve

Being Brought before—(torn)—Pleades Guilty the Court Considering the Crime, do adjudge the Prisoner to receive 20 Lashes on his Bare Back at the head of the Regement—

Cap/t John Lacey President

Endorsed.

Ticondaroga 11/th Nov/r 1776

The Col/l Confirms the within Sentences and Orders them to take place tomorrow Morning

Tyconderago Nov: 24/th 1776

Sir

You will be pleased to Order Your Regim/t to be paraded on Tuesday the 26/th instant at three OClock in afternoon, precisely, in order to their being mustered, Giving me notice of the place.—

You will therefore be pleased to have Your Your Regiments Excused from Duty for that Time & Order all the Parties and artificers taken therefrom to attend the Muster.

I am

Sir

Your Humble serv/

Rich/d Varick

To Colonel Wayne.—

November 28th, 1776

Sir

The Commisary is Issuing beef to my Company which I & a Number of the Officers think not such as we Should have Issued to our Army I Should be Glad that you and the other Gentlem who are appainted to Inspect provitions, would Come and Give your Opinion—the Corporal will warn the Others if you will please to Inform him who they are

I am Sir your
very Hum/l Servant

M/t Independance
20/th (or 28/th) Nov/r 1776
To Major Fraizer

Wm Alexander
4/th P. . B.

Major Fraizer

Complaints of bad beef issued to United States soldiers commenced almost as early as the country itself.

December 4th, 1776.

All Officers Civil and Military are Requested to forward Major Frazer the bearer hereof to Congress with all possible Dispatch
Ticonderoga 4/th Dec/r 1776

Ant/y Wayne Col
Com/

This note of recommendation was intended for the use of Col. Frazer on his journey from Ticonderoga to Philadelphia as bearer of dispatches to Congress.

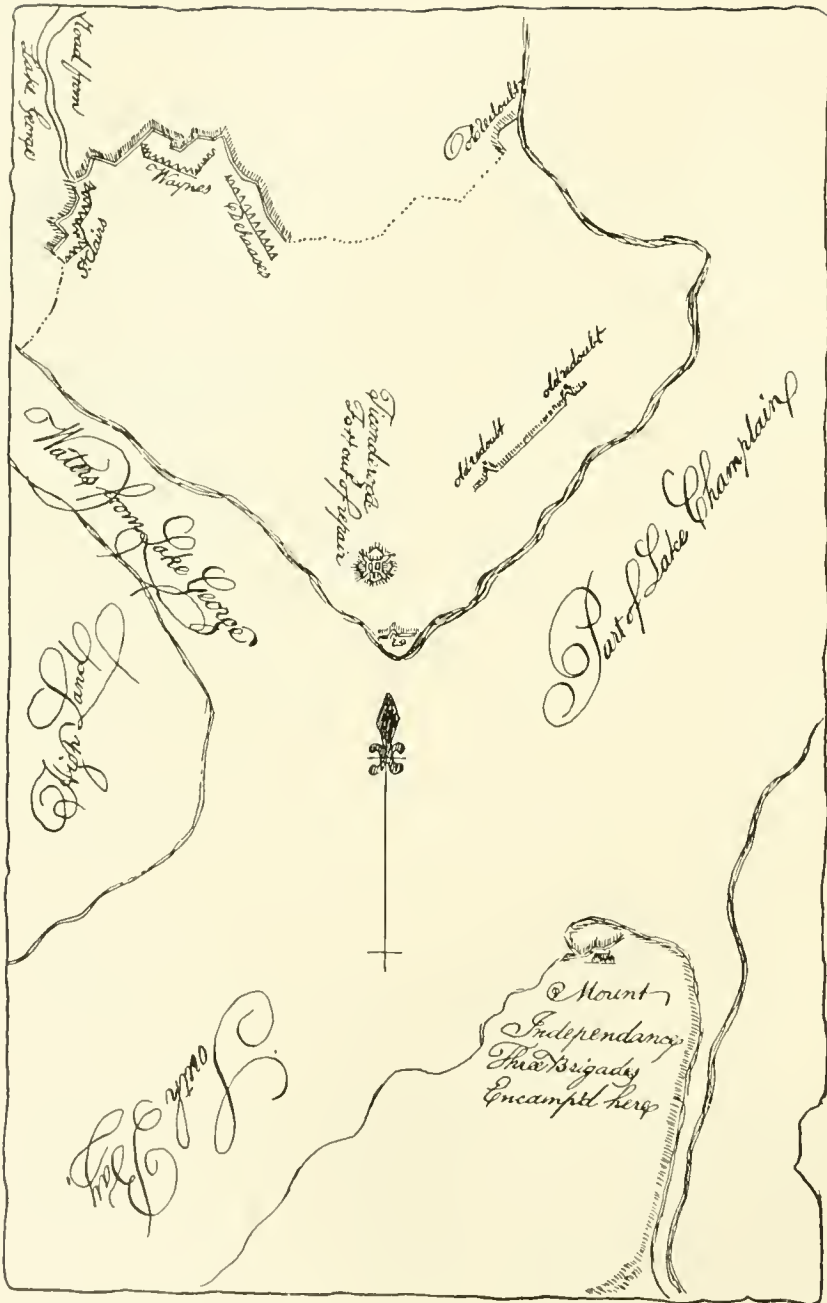
December 4th, 1776.

Major Frazer will procure the following Uniform & necessaries for the 4/th Penns/a Regiment

viz

a blue Coat faced with white, the Coat lined and something fuller than the last & set off in the neatess *taste* a uniform hat and Cap for the Infantry—overcoat and Breeches two pair of white Linnen & two pair white yarn Stockings two pair of Shoes and one pair of Gaiters and Black Stock two white and two Course shirts—Shoe, knee—stock & Garter Buckles—Crooked hair Comb for each man and pair of shoe brushes and Close brush for every mess or Six men Col Johnston will aid and assist in this business

Anty Wayne Col.
4/h Dec/r 1776


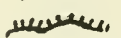


MAP OF THE FORTIFICATIONS AT TICONDEROGA IN THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1776.

The paper on which this map is drawn was made by L. V. Gerrevluk, of Holland, and bears a water-mark of a lion on a low platform, the word VRYHEIT being printed on one side of the platform. The lion clasps in one paw a sheathed sword, and in the other a bundle of arrows. The whole is surrounded by an oval band with the inscription: "Libertate pro patria ejusque" surrounded by a crown. The paper was made in 1774. A blank sheet in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania has, on the page of the sheet missing from this leaf, G. R., meaning Guillelmus Rex. Fifty-two hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

Between July and December, 1776.

References

- b 1. the old French fort in part Repaired
A 2 a Stone Redoubt of 12 Guns
c 3. an Old french Redoubt and ditch lately Repaired
d 4 General Brickets Redoubt 5 Gun's
e 5 the Jersey Redoubt 7 Guns
f 6 a Simicircle Redoubt with 4 Guns
g 7 an Oblong Redoubt with 3 Guns
h 8 an Intended Redoubt with 3 Guns
i 9 a Work in part finished—
k 10 & 11—*Flush thrown up after the defeat of the Fleet.
l 12 a Rising Ground where a flush was began—
The works Raised in (?) the plans marked S/t Clair, Wagon
Artillery Wa—De Haas—shows the old Pennsil. lines—made
by these Regiments—nearly on the Ground where the old
French lines formerly stood
m a log hut an advanced work made of loggs
n n n a Battery of 26 Guns on Mount Independance
o a Barbett Battery of 7 Guns overlooking and Commanding the
Other
p an Octagon Stockade within which are 8 Barracks sufficient to
Contain 800 men
The plans marked thus  Shows the hights
the lines marked thus  Shows the low Grounds
the sea Green shows a deep Morass on each side a Creek per-
haps 8 Miles back of Mount Independance and nearly parallel
with the S. Bay

This page of references in Gen. Wayne's handwriting is explanatory of some map of the region of Ticonderoga which is missing, and does not appear to apply to either of those found among Gen. Frazer's papers.

*I am indebted to Lt Col A. H. Russell, U. S. A., for the following note on the word "flush:"

Washington, .D C., Dec. 17, 1906.

Dear Doctor

The most probable explanation of word "flush" is that it was used colloquially for "flèche" or "flache" as I find it variously printed in Military Dictionaries; though the anglicized form I do not find. It means a simple species of earth work, usually having two faces forming a salient towards the enemy, something hurriedly thrown up to protect the guards or advanced post. It may have been merely bad spelling.

Yours very truly,
A. H. Russell.

February 17th, 1777.

Dr Sir

On my arrival at Chester I found Sudry of the Men much Indespos'd but no Medicine was therefore Oblidg'd to Return without doing anything for them but, directing the Comissary and Nurse

Must now go immediatly for Philad/a to get a proper Supply of Med/s as I'm determin'd to be no longer hurri'd I have Sent y/r Mare Pr Bearer being in hop's my Horse will be able to Come home

I m Dr Sir, with Respectfull Complements to y/r self and good Lady in which M/rs Kennedy Joins

y/r oblidge'd Hble Sert

Feb: 17/th 1777

Sam Kennedy

No address.

February 20th, 1777.

Marching Orders for
Lieu/t Oldham of the 4/th
Reg/t of Penns/a

Sir

You are to proceed Immediately with your Company to Albany—and there wait on Gen/l Schuyler for further Orders—but if he should not be there or give others—you are then to apply to the Qr Master Gen/l for Sleds to Carry your Sick and Baggage to Phil/a taking the shortest Rout to that City always Marching in good Order and using every possible means to prevent any Insult or Depredations being Committed on the Inhabitants through which you pass—

On your arrival in Phila/a you are to wait on Col Johnston or the Board of War for further Orders—Rendering an acc/t of your Command—

You are to put Philip Kippo into the custody of the Guard at the Blockhouse with Orders for the Officers to send him under Guard to this place

But if you should not meet with him until you get to Fort George—you are then to give him up to the Guard there with Orders to the Commg Officer to send him under a good Guard Immediately to Ticonderoga

Given at Head Quarters Ticonderoga 20/th Feby 1777

P Ant,y Wayne Col
Com/

Issued at Ticonderoga.

March 4th, 1777.

Sir it gives me the utmost Pleasure to Congratulate you on your Appointment As Lieutennent Collenal of our Regiment it Likewise gives the greatest Satisfaction to all Who have the Honour of being under your Command—

At the Request of Co/l Jonston I inform you that his Compliments Waits on you At Chester in order to Consult on measures to Bring the Regiment into forme

I am with Respect your H S/t

Joseph Potts

Chester March 4/th 1777

To
Col/o Purcifer Frazer
in
Thornbury Chester
County

This note shows the feeling of his subordinate officers toward Col. Frazer.

March 25, 1777.

D/r Col

I understand Mr David Wilson declines Accepting the Office of Q/r Master, but find his Brotherinlaw Mr. Hamel would be glad to fill that vacancy—I'm well Instructed He's a Gentleman of Integrity and has been well Acquainted with Service.—

Any Civilities you will be good enough to Confer on Mr. Wilson's Family Consistant with the Service & Hon/r of the Regiment. Shall Esteem as done to y/r Hble Sert

Sam Kennedy

March 25/th

1777

For particulars Refer
to Capt Christy

Endorsed.

To

Col.

Persifor Frazer

Present

Fav'd
by Mr Wilson

March 31. '77
Esteemed Sir

Mr Ferguson informs me that the Officers who belong'd to Colnl Wagner Regiment have applyd to him—for Rations due them whilst serving in Canada—

I request you will order the Quarter Master of Colnl Wagner Regiment to make out a ge(ner)al return—of all the diffidences—due that Regiment—to which you will please to Certify that it is a just & true account—after which I will order it—to be paid in this City—

I am Sir with
Due Respect Your
Humble Servant
Carpenter Wharton
C. G.

Philadelphia
March 31. '77

Endorsed.

On publick Service
Colnl Francis Johnston
Chester

April 3. 1777.

This may Certify that Lieut M/cClintuck hath paid a Reward of Forty Dollars for Two Deserters which are now Confined in Philadelphia Gale which Reward is to Be Settled out of the Ball' of Accompts Due my Company

P/r m Caleb North Maj (torn)

April y/e 3/rd 1777

April 17. 1777.

Dear Col.

Philad/a April 17/th 1777

I received your's of this Date, & in consequence of which I waited upon Gen/l Schuyler (the Command.g Officer here.)

The Orders you have rec'd are to be complied with at all Events, as soon as you can with any degree of convenience for w/h purpose you had better order a list of necessaries to be made out for those Companies immediately & let them be immediately drawn—

You had likewise better order in those men who are out on furlough, the Recruiting Officers belonging to those Companies shou'd likewise be call'd in—

'Tis needless to add any thing more, you know what is necessary to be done—

I am D/r Col: your's &c
F: Johnston

P. S. There is a certain M/cDonnald & Ashton of North's Company

confined in the old Goal—you can get them out by your Order. I think you had better exchange them to the Frigate for Landsmen—

To
Lieut/t Col: Per/r Frazer
Pr Lieutt Forbbes 5/th Penn: Reg/t
Chester

April 24. 1777
Sir

Bound brook, April 24/th 1777

Agreabel to Col/o Johnstons order I Let you know that all my Papers Concernin my Company M/r M/cClintock has got By applying to him you may Know all about them he likewise Can Inform you of all the Diserters that Belongs to my Company there wass Eight Desserted from our Redg/t in one Night since we Came here among which was two of mine, one Rayter & Doberman Perhaps upon Search he may M/r M/cClintock may finde them you would Oblidg me much If you would hurry M/r Scophel on here for our Duty is so hard here that I cant Possibely Do without an officer we are one Day off and another on Both officers and man

Sir I am Your hum/l Serv/t

John Christy

To
Lieu/t Col. Frazer In
Chester County

April 25. 1777.

Boundbrook Aprile 25/th 1777

Dear Sir,

By Col: Johnston I am informed that you were not acquainted that the accounts of my Compy with my books were left in Chester, which Surprised me much as I Depended upon M/r Kimmel to inform you and likewise assist in Settleing of them he being fully acquainted with the Nature of my accompts, if M/r Kimmel has not Delivered them you I would be Glad you would Call on him for them, and likewise Convey them (as Soon as a Settlement can be made to me— Your Comp/y is much desird here together with the other officers of the regiment in hopes of your Soon Joining o—(torn)

I subscribe myself James Taylor

Col: Percifer Frazer
Chester

April 27. 1777.

Bound Brook Ap/l 27/th 1777

Dear Col/o

Since I wrote you last a strong Reinforcement has arrived at this place; In consequence of w/h my officers are in some Degree excused from Duty, so that, they have nearly compleated their Accounts—

Tomorrow, I expect to forward them to you with this Letter—

Inclos'd I send you a Copy of Gen/l Orders, w/h must be strictly attended to, no excuse for Delay, will be admitted—

You will direct the Paymaster to carry these Orders into practice immediatly, as soon as the Abstracts are finished he must wait on Paymaster Gen/l not Head Quarters, for the Money & then join the Regiment—Those men who are not reenlisted must be first settled with, so that it will be necessary for y/e Paymaster to keep their Acc/ts separate—

Perhaps you can draw Money in Philad/a to pay off the two Companies under your Command & likewise the Men who have not engaged again—

Write to Cap/tn Oldham as soon as possible, Order him to come to Chester with his Company, leaving two active Officers to recruit—

Order in the several Recruiting Parties & send on their Recruits to me as soon as you can, One Recruiting Officer from each Company will answer at this time, as Congress have granted leave to enlist Servants a Apprentices—

The Light Infantry Caps to be sent on by the first Detachment, you will likewise send on as many Hats as you can, some Shoes & Shirts Breeches &c/a—

D/r Co/l We live exceedingly well, but do severe Duty, Tyc was nothing to this for Duty—Please to forward my Letter to my Wife, as soon as you can, the few things I left at Chester you will endeavor to send to my father's, together with my furniture, when you have leisure—

My Comp/ts to your Lady, M/rs Wethy & all friends—

I am Dear Sir
Your's &c

F: Johnston

Call on My worthy friend M/r Blair M/c Clenneghan give my Comp/ts to him, & bring from him the Case of Pistols he has made a present of to m—(torn)

As Lieut/t Williamson has never deliv'd in an—(torn)

Account of the Cloathing he deliver'd to Capt/n—(torn)

Moore's Men, nor never accounted for 504 Doll—(torn)

he drew from Gen/l Wayne at Ticonderoga (for y/e recruiting Ser-

vice), you will therefore call him to acc/t immediately, w/h if he refuses, pray inform the Council of Safety, & they will call him before them—

Lieut/t M/c Henry

To
Lieut/t Col/o Persifor Frazer
5/th P. Reg/t
Chester
Pennsylvania

April 30. 1777.

Dear Coln/l

Bonebrook Apl. 30/th 1777

I Now Transmit you by M/r M Henrey Sundry Accts of My Company, Among which are the Acct/s of the Old Soldiers Who Have Not Engaged during the War, Except it is Jacoats, Breeches & Shirts Which Williamson Drew In My Absence and Delivered to the Men, Which he has Never Rendred Me the least acct of Nor Has he Ever Delivered Me The Muster Roll Nor abstracts Which he Made Out at Ticonderoga

You Will be Please'd to Make Him Give You all the Paper(s) Relative To My Company, which Will Be of Great Service to you In Settling the Acct/s and Perhaps I (torn) Never May Have An Opportunity of Getting them from him—Have Sent You an Exact acct of The Men Inlisted During the War, With the Dates of thier Inlistments, & times of Disertions Or Deaths. Some of the Men are Not Attested. By which Means I am afraid I shall Loose Considerably Altho Not Justly,—Part of those Men Who Are Not attested Were Inlisted at Ticonderoga Agreeable to Gen/l Gateses & Gen/l Waynes, orders and Long before the Recruiting Orders Were Published,—the others Who Were Not attested was Inlisted in The Country twenty or Thirty M (iles) from any Magistrate by which Means it Was (torn)—Entirely out of My Power to Comply With the Orders—Have Noted in the Margin of the Roll of (torn) the Men Which Did belong to my old Company Likewise a Note of the Men which Past Muster in al-bany Which Muster Roll have sent you I have Likewise Inclosed you an acc/t of the Cash I Drew From Time, to time for the Use of My Company—

I Request you Would Take the Trouble of Setling an acc/t With Gen/l Miflin,—its 115 P Shoes M/r Williamson Drew of him at New york which he Paid and took the Receipt But I am a Fraid its Lost—Would therefore be Glad you Would Get Williamson to Setle the acc/t The Qr/t Master Gen/l's Books are in Philad/a the Act.

is £ 41 , , some Shillings Lawfull—this Sum Was Stopt out of my Last Pay at Ticonderoga—

We Make out to Live very Well here With a great Deil of Care In the Eating and Drinking Way, all We Want (are) Tarts, Custard & floating Iland

But are frequently Deprived of our Rest by the Bloody Backed Villians Who Very frequently Come and fire upon our Centries. We ar frequently allarmed by them but Not (torn) so Much harrassed as they are Not a Day But ^a our Scouts & Other Party, Goes Down and fires Upon them, yesterday our Scout killed three or four of thier Guard. & Came of Without any Damage

My Complement to the Gentlemen

I am D/r Sir With the
Greatest Respec/t
Your Most H/e Sev/t
James Moore

I have Made out My Pay roll and Draws the (allow)ance Ordered by Congress for Every Recruit

To
Coln.l Persifer Frazer
Chester

p/r Liu/t MHenry

April 30. 1777.

Bound brook April 30/th 1777

Dear Colonel.

I am Sorry to trouble you with Such Confused Ac/ts but at preasent it is out of my power to avoid it as my Inlistments are In Different hands I send you the Inlistments with a Roll of the Dates of Inlistments with the Subsistance Due and the time they came into Quarters affixing no particular Sum uncertain what is allowed by Congress for Recruiting I have likewise paid Each man in that Roll his full Bounty and have Sworn all Except those Deserted within the Six Days there being no magistrates in the Country at that time, I wish I could have my Books Conveyed as Soon as possible to me that I might know how my accompts stood I send you the amount of all the money M/r Bonde & myself Drew for Recruiting (Exclusive of what I Drew from you) which is 3194 Dollars. my pay rolls will Testify how much I drew for the Compy.—I have never Drew any ad-van of the augmented pay so that I Expect the fifteen pounds p month from the

Date of the Resolve Sir I long for a Settlement and a Junction of the Different Detachments of our Regiment and Can only at present wish you great Success and a Quick Settlement
 James Taylor
 I would Just recommend those whom I would be Sergcants & Corporals with their Rank. Sarjeants Nathan /l M Gill John Speer William M/c Donnald and Tho/s Benderman, *Corporals* Paul Gilmore Arthur Pateson John Sharp & John Griffy Drumer John Connally—
 If any person aproper heir should appear for M/c Elhatton Stop £ 6 . . 15 . . 3 on acom/t of W/m Noble Rob/t Thompson and James Brown as I have th----- his notes for the money.

Jas Taylor

To
 Col/l Persifor Frazer
 Chester

April 27. 1777.

Head Quarters Morris Town April
 27/th 1777—

S/r

I am well convinced that the amazing desertions which have of Late prevailed among Our Troops proceeds intirely from thire not being regularly paid, for it is not to be suppos,d that the bare encouragement of receiveing a few dollars from the enemy for thire arms could Operate so forceibly upon them, I have in vain endeavour,d to make the Officers bring in thire pay rolls and Draw thier Money, the plead in Excuse that they are so Exceedingly detached the Cannot Posibly Make Up Regular Rolls, and there May be some thing in this, But there is a Cause which I fear Will be found upon Ex Examination too true, and That is, that the Officers have Drawn Large Sums Under Pretence of paying thier Men But have been oblided from Extravagance and for other Purposes, to appropriate this Money to thier own Use— there is a Necessity at this time for the Mens being Paid up as Nearly as Posible, I Therefore Desire that you Will have the difrent Corps—Under your Command pareded Inquire of them What Pay is Due to them Order the Paymaster or Commanding Officer. to Draw as Much as Will Be Necessary and— When its Drawn See that the Soldiers have thier Proportion It Would be Well to Let the Soldiers know That this Irregularity of Pay has been Owing to the Hurry in which the have been Detach'd into the field—But that thier Wants shall fully Supplied,— I also Desire that you Will inform the Officers that as Soon as Posible the Reg/t—(turnover)—Is Drawn together I Will Shall

Cause an Exact Scrutiny to be Made Into Thier Accts. and Inquire How These Complaints of the Soldiers arise for Want of Pay When Large Sums have Been advanced for that Purpose

I am Sir

Your Most humb/l Sv

Endorsed

A Letter from His Excell.y Gen/l
Washington
to Gen/l Lincoln

Most likely an imperfect copy of such a letter made in haste by some one more soldier than scribe.

Apirl 30. 1777.

Bound Brook Ap/l 30/th 1777

Dear Col/o

Since I wrote you last, the Inclosed Letter arrived here from Gen/l Washington to Gen/l Lincoln (a Copy of which I have sent you for your perusal—

Agreable to these Orders (torn) Officers are now making out an Acc (torn) as nearly as may be, of the Sums due to their respective Companies—Tomorrow, I intend to set out with these Accounts to Head Quarters, where I expect to receive (torn) money sufficient to stop the Clamours of the men, as well those on this Ground, as those who are absent belonging to these Companies—

This manœuvre of mine must not hinder the Paymaster from drawing money for & settling with the two Companies under your Command, nor must it hinder him from giving money to those men belonging to the Companies I have here, in case any of them shou'd be with you, & should any money be due to them.

Nor must this prevent the Paymaster from making out the Pay Abstract for the Regiment, as His Excell.y is determ'd to call all Officers to account for y/e expenditure of Publick Money, as soon as the several Regiments join—

In order to enable the Paymaster to make out the several accounts and form an Abstract, I have transmitted by M/r M/c Henry the Accounts remaining here, the Enlistment Papers &c &c—

You wou'd be astonished to hear of the number of Desertions from us to the Enemy on account of the deficiency of pay—

I am D/r Col/o

Your's &c

F: Johnston.

To
Col/o Persifor Frazer
Chester

Lieut/t Mc Henry.

May 1. 1777
(Printed)

Philadelphia, May 1. 1777.

Head Quarters.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A/LL the Officers of the Continental Army, now in this City, are to attend Tomorrow Morning at six o'Clock at the Statehouse, to receive *General Schuyler's* Orders.

By Order of *General Schuyler*,
James Van Rensselaer, Aid-de-Camp.

May 3. 1777

Dear Sir.

I am desired by Col. Connor to beg you would take such Steps as you think will be most effectual to apprehend & bring back the Officers from *your* County who lately broke their Parole & escaped from New-York

Their names are Cap. M/e Clure & L/ts Anderson & Wind all of Colo. Montgomery's Regim/t of the Flying Camp.

Colo. Connor forgot to mention those circumstances when he had the pleasure of seeing you & as he is now extremely busy I take the Liberty at his request of doing it.

I am, Sir with respect

Y most ob/ Serv.

P. Scull

Morris town
3 May. 1777

(Addressed)

Colonel Francis Johnston
5/ Penn/a Regin/t
Bound-Brook

(Endorsed)

This Letter to be left with Col/o Frazer, who is desir'd to make diligent search for y/e within named Officers & to bring, or send them to Head Quarters—F: Johnston

From its beginning the United States Army was scrupulous in exacting from its officers a strict compliance with their paroles.

May 3. 1777.

Sir/

I Just Rec/d the letters from Officers by Capt. Vernon Capt. Taylor Mentions Viz Alex/d M/c hatton Died 26 Jan/y 1777, M/c Murray & S/t John Deserted Alb/y Jan/y 29/th Joseph Dew Died Chester March 23/d 1777—I ha—Capt Vernon has a list of Sundry not yet Charg/d to Old Soldiers—belongg to Capt. Taylors C/o I have Taken all the Papers I thought wou'd be of Advantage to me at Camp

I am Yours &/c

To Colo Frazer Chester

Mich/l Kimell PayMas—(torn)

Philad Saturd/y 3/d May 1777

To

Col/l

Persifor Frazor
Chester

May 6. 1777.

Dar Col/o

Bound Brook May 6/th 1777

I rec/d your's of the 3/d inst/t by the Hands of my Paymaster (M/r Kimmlei) & am astonish'd beyond measure, to find that, notwithstanding the repeated Hints our Superiors have rec'd, regarding the notorious omissions and Neglects, in certain Departments in the Army, yet those Abuses are not redress'd—

You mention in your Letter, you cannot get Blankets for the Men 'tis extremely hard, Soldiers shou'd he oblig'd to do the severe Duty incident to a Camp Contiguous to the Enemy, when they are so much neglected, not only as to Blankets Cloathing &c but pay—

The amazing Desertions from us to the Enemy, are totally occasion'd by the neglect shewn the Men—they can be accounted for on no other Principles—

I have not experienced, since I left you, so happy a Circumstance as the arrival of M/r Kimmle—I this inst/t have put into his hands 12,000 Dollars, to distribute among the Men, but even *this* will not prove satisfactory to them, nor will any thing short of a final Settlement—I must therefore beg (for God's sake) that you will immediately transmit by the bearer Lieut/t North, all the Books & Papers, Pay Rolls &c &c/a relating to the respective Companies, now in your Hands, as it will otherwise be impossible, to come to a final

Settlement with the Men—I have sent Lieut/t North Express to you, for no other purpose—

I wish you had waited on Gen/l Schuyler, to have obtain'd Liberty to march on the two Companies from Bristol to this place—As His Excell/y seems desirous of having Reg/ts together, I make no doubt Gen/l Schuyler on proper application made to him, will grant liberty, to send on the two Companies—

You express a desire of joining the Reg/t as soon as possible, you cannot desire it more than I do—and as the two Companies are now at Bristol, you may without doubt, come on to me immediately, leaving an active Officer behind to send on the Recruits—

D/r Col/o I am almost weary of commanding Troops, who have such cause of Complaint as mine have, & who are perpetually, ringing in my Ears, Want of Money, & want of Necessaries—

This Morn/g I had the honor of commanding a Division from this Post compos'd of as likely, brave & determin'd Men as Britain can boast of—I form'd them into a strong Column & march'd towards Brunswick, as far as the Hessian Picquet, near w/h place, I was join'd by another Column under the Command of Col/o Spotswood;

We drove in their Out Sentries one by one, & then challeng'd their Main Body to a fair field fight, they declin'd it, however tomorrow we expect to hear from them—The Enemy will assuredly approach us in the course of three Days or decamp—w/h of the two I know not, certain I am they are preparing to move somewhere—

Send to M/r Robinson's at Naaman's Creek, for the Major's Papers &—present my Love to the family—If my Dear little Girl is there, kiss her for me—I am really sorry to hear of your Lady's Illness, I hope she is likely to recover—

Pray do not neglect to procure the Articles I mention'd in my last, the Shrubb (?) (as much of it as you can purchase) send on immediately.

My Confusion in consequence of this Day's fatigue, is such, that I cannot remember the respective articles I require—

I am D/r Col/o

Ever Your's &c/a

F. Johnston

L/t North at all Events
must bring on the Men
belonging to the Companies here—

To
Lieut/t Col/o Per/r Frazer
Command/g Officer
at
Chester

Lieut/t North

May 9. 1777.

Dear Sir

In Answer to yours of this day I must inform you I rec'd a letter from my Brother, the other day requesting me to settle the Acco/ts of his Comp/y; I have made some essay thereto, and wrote him about it, he likewise gives me some expectation of his (torn)—ing home shortly for a few days, I believe chiefly to settle those Acco/ts I hope my detaining them a few days to endeavour to put them a little forward will no ways retard the Settling the Acco/ts of the rest of the Captains, I intend for Chester in a few days where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you—interim remain your Friend &c

N. Creek May 9/th 1777

Ab/m Robinson

To
Col/l Frazer
at
Chester

June 2. 1777.

Dear Col/l

Bristol June 2/d 1777—

Since I arrived at this place I have been (as it were) persecuted with a vile Fever, attended with Billious symptoms—I fear it is something of my old Complaint—

I make no doubt you will do every thing in your power to hurry on the Men—when you do set out, you will remember to send on a few spare Muskets, as Many of the Arms here are considerably out of order—

As the 90 Blankets which the Q/r M/r drew, will not be sufficient you will endeavor to draw some more—remember to send on Serjeant Halbert in Irons, he is a dangerous Villain—

Pray what can detain Doct/r Jones, unless he comes on immediately he must give the matter up totally—My best respects to your Lady—&c Send Vernon & Potts immediately—

I am D/r Col/l
Your's &c

F: Johnston

To
Lieut/t Col/l Pers/r Frazer
5/th Penn/a Reg/t
Chester

Col/l Shreiv

June 10. 1777

It is with inexpressible regret, The Commander in chief, has been driven to the necessity of doing a severe but necessary act of justice, as an example of what is to be expected by those daring offenders, who, lost to all sense of duty and the obligations they owe to their country and to mankind, wantonly violate the most sacred engagements, and fly to the assistance of an enemy they are bound by every tie to oppose.—A spirit of desertion is, at once the most fatal disease that can attend an army, and the basest principle that can actuate a Soldier.

—Wherever it shows itself, it deserves detestation and calls for the most exemplary punishment.—What confidence can a General have in any soldier who, he has reason to apprehend may desert in the most interesting moments?—What but the total want of every moral and manly sentiment can induce him to desert the cause, to which he has pledged his faith, even with the solemnity of an oath, and which he is bound to support by every motive of justice and good will to himself and to his fellow creatures?—When such a character appears, it may almost be said in reference to it,—that forbearance is folly and mercy degenerates into cruelty.—Notwithstanding this, and though the General is determined to convince every man, that crimes of so atrocious a nature shall not be committed with impunity; yet, as he is earnestly desirous to show that he prefers clemency to severity—pardoning to punishing.—

He is happy to proclaim the remission of their offenses to all the other prisoners now under sentence and a releasement to all those now under confinement, for trial.—He hopes, that they and all others will have a proper sense of this act of lenity and will not be ungrateful or foolish enough to abuse it. They will do well to remember that justice may speedily retake them, as it has done the unhappy man whom they have seen fall a victim to his own folly and wickedness.—Those who are pardoned, can expect no favour on a second offence.—

But why will soldiers force down punishment upon their own heads?—Why will they not be satisfied to do their duty and reap the benefits of it?—The General addresses himself to the feelings of every man in the army, exhorting one and all—to consult their own honor and welfare—to refrain from a conduct that can only serve to bring disgrace and destruction, upon themselves, and ruin to their country.—He entreats them not to sully the arms of America by their infidelity, cowardice or baseness; and to save him the anguish of giving guilt the chastisement it demands.—They are engaged in the justest cause that ever man defended—they have every prospect of success,

if they do their part.—Why will they abandon or betray so great a trust?—Why will they madly turn their backs upon glory, freedom and happiness?—

Head Quarters June 10/th
1777

By His Excellency's command
A Hamilton A D C

(In Alexander Hamilton's hand writing)

June 18. 1777.

The Proceedings of a Regimental Court martial held at Mount Pleasant this 18/th Day June 1777—

Cap/t Vernon President—

Job Vernon L/t

James M'Cullough L/t

Members

Joseph Standley L/t

Hugh Steel Ensign

Rob/t Garret Prisoner brought before y/e Court for being drunk when going on duty pleads guilty—

The court Sentences him to receive 25 Lashes on his bare back at y/e head of y/e Reg after which the Court adjourn/d for want of Evidences—

The Proceedings of a Regimental Court martial held at Mount Pleasant this 19/th Day of June 1777—

Cap/t Vernon President

Job Vernon L/t

Ja/s M'Cullough L/t

Members

Tho/s Boud L/t

Jn/o G/t Kencher L/t

Garret OFarrel Prisoner brought before y/e Court for stealing 11 Dollars Pleads not guilty—

Mic/l Brannon being sworn, says he lost 11 Dollars. that it was stole out of his Pocket as he lay asleep in his Tent. that no one was in it but OFarrel after Jn/o Lackey being sworn says he saw a quantity of money with s/d O Farrel y/e s/d O Farrel told him that Brannon had not lost y/e money yet, but for he had it under his head.—

The Court finding him guilty sentences him to receive 75 Lashes on his bare back at y/e head of y/e Reg/t. & the money to be stop/d out of his pay till y/e whole is refunded—

Ja/s Kelly Prisoner brought before y/e Court for Stealing, getting drunk & abusing his Corporal, pleaded not guilty—
 Ja/s Nelson being sworn, says he found the Prisoner going ab/t dusk with a Shirt. of which he wold he not give an acc/t of what he was going to do with it. he Likewise believes the Shirt was stolen. & y/e s/d Kelly was drunk & abus/d him much for stopping him—
 After Rob/t Garnet was sworn who said the shirt found in Kellys possession belong/d to him & he never allow/d Kelly to take it—
 The Court finding him guilty, sentences him to receive 50 Lashes at y/e Head of the Reg/t on his Bare back—
 Serj/t Speir, Serj/t Gilmore, Serj/t Benderman & Jn/o Connolly Drum/r Prisoners brought before the court for forging an order for Liquor. pleads guilty—

The Court taking into Consideration their former good Behaviour sentences to be reprimanded at the head of the Reg/t by y/e Command g, Officer & to beg M/r Bouds Pardon whose Name they forged
 Cap/t Fred:/k Vernon. President

July 2. 1777.

I do Certify that I have received from L/t Colonel Pers. Frazer, Receipts for the following Sums from the Officers herein Nam'd Viz
 Cap/t Moore 240 Dollars. L/t Vernon 140 Dollars, L/t Seely 140, L/t M/cClintock 248. Cap/t Johnston 100 100 Doll/s. Cap/t Taylor 130 Doll/s Cap/t Potts 470 Dollars. Ensign Evans 108 Doll/s Cap/t Vernon 216 Doll/s L/t Mc/Henry 142 Doll/s Paymaster Kimmell 108 Doll/s Ensign M/cGee 216 Doll/s L/t Griffith 162 Doll/s L/t Forbes 162 Dollars. L/t Smith 38 Dollars. Cap/t Bartholomew 234 Dollars. L/t M/c Cullough 30 Dollars Quarter Master Strong 83 Dollars. L/t Bartley 100 Dollars. being in the whole Three Thousand & Sixty Seven Dollars which were paid to the s/d Officers for the purpose of recruiting for 5/th Pensylv/a Regiment. by the Said L/t Col/o Frazer.

Witness my Hand this 2/nd July 1777.

Mich/l Kemmell 5 P. R.

L/t Col/o 5/th Pens/a Reg/t.....	C/r	doll/s
1776		
Decem/r 4/th	By Cash from Col/o Wayne.....	66 2/3
	By ditto rec/d from Col/o Johnston Chester	130
	By ditto from d/o P L/t M/cHenry.....	260
	By ditt/o from M/r Nesbit.....	1000
	By ditto Mease & Caldwell P order	
	of Gen/l Schuyler.....	2000

July 5. 1777

D/r Colonell

By the Resolutions of Congress for the issuing of Forage only six Persons in each Reg/t are allow'd to draw—viz Co/l L/t Co/l Major, Q/r M/r Adju/t & Surg/n I shall be very happy to oblige a Friend with any thing in my Power but must put every Reg/t upon an equal Footing to avoid just Censure for Partiality——His Excellency the Gen/l can give Permission for the Chaplain to have Forage——

Morris Town

July 5 1777

I am D/r Col/l

Your Frd & hb/l Serv/t

J. Mifflin

D Q M G

L/t Col/l Frazer

The Deputy of his brother, Thos. Mifflin, then Quarter Master General.

August 10/th 1777

August 10/th 1777

Dear Col;/l

Philad/a

We have mov'd from the Ground where you left us, & are now on our way to *Corryell's Ferry, tonight we shall encamp on the side of the Neshammy, tomorrow we shall reach Corryells—

Our next Maneuvre is not known, 'tis likely, we shall immediately proceed towards Albany, or into some part of New England—

I give you this notice that you may join us as soon as possible—

My best respects to M/rs Frazer

I am D/r Col/l your's &c

F: Johnston

In the interval between the dates of the last and the next documents Col Frazer had moved with his command down the Delaware to near Wilmington, thence up the Brandywine to Chadd's Ford; had participated in the battle of Brandywine Sept. 11, and had been taken prisoner on Sept. 16. See Chapter III. pp 151 +

September 28. 1777

I do hereby acknowledge myself a Prisoner of War to the King's Army, and do most sacredly promise upon my Parole of Honor, that I will not directly nor indirectly in any Respect whatever, do, or say any

*Now called Lambertville, in Hunterdon Co. N. J.

I do hereby acknowledge myself a Prisoner of War to
the King's Army, and do most sacredly promise upon my Parole
of Honor, that I will not directly or indirectly in any Respect
whatever, do or say any thing to the Prejudice of the King's
service, or bear Arms against his Majesty, until regularly
exchanged, and then my Parole returned to the Commander
in Chief of the American Army, or to his Commissary of
Prisoners for the Time being.

Given under my hand in

this 26th Day of Sep: 1777

Persifer Frazer Lt. Col.

In the Presence of
J. A. Sturke Lt. Col.

Parole signed by Lt. Col. Frazer. Probably a duplicate.
Sixty-four hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

thing to the Prejudice of the King's Service, or bear Arms against His Majesty, untill regularly exchanged, and this my Parole returned to the Commander in Chief of the American Army, or to his Commissary of Prisoners for the Time being.

Given under my hand in
this 28/th Day of Sep/r 1777
Persifor Frazer L/t Col/1

In the Presence of
*Jos Strike L/t 10/th Reg/t
Persifor Frazer

This parole was probably a duplicate left in the possession of the prisoner to serve as a pass in case of challenge by a British patrol.

September 30. 1777

Camp 30/th September 1777

Dear Colonel

Your's of the 27/th Instant P flag I rec/d and send your Baggage by Cap/t Taylor who goe's as a flag on the Occasion

Major Harper's Baggage being at a Distance could not be sent with your's—but will be forwarded the soonest Possible

Interim I am yours most

Sincerely

Ant/y Wayne

Lieu/t Col. Frazer

Lieu/t Col/1 Persifor Frazer

In

P flag

Germantown

This was two weeks after his capture. The march of the British army with its prisoners toward Philadelphia was slow.

September 30. 1777.

Trap Sept/r 30/th 1777

D/r Coln/1

I this Morning had The Pleasure of Seeing A Letter. from You & am Verry Happy to hear You are Well—

Gen/1 Wayne has Permitted Capt/n Taylor To Go With a Flag, Who Conveys Your Cloathing To You. I am Extreemly sorry You Were So Unfortunate as to Be Taken, But Makes No Doubt You are Well Treated

*[Perhaps "I/s" or "H"]

Please Inform Maj/r Harper that When Ever his Cloathing arrives
hear they shall Be sent him

Capt. Bartholomew. Doct/r Davison and all the Gentlem of the
Reg/t has their Best Compliments to you & Maj/r Harper.

I am D/r Sir With the Greatest

P. S. have sent you the following
Cloathing Which I hope you Will Get
Safe

Respect
Your Most Obd/t
Humble Ser/t

J/as Moore

3 Shirts 1 hunting d/o

2 p/r Breches 2 p/r Under Drawers

3 towels 1 p/r Overalls

2 hand towels 2 p/r Gloves

1 p/r Gaiters

10 p/r Stockings

1 p/r Silver Shoe Buckles

3 p/r Shoes—

2 Sheets 1 Blanket

1 Bed 1 Coat & 1 pillow

To

C oln/l Persifer Frazer

Prisoner at

Germantown

fav/r p/r
Capt/n Taylor

October 1. 1777.

Dear Madam

I shou'd have written to you sooner, but unfortun-
ately fell sick immediately after the Action at Chad's Ford—

I am heartily sorry for your Loss, I trust however, that it will be a
loss of short duration, I have great reason to believe, a general Ex-
change of Prisoners will soon take place—

The Enemy will find your Husband a Man of Honor & a Gentleman,
so that you have nothing to fear, he will be treated well—

If you have not already sent some Hard Cash & Cloathing to the
Col/l you will please to let me know, that I may use my Endeavors to
procure some Hard Money, w/h with his Baggage shall be sent with
a Flag of Truce, the earliest opportunity—

I shou'd be glad to know whether my papers & some little Cloath-
ing w/h I had in the Col/l Chest be secur'd, & where they are—

I am D/r Madam

Cross Roads

Your's &c

Oct/r 1/st 1777

F: Johnston

When you write, send your Letter to Camp—

To

M/rs Frazer

Chester County

October 5. 1777.

Philadelphia 5/th October 1777

A Horse belonging to Perceval Frazier Esq. of Chester County, having been marked by mistake in the Kings Name, is therefore not to be considered as belonging to the Army. But to Pass where His Lawfull Occasions require—

Henry Bruell
D.Q/r M/r Gen/l

N:B: G:R: is now reversed.

This is a very remarkable note. It implies that the prisoner had been permitted to retain his horse during the march to Philadelphia, and that it was, with quite unusual consideration, cared for while its owner was languishing behind the prison bars of the State House, Also that the farrier had by accident branded the horse, and as such a brand would subject its rider, if not a British officer, to very unpleasant consequences, the D. Q. M. G. very kindly gives a pass for his animal to the owner, which may be of value in case he is paroled or exchanged.

It is not improbable that this is further proof of the good will of Gen. Grant, his captor, who discovered a relationship between them and restored his horse and sword. It is also probable that Col. Frazer was a Free Mason at this epoch, as he certainly was later, and that this was one of those instances so often cited to prove the value of membership.

The last name of the British officer may be Bruen or even possibly Bruem, but neither of these names nor Bruell was found by Dr. J. W. Jordan among the lists of British officers in Gen. Howe's army.

October 24. 1777.

Dear Frazer—

I am not a little surpris'd to find, that our former Connections & friendship have not induc'd you, to favor me with a line—

This perhaps proceeds from an apprehension, that I am still unwell & absent from the Regiment—this however is not the case—I have long since return'd to my Duty, tho, not in such a perfect state of health as I could wish—

Our worthy Major is recov'd & I trust will join us tomorrow or next Day) Capt/n Potts is well—*Moore* & the other Gent/n join in their best respects to you—

M/rs Frazer & family I understand are extremely well—

My best Comp/ts to Major Harper tell him, I had it not in my power to send his Baggage sooner, than the present opportunity—I am Dear Frazer

Ever Your's &c

Oct/r 24/th 1777

F: Johnston

To
Lieut/t Colonel P: Frazer
5/th P: Reg/t
Philadelphia

October 25. 1777.

Dear Colonel,

Camp Oct/r 25/th 1777

Your much Esteem'd favour of the 10/th Instant p/r Flag came safe to hand, which gave me particular pleasure, I had flatter'd myself, you wou'd not be Denied your Parole, nor the priviledge of walking the Streets, but was much distrest to find to the Contrary, by your letter—I ever was Convinc'd your Spirits were able to support you in every Distress and your Fortitude much Superior to any misfortune that can Befall you,—

(Three lines crossed out)

When I sent you your portmantteau and *Pilew y/e Wash woman was not in Camp, but when Ever she Arriv'd and I found your Clothes were in her possession, I got them Imediately and Sent 'em to M/rs Frazer's—thinking you had a Sufficient Supply Untill I shou'd be happy in seeing you with us again, and at your Liberty—

You may Rely on the greatest Assiduity and Care shall be taken by me in Settling those Acc/ts which you have Intrust'd me with, and as soon as I can possibly procure the Money, Shall transmit it to M/rs Frazer. If you want the remainder of your Cloathes, please write me and I shall take Particular pleasure in Serving you, Capt. Taylor when in with a Flag, gave Major Stroubinsey £ 3 , , 12 , , 0 in Specy, for you the Rec/t of which, you did not mention in your Letter. Shou'd be glad to know in your next, If you Receivd it—

All the Gentlemen in the Regiment were Extremely happy to hear from you, and Joins in their Sincere wishes for your Health—

I have y/e Honor to be Dear Sir
with the greatest Esteem your
most Obedient Serv/t

James Moore

Coln/l Persifor Fraizer

To
Lieu/t Coln/l Persifor Fraizer
5/th penn/a Regiment
Prisoner in
Philadelphia

p/r Flag

November 5. 1777.

Sir

I shall be much obliged by your procuring from the Commissary and transmitting to me a list of our Officers, who have been taken

*Perhaps "Vilise."

since the British Enemy landed at Elk. I am induced to request this, that their Friends may be satisfied in their anxious inquiries about them. If any have died of their wounds, or thro other cause, you will be pleased to mention it.

I am Sir

Yr Most Obed Servt

Robt Harrison

Camp Nov 5
1777

To

Lieut Col/o Frazer

This is Lt. Col. R. H. Harrison, A. D. C. and Secretary of Gen. Washington, who wrote the body of the letter addressed by Gen. Washington to Lt. Col. Frazer and dated Nov. 4, 1777.

The following is probably an enumeration of the occupants of the "New Goal" Sixth and Walnut Streets Philadelphia, made in response to Gen Washington's above request.

The Walnut St. Prison, occupied in 1775, was two stories high. 184 x 32 ft., with two wings of 90 ft. and contained 36 rooms 20 ft. square besides cells, &c.

Second Floor. Front

		Persons
N/o	7	22
	8	22
	9	11
	10	24
	12	24
	13	24
	14	25
	15	9
		<hr/>
		161

East Wing first floor

N/o	4	19
N/o	5	15
N/o	6	15
	7 Doctors Room.....	3
	8	19
		<hr/>
		71

		<u> </u>
	Second Floor	
N/o	9	16
	10	16
	11	13
	12	16
	13	19
		<u> </u>
		80
	West Wing first floor	
N/o	4	17
	5	18
	6	18
	7	15
	8	8
		<u> </u>
		76
	Second floor	
N/o	9	19
	10	23
	11	24
	12	18
	13	14
		<u> </u>
		98
N/o	17 Upper floor Front.....	8
	First Floor Front	
N/o	1	7
	2	15
	3	12
	5	12
	6	13
		<u> </u>
		59
	First floor front.....	59
	Second D/o D/o.....	161
	East Wing 1/st floor.....	71
	D/o D/o 2/d D/o.....	80
	West Wing 1/st floor.....	76
	D/o D/o 2 D/o.....	98
	N/o 17 Upper floor front.....	8
		<u> </u>
	Total in Goal.....	<u>553</u>

Total Confined in Goal Officers
 Citizens & Soldiers.....553

Scribbled on the back of preceding page

Some men for publick good oft pretend
 While representing Interest in their end
 Philadelphia

Phil Johnson
 Philad/a

Ben Weller

George Seaton

Living Joynes

To Capt. Frazer (?)

I am your Humbl Servt

James Johnson

Nancy Smith

I am Druyer (?)
 Yauberson (?)

The following lists are most probably of the inmates of the hospital connected with the New Jail.

In y/e front Lower Roomes	N/o 1 is 3 Nurses	
	N/o 2 is 15 officers 1 of them Sick	Total
	N/o 3 is 10 officers	
	N/o 5 is 12 officers 1 of them Sick	53
	N/o 6 is 13 officers	

West Wing Lower Storey—	N/o 4 is 16 Includeing y/e Nur/s	
	5 is 16 D/o.....D/o	
	6 is 16 D/o.....D/o	Sick 78
	7 is 16 D/o.....D/o	
	8 is 14 D/o.....D/o	

West wing Up Stares—	N/o 9 is 16 D/o.....D/o	
	N/o 12 is 2 D/o.....D/o	Sick 20
	13 is 2 D/o.....D/o	

Front Up Stares : N/o 7 is 31—In health
 : N/o 8 is 31— D/o
 : N/o 9 is 31 One of them Sick
 : N/o 10 is 31 In health 217
 : N/o 12 is 31 D/o
 : No/ 13 is 31—D/o
 : N/o 14 is 31 two of them Sick

East wing Lower Storey. N/o 4 Is 16 Including y/e Nur/s
 N/o 5 Is 13 D/o....D/o
 N/o 6 Is 14 D/o....D/o Sick 62
 N/o 8 Is 19 D/o....D/o

East wing Up Stares———N/o 9 is 16 Includeing y/e Nur/s
 N/o 10 is 16 D/o....D/o
 N/o 11 is 16 D/o....D/o
 N/o 12 is 16 D/o....D/o Sick 80
 N/o 13 is 16 D/o....D/o

510

In 2 Small Roomes No fire : N/o 16 is 14 In health.....
 N/o 17 is 8 D/o..... 22

East Wing Up Stares : N/o 15 is 6 In health..... 6

West Wing Lower Storey N: 4 is 16 Includieng y Nurses
 n/o 5 is 15
 n/o 6 is 15 Sick 57
 n/o 8 is 11

41 41

N/o 1. 3 Women 2 Men }
 2 13— } In pencil
 5—12 }
 6—13 }

West Wing up Stairs N/o 9 is 15 Including Nurses
 N/o 10 is 17 one Sick
 n/o 11 is 12 16 Sick

Front up Stairs N/o 15 is 24 3 Sick
 n/o 14 is 24 5 Sick In Health 199
 n/o 13 is 24.
 n/o 12 is 30
 n/o 10 is 24. 3 Sick 9 Sick
 n/o 9 is 24. 2 Sick
 n/o 8 is 24
 n/o 7 is 25 2 Sick
 n/o 8 a Small Room up Stairs is 8

East Wing Lower Storey n/o 4 is 15 Including Nurses
 n/o 5 is 14
 n/o 6 is 14
 n/o 7 is 4—Sick 65 Sick
 n/o 8 is 19

East Wing up Stairs N/o 9 is 17 Including Nurss
 n/o 10 is 1—(torn)
 n/o 11 is 1—(torn)
 n/o 12 is 1—(torn) 72 Sick
 n/o 13 is 1—(torn)

(No date)

Coll/o Buncombes best Respects attend Coll/o Frazier, & the other Gentlemen at the State House, has been unsuccessful in procuring a Supply of Eggs; He sent the Bearer to Market this day, but not one cou'd be had; wou'd wait on Them, but can scarcely walk, owing to his having the Step-Gout—

8 OClock

Saturday Morn/g

Coll/o Frazier
 at the State House

Col. Edward Buncombe, who gave his name to a County in N. C., commanded the 5th N. C. line, was wounded and captured at the battle of Germantown Oct. 4. 1777, and confined with other officers, including Col. Frazer, in the State House, Philadelphia, where he died before the close of the year. Like Col. Frazer and many others he was paroled, but unlike them he was allowed to enjoy some of the privileges which a parole confers,—very likely because it was known that his wounds would soon prove fatal.

November 12. 1777.

I n C O N G R E S S.

The DELEGATES of the UNITED STATES of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia*, TO *Percifer Frazier of the State of Pennsylvania, Esquire*—

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour Conduct and Fidelity, DO, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be *Lieutenant Colonel of the 5/th Pennsylvania Regiment, and by a special Resolve of Congress of this date, to rank from the 1/st of October 1776*—

in the Army of the United States, raised for the Defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Lieutenant Colonel* by doing and performing all manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as *Lieutenant Colonel* And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress, for that purpose appointed, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force until revoked by this or a future Congress. DATED at *Yorktown the 12/th Nov/r 1777*

By Order of the Congress,

Attest. Cha/s Thomson Secy

Henry Lausens *President*.

On the back of this commission is endorsed in the handwriting of Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman A. D. C. and Military Secretary to General Washington the following note which is a formal acceptance of the resignation tendered a year later and an honorable discharge from the service.

Head Quarters Fishkill 9/th October 1778

Lieu/t Col/o Frazier having at his own request desired liberty to quit the Service, His Resignation is hereby accepted

By His Excellency's Command

Tench Tilghman

The parts of the text underlined were written.

December 31. 1777

Sir

We have frequently understood that the British Officers (Prisoners) were on their way to this place and consequently We were in daily expectations of being releas'd from this place, but our hopes have prov'd fruitless. M/r Ferguson Commiss/y of prisoners here, has inform'd Us that he had had a meeting with M/r Boudinot in order to expedite the Exchange, but that M/r Boudinot had failed in giving a regular return of the prisoners & of course the business drop'd, should this be the Case, which I can not doubt of. it is thought some very good reason will be expected from M/r Boudinot for this neglect, in a matter of so much consequence to our happiness—We are under great obligations to those who have furnish'd Us with *hard Cash &c/a*.

and Tomorrow we are to be remov'd to the new Goal as We have been inform'd, the rooms are preparing for our more commodious accomodation, the State House being thought not so proper to render our situation agreeable. I have heard nothing lately from Col/o Johnston, & wonder Major Robinson should be silent. I must imagine they are both unwell & absent unless the old adage is—fullfil'd in them also, "Out of sight &c/a"——

We have been inform'd that a malignant disorder has prevail'd in the New Goal, but We are told since *yesterday*, it has been otherwise. I am not in proper mood for writing what is agreeable to myself, & cannot expect it can be pleasing to you I will therefore conclude with being

Your most Hble Serv/t

Pers/r Frazer

Decem/r 31/st 1777

M/r Ferguson has propos'd that any Provisions. Cloathing or other necessaries that may be thought expedient to send to Officers poor privates in confinement he will faithfully distribute among them—You will please to mention this to Gen/l Washington—

To

Anthony Wayne Esq/r Brig/r Gen/l
American Army

p flag
Pers/r Frazier
Decem/r 31/st 1777
State House

{ In a foreign hand.

January 3. 1778.

Camp Jan/y 3/d 1778

Sir

Your Letter to Gen/l Wayne of Course fell into my Hands, and you may imagine the Paragraph containing M/r Ferguson's Information, of the reasons for dropping the intended Exchange, did not escape me—The part I have taken in all your distresses, and the Labour I have used to have them removed, obliges me to trouble you with this, lest your miserable State, should be any ways heightened by a suspicion that every Thing was not done for you, that was in our Power—An Agreement was fully concluded upon, between the two Generals, for an Exchange on Parole, and also that an Officer of our Army not above a Quarter Master or Commissary should be permitted to go into Philadelphia with Provision &c and there examine into the State & wants of our Prisoners—General Howe had asked for a return of the Prisoners in our Hands, and on recieving Orders to make it out. I made report to General Washington, that all the returns Books &c were gone to Congress but the day before, and therefore I could only give him an Estimate of the numbers for each State from memory—This I took with me to the Lines, where I met M/r Ferguson, and applied to him for a return of our Prisoners, on giving him the above Estimate, with the reasons of not mentioning the Names, in writing with a Promise to send them as soon as I could get at my Papers—He likewise alledged that the Person who had the former Direction of our Prisoners, was gone to New York & therefore he could not give me the Names, but the next morning would also give me an Estimate of the Numbers—As these returns were no part of the agreement relative to the Exchange we proceeded to settle the Business, but night approaching, and M/r Ferguson wanting to consult his Superiors on the nature of the Parole to be settled, he returned to the City, with a positive Promise to meet me next Morning at Ten o'Clock at the same Place—The next morning I attended accordingly, and after waiting till half past Three in the afternoon and my Business requiring my presence at Camp that Evening, I left the Lines, and have not heard from him since on the Subject, except by Billet dated the same Evening, wherein he mentions the making the returns as a New Conditions of the Exchange & apologising for his delay—I have since sent him the returns as far as in my Power; but the Exchange cannot by any means reach you, as they do not take off all the fort Washington Prisoners—I have ordered all full Supplies to be sent in from the lower Counties, I mean of flower &c—which will be delivered to M/r Thomas Franklin my Agent in Philadelphia—If M/r Ferguson put a failure of the Exchange on the want of returns, it was not a Condition contained in the agreement w/h General Washington—I forgot to mention, that I was refused admittance into the City, notwithstand-

Ten o'clock at the same Place - The next Morning I attended accor-
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 in Philadelphia - If Mr. Ferguson put a question of the Exchange
 on the point of Returns, it was not a Condition ~~entirely~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Exchange~~
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 into the City, notwithstanding the encouragement given by Genl. Howe's
 Letter for that Purpose - Whatever is in my Power to accom-
 plish towards making your Imprisonment comfortable, you may depend shall
 be done - I am Sir
Your very Obedt Servt
Elias Boudinot
Comdant of Prisoners
 Col. Frazer -

Part of a letter of Col. Elias Boudinot to Lt. Col. Frazer, then a prisoner of war in Philadelphia
 Fifty-six hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

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Whatever is in my Power to accomplish towards making your Imprisonment comfortable, you may depend shall be done—

I am Sir Your very Hble Serv/t
 Elias Boudinot
 Com Gen/l of Prisoners

To
 Coll. Percival Frazier
 Prisoner of War
 Philadelphia

January 18. 1778.

Jan/ 18/th 1778

Dr Co/l

I much Surpriz'd to hear you are in Close Confinment especialy when I Consider that the Gentlemen on the other side of the Question are treated by us with so much tenderness and humanity; Pray do you stand in Need of any assistance in my Power only command: Your Friends of my acquaintance are exceedingly Anxious for you

M/rs Frazer, I have hear'd a few Days was well—Pray let me hear from you by first opp/t.

I am D/r Co/l your most Obed/t
 Hble Ser/t
 Sam Kennedy

Lieu/t
 Co/l Persifor Frazer
 Philadelphia

January 21. 1778.

Philadelphia goal January 21/st 1778

Sir

When we presume to address your Excellency be Assured it Cannot Arise from a trival affair humanity is the subject which we wish to dwell on & when that Amiable Quality is mentioned who can doubt that M/rs Gray is the Lady who amply has display'd that part of the grand scenery of Life which Shee was born for & which will Ever be indiliably impress/d in the Obliged Hearts

If individuals Confind in this place seperately Could relate Consively the tributes of thanks due for Each particular favour sheets of

Paper must your Excel/ read to know what this Lady has done but not to intrude on your Excellencys Precious moments give us Leive to say shee has done all that mortal well Could do in Providing Every necessary in her Power and liberty at her own Cost for the Prisoners— We remain your Excel/lc most Obedient
Humble Serv/ts

To his Excell/cy General Washington

Mrs. Gray's devotion to the suffering soldiers is alluded to in a letter of Dr. McKinly, dated Nov. 25, 1788, near the end of this chapter. Mrs. George Gray was probably the lady from whose husband's family Gray's Ferry is named.

January 24. 1778

M/r Ferguson presents Comp/ts to Colonel Frazer, and has no objection to Colonel Frazer giving M/r Bell a few Lines to procure him a safe passage through the Enemies lines to Chester.
24/th Jany 1778

January 31. 1778

Market Street Jan/y 31/st. 1778.

Sir

I Some time ago Deliver'd some shirts to the Bearer to wash, & there was one which she Could never give any acc/t of Untill this day when She brought me a Shirt, which she said she got from Col/l Frazer and S/d she believ'd to be mine, & upon my Examination I Declare upon my Honour that I realy believe it be my property as it is Exactly the Same sort of Linen & the same Size of the Rest of my Shirts, therefore hopes that y/e permitt the bearer to Carry it to me—I have the Hon/r S/r to remain Y/rs &c————

B Finegan

Ens/n 16/th Reg/t of Foot

Lieu/t—(torn)

Dr. J. W. Jordan was unable to find a record of this officer's name among the British army lists.

February 7. 1778(?)

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of this Date concerning a Horse which you say was left in my Care, I am to inform you That I am totally ignorant of every Circumstance of the Matter, & have no Horses but what I brought from New York with me

I am

Sir your most obed/

Philad/a 7/th Feb/y

humble Serv/t

Robert Mackenzie

M/r Frazer

M/r Frazer

at M/rs Rivers's in Arch Street

next to Major Gwyn 16/th Dragoons

Francis Edward Gwyn 16th Light Dragoons (the Queen's) commissioned Aug. 5th, 1775; Lt. Col. 20th Light Dragoons May 5, 1779; Col. Oct. 19, 1782, A. D. C. to the King; Maj. Gen. Dec. 20, 1793; Lt. Gen. Jan. 19, 1799.

February 23. 1778

Sir

Salem 23/d Feb/y. 1778—

You are to pass up the River with your Boats, and burn all the Hay along the shore from Billings Port to this Place, taken an acc/t of the Persons Names to whom it belongs together with the Quantity—On one Johm Kellys place at the Mouth of Rackoon Creek, there is near one *hundred tons* and up Mantua Creek there is a Considerable Quantity—it is his Excellencies wish to deprive the Enemy from Receiv/g the Benefit of the Forage, and at the same time for such persons as are friends to this Country—to receive a recompense at a future day—for altho, it is a Maxim That Private property must be sacrificed to Publick Good—yet it is not his Excellencys Intention to Distress The Individual for The benefit of The Publick; but when Prudency & Policy, joined to necessaty will Justify The Measure—and not even Then, but with a full Intent that Restitution be made to that Individual—

You will by The first oppertunity Transmitt to Head Quarters, the Names of the Persons, together with the Quantity of Forage belong. to each that you may have distroyed, persuant to this order—By his Excellencys Comm/d

Ant/y Wayne B G

On Publick Service

Cap/t Barry

at

Salem

This order was addressed to Captain, afterwards the first Commodore of the United States Navy, John Barry, whose statue is to adorn Independence Square, Philadelphia.

Barry at the time of the British naval attack in force on Red Bank by the Roe Buck and other vessels had saved his fleet of "frigates," including the "Effingham" his flagship, by running up the Delaware to Burlington. That portion of the American fleet "south of Market Street" had gone down the river. About the beginning of the year 1778 Barry ran the gauntlet of the British fleet at Philadelphia in the night, and carried his boats to Fort Penn in the lower Delaware. Here, in February, he captured the "Mermaid" and "Kitty" loaded with forage and stores for the British Army. He also captured by boarding the armed tender "Alert" which belied her name, for with twenty seven men he drove one hundred and sixteen armed Officers and men into the hold, and secured the hatches.

The order of Gen. Wayne was dated Feb. 23. 1778 and in a letter to General Washington of Feb. 26. 1778 (published in Griffin's life of Barry) the Commodore gives the following account of his action.

Sir

Feb. 26. 1778

According to the orders of Gen. Wayne I have destroyed the Forage from Mantua Creek to this Place the Quantity Destroyed is about Four Hundred Tons and should have Proceeded farther had not a Number of the Enemies Boats appeared in Sight and Lining the Jersey Shore Deprived us of the Opportunity of Proceeding Farther on the same purpose. Shall Remit to Your Excellency the Names of the Persons Whose property was Destroyed and Likewise the Quantity of Each have thought Proper to Detain four of Your men to assist in getting the Boats away as some of My Men are Rendered Incapable of Proceeding thro Fatigue. But shall again Remit by the first Order if Your Excellency having no further Occasion for the Remaining Part of the Detachment under My Command have thought proper to Discharge them & am Sir with Due Respect Your Excellency's

Most Humble Servant
John Barry

Captain Barry remained two months on the river destroying forage & provisions.

March 6. 1778

Sir

I now acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter p/r Cap/t M/c Culloch, and do entreat You to believe, that, I am most sensibly mor-

tified at not waiting on You before this your second Letter. I will Sir, certainly wait on You tomorrow, when, I will chearfully pay with Interest the small Sum which You say is due to Your Fathers Estate.

I am Sir

James Chalmers
Lieu/t Col/o Commandant First Batt/n
Maryland Loyalists

Col/o Fraser
Everlys Banks Skuykill March 6/th 1778.

To
Persifer Fraser Esq/r

John Chalmers was a loyalist of Maryland. His corps was in service till 1782, but of no great strength in numbers. He went to England. On a voyage of this corps to St. John's N. B., the vessel was wrecked and half were lost.

April 12. 1778.

Cross Roads April 12/th 1778

Dear Frazer—

I most heartily congratulate you on your fortunate escape, I shou'd be happy had I it in my power to take you by the Hand, this pleasure, I trust, I shall soon enjoy, as it is my determination to return to my Duty & Command as soon as possible—

When I last left Camp I did intend to spend some time in Virginia either at the Hot Springs, or on the Sea Coast for the Recovery of my health, w/h was greatly impair'd during the Winter by a very malignant fever—But as I collect health & Spirits apace I shall regulate my Motions accordingly—

I wrote several Letters to you during your Captivity, perhaps they did not reach you, else I shou'd certainly have rec'd some in return from you—

My Dear friend you will infinitely oblige me by writing me p/r first opportunity a Detail of your sufferings. &c since you unfortunately fell into the Enemies power—

I am D/r Frazer

Ever your's &c

F: Johnston

To
Lieutenant Col/l Frazer
Col/l Delany 5/th P: Regiment
at Camp

June 3. 1778.

Shanks June 3/d 1778.

Dear Colonel

I am Sorry to Inform you that it is out of my power to Return to Camp as soon as I proposed I have not found any Relief for the pain in my Brast from what medicine I have yet taken and the Cough that I had Seems to Increase—but that is not what keeps me beyond the time I proposed Comming in My Wife is Taken Very Ill before I Left Camp which I never heard till I Came to Neshamina I must beg Leave to stay a few Days till I See Some alteration in her—I have sent Wilson to Camp to D/r Davidson for medicine and would be Very Glad if the Doctor Could be Spared so Long as to Ride out—you will oblige me by Giving Wilson Leave of absence to Return—Give my Compliments to Cap/t Bartholomew Cap/t Boud & all the Gentlemen of the Reg/t.—I am With Greatest Regard & Esteem your obedient Serv/t
John Bartley

Lt Col/o

Persifor Frazer

5/th Penns/a Reg/t

Pass issued from Headquarters at Valley Forge.

June 14. 1778.

Permit Col/o Frazer, Major Williams and Doc/r Wellford to pass the Guards.

By his Excellency's Command
Tench Tilghman

(torn)—ad Quarters

(torn)—ley Forge 14/th June 1778

June 22. (?) 1778

Dear Frazer—

It is likely we shall march tomorrow Morning early—the night being rather damp and disagreeable, I shall be under the necessity of sleeping with General Wayne—I shall be obliged to you, if you will order Lard to pack up all my things in the Waggon

Agreeable to the Commands of His Excellency General
Washington, the Second Reg^t first Pennsylvania Brigade
& the 5th Reg^t Second Brigade of said State of Penn-
sylvania are ordered to march this Evening from New-
-ark Camp at seven o'clock to arrive to morrow
in the forenoon if possible at Peramus Church where
they will wait for Lord Stirling's orders.

Given at his Head Quarters at Newark July 8th 1778.

The Baron de Kalb

except the Portmanteau & those things w/h Peter has the charge of. these you will please to order Peter to bring here immediately together with the Sorrel horse & forage if he has any—

I am Dear Frazer

(torn)—ne 22/d 1778

Your's &c/a

F: Johnston

N.B. Please to inform the Officers, that nothing can be done touching y/e arrangement till Gen/l Reed comes to Camp, as soon as he comes I shall state their Complaints before him—

F: Johnston

To
Frazer

Regiment
Pres/t
Colonel

July 8. 1778.

A quantity of Forage being Orderd to Paramus, the person in Charge thereof is to issue to the Detachment now marching for there til they Join the Army—

—M/r Kelly at Sluterdam is to direct some Forage there tomorrow to serve til the next Day—

Newark 8 July 1778

Clement Biddle

Paramus is now a hamlet of Bergen County, N. J. two miles from Rochelle Park. Sluturdam is probably Slaughterdam a post office address in Passaic County near Passaic, N. J. The order is in the handwriting of the signer, who was the deputy Quartermaster of the "flying camp."

July 8. 1778.

Agreeable to the Commands of His Excellency General Washington, the Second Reg/t first Pensilvania Brigade & the /th Reg/t Second Brigade of Said State of Pensilvania, are ordered to march this Evening from Newarck Camp at seven o'Clock to arrive to morrow in the forenoon if Possible at Peramus church Where they will wait for Lord Stirlings Orders:

Given at Head Quarters at Newarck July 8/th 1778.

The Baron deKalb.

In the handwriting of Baron deKalb.

July 17. 1778.

Dear Frazer—

I have stood a very severe attack of a billious fever and inflammatory Rheumatism in conjunction—

My little Citadel had like to have surrender'd, but I luckily receiv'd timely succour from a youth descended from the great Esculapius.

He completely counteracted and baffled the attempts of old General Death—I think I am now partly out of his Clutches, at least for a Season—

I am still extremely weak & by the advice of my Physician must not join the Regiment till better recruited—I propose to go to Bristol & in order to use the Mineral Water there as soon as possible I shall return to you—

You will oblige me by giving a particular charge to Molly B—s to take care of my things.

I have a little Tea in my Portmantau w/h Capt/n Christie purchas'd, I have no opportunity of sending it on—As soon as one offers I shall send it you—

I shall endeavor to purchase as many necessaries as possible—

I expect to be order'd to Philad/a in Hartley's room—with our Reg/t

My best respects to all my Officers

I am Dear Sir

Ever Your's &c
Fr Johnston

Brunswick

July 17/th 1778

Licut/t Colonel P: Frazer
5/th Penn/a Regiment
Camp

At that period Bristol, Pa., possessed a mineral spring of supposed curative virtues, and was considered a watering place.

1778 (?)

Dear Frazer

The situation you saw me in will justify my not lying in Camp tonight—I was so infernally wet that I was oblig'd to strip myself in the first house y/t offer'd, I very fortunately hit upon one opposite y/e encampment of the 1/st Brigade, where Col: Chambers is likewise quarter'd; I cou'd find no convenient house near our Brigade, save Woodford's quarters, else I shou'd have been nearer you—If. you will come down this way, you will fare not amiss, we have a good house, room enough good food & drink &c&c—

—if you cannot come with convenience, make use of any Article in my baggage Waggon y/t you shall require—

I shou'd be glad you wou'd give pointed orders to the Waggoners to provide Grass enough for the horses, & forage, if to be procur'd—

—if there are any sick men it wou'd not be amiss, to order the Q/r Master to get some Straw for them to ly on—pray come if possible—

I am D/r Frazer

Your's &c

F. Johnston

P.S. My Comp/lm to Seely and Bartholomew, tell y/m to sleep in the Market if they please.

Saturday

5 o Clock P.M.

To
L/t Colonel Frazer
Pres/t

1778 (?)
General Orders—

Colonels and Commanding Officers of Corps must cause their Regimental Paymasters to make up their Pay Abstracts to the 1/st of this Month, and order them to attend at the Paymaster General's for the Money, proper attention to the General Orders of this Nature issued on the 21/st last Month, wou'd not only have removed the Complaints of the Soldiers for want of their Pay, too frequently made to the Commander in Chief, but wou'd have saved them much trouble in settling their Accounts for Money drawn on Account—

The most punctual Obedience must be paid to this Order, No excuse for Delay will or can be admitted—

Geo Washington
Command/r in Chief

July 19. 1778

Dear Frazer

By my friend M/r Buchanan I have sent you what remains of the Tea, I dare say you want it I shall soon supply you with more, as well as other Articles—

I have escap'd the Clutches of old Death with great difficulty—

I stood a narrow squeak—for near 48 hours it was a moot point whether I shou'd live or die—

I thank God my Disorder is broke, but I am still shatter'd & weak—
I shall soon return to you—Inform Gen/l Wayne I wrote to him some
Days since, perhaps he has not receiv'd y/e Letter—I am now at
Princeton & shall proceed so far as Philad/a as soon as I gain suffi-
cient strength—My best respects to my Officers, inform them I shall
not neglect them—

Princeton
July 19/th 1778.

I am D/r Frazer
Ever Your's &c
F: Johnston

P.S. By all means write to me pr first Opportunity—F. J

To
Lieut/t Col: P: Frazer
5/th P: Regiment
Camp

Probably White Plains about July 24 1778

Dear Frazer—

I did not intend to write to you by this opp/y; being
much press'd and hurried with business, under this Idea I desir'd
Stuart to apoligize for my not writing—but finding a leisure moment
& ever willing to embrace it, I must trouble you with a Line—

Our *Line* & the Carolinians only remain on this Ground—the other
Troops with Gates's Wing have march'd Eastward—De *Estaing* it is
apprehend'd, is the Object—I pray Heaven he may be secure, how-
ever I think we have nothing to fear, there are or soon will be at
least 14,000 Cont/l Troops in that Quarter—

We shall march within a Week, where I know not, 'tis likely East-
ward. D/r Frazer I have been obliged at length to part with Peter,
he is this moment gone to his Company. pray send me Andrew as soon
as you can spare him—do not think I mean to hurry you in this mat-
ter, but believe me there is not one man in y/e Reg/t fit for the pur-
pose of a Waiter—

My best Respects to M/rs Frazer
& believe Me Ever Your's &c
F: Johnston

P. S. I trust I shall be with you in a few Days—F. J.

To
L/t Col. Frazer
L/t Col Robinson
Chester County

July 25. 1778.

Dear Frazer

I lay at Brunswick three Weeks in a deplorable situation, the necessaries of Life were exceedingly scarce there, & even Medicine would have fail'd me, had it not been for a worthy young Surgeon belonging to the Hospital—His great Care & Assiduity undoubtedly sav'd me.

By his Advice I retreated as far as Philad/a apprehending that necessaries wou'd be there in greater abundance, this was the case, but they were infernally dear—

I thank God, I am now much better & trust I shall soon be with you—

The bearer Lieut/t M/c Cullock has the command of a small party of Recruits & *four Rascals* belonging to the Reg/t whose Crimes you will examine & punish—Pray desire Lieut/t Forbbes to write me in the most particular manner what became of the Articles w/h he drew for my Reg/t, I think his presence here wou'd be necessary—Unless those things w/h he drew are now with the Reg/t I shall conclude that he has transacted matters in a very disorderly way & thus he has devoted his time to pleasure more than Business—

Until I am inform'd of this Cloathing w/h he drew, I can obtain nothing for the Regiment—

You will likewise please to let me know what things Capt/n Seely procur'd for the Mess, otherwise I shall not have it in my power to know what we stand in need of.

My best Respects to my worthy officers, tell them I shall soon be with them again, & shall endeavor to bring on some Linnen & I have made a damn'd *Rumpus* about Broadhead's Conduct in regard to our Cloathing—I have carri'd out business for the Council—

For God's sake, write me by the earliest Opportunity & let me know how our Operations tend—

My best respects to Gen/l Wayne, who is universally belov'd by the Whiggs here & fear'd by the Tories—desire him to write to me & in-close his Commands

I am D/r Frazer

with y/e greatest respect

Ever Yours

F: Johnston

Philad/a

July 25/th 1778

P.S. Since I wrote you the above, I find Doct/r Hutchinson, will be in Camp much sooner than M/cCulloch, & therefore have sent you this by him—

To

Lieut/t Col/l P: Frazer

5/th P: Reg/t

Camp

July 29. 1778.

Camp 29 July 1778

Sir

David Rees informs me he was formerly a Soldier in your Reg/t that he was taken by the Enemy at Brandywine afterw/ds enlisted with them & deserted from them. He was lately hired at Philad/a as a Waggon Driver & is now come forward in that Service. As we cannot hire a sufficient number of Teamsters otherwise we are obliged to draw Soldiers out of the Line for that Purpose, and as those who have been accustomed to the Business are more suitable than others, I should be glad, if you can with Propriety, that you would permit this Man to continue a Waggon Driver, which will save the drawing another Soldier in his Room

I am Sir

your most hum/ Serv/t

Chas Pettit

A Q M Gen/l

Col. Frazer

Colonel Frazer
5 Penns/a Reg/t

August 5. 1778.

Sir/

I inform you that a Certain George Gath who enlisted last Febry. in Cap/tn Boud's Comp. is my indented Servant and is not free to the 14/th of this Instant I shall not follow him for the Time adjudged upon him for his absenting himself from my service; provided that I am paid for the Time he had to serve when he left me—I want not to take him from the Service although his Time to me would (torn) very profitable as I can not find a Hand (torn) Business I kept him at—as it is in your (torn) to pay me or to send me the s/d George Gath I (torn) you by M/r Reeth who I impowr to Receive (torn) Price or to Bring me the Boy—

My Charge is £ 45 — 0

from Sir your very hum: Serv/t
Patterson Bell

Augs/t 5/th 1778

To

Colo. Francis Johnston
or the Commanding Officer
of the 5/th Pennsy/lva Reg/nt

August 13. 1778 (?)

Much Respected Sir. I am happy to hear you are better and wish you may continue so—I receiv'd your welcome supply the Veal I mean and shall with Collonel/s Chambers and Hay about one OClock return the proper thanks due so great a Benefactor—the articles you sent for you will receive with my good wishes for your recovery—the Gentlemen Above mentioned and I purpose waiting Upon you this Evening and hope to have it in our power to Congratulate you Upon the intire reduction of Road Island as report now says—my adventures throw this storm I shall also give you an Acc/t of pray have some Cool watter in the house

Camp August 13/

Y/rs Christ/r Stuart
Coll/o P Frazer

Probably 1778

Sir

You will send the Serjant who came from Philad/a immediaty to Head Quarters, as it is his Excellencies orders to see him—

Y/rs &c

Monday mrg

Ben. Fishbourne A. D. C.

To Colo. Frazier—
or the Officer Comm/g
5 Penns/a Reg/t

(Benjamin Fishbourne was Pay Master 2. Pa. Bat., Oct. 2, '76, Capt. 4. Pa. Jan. 3. '77, and Aide de Camp to Gen. Wayne)

August 17. 1778.

Phila. August 17/th 1778—

Dear Sir I make So free as to trouble you with a few Lines in be half of my Rank as I Cannot possably attend my Self it being Such a distance and Going on Such an Uncertainty but make no Doubt but you will and Every Other Gentleman Officer in The Reg/t Do Their indeavurs for me to keep my Rank in the Reg/t as I think it is a mater that may Very well be disputed Concerning major Ryans Coming into the Regt after his other apointmens Neighther had he Ever a comision

in the Reg/t higher Than a Second Lieut where as I have had a first
Liet Comison in it

The Committee is Coming This Week to Camp to Settle the Rank of
all officers I Therefore Sir would be Glad of your assistance in my be-
half please To Give my Kind Compliments to all the office/rs of The
Reg/t

I am dear Sir yours to Serve
Cha/s M/c Henry

August 24. 1778

D/r Colonel

I am extremely oblid'd to you for your note by
Andrew ; I should have gone to see you this afternoon but am much
fatigued ; tomorrow I shall certainly wait upon you—I am sorry I have
no Letters for you nor News, yet I have many things to relate to you
w/h will give you satisfaction.

From my Circumstances while in Penn/a I could not possibly hear
from your family, therefore cannot give you any satisfaction on that
head—

I am D. Col.

Aug/t 24th 1778

Ever Your's &c
F Johnston

L/t Col. Frazer
5/th P. Reg/t

This was one of those failures to call upon the family of a brother officer to
which Mrs. Frazer refers several times rather caustically.

August 29. 1778.

D/r Coll

thier is a General Order that returns be made of the
Officers names and rank Serving Since the first of 1777 in Conse-
quence of that and the Commit s of Arangments being Shortly to fall
Upon our busness there are larg Cliams Making for Rank in Our line
Colls Harmer and North will disput with Hubly with no greater Right
than you I am perswead'd Cap/t Bartholomew will Also make his
Cliam as the Return will Soon be Called for—Coll Johnston has Slept
one Night at home and is now at the Sawpitts with the rest of the
Quality Wayne Stuart & Robinson have mov.d there bagage down my
master will soon follow the Example I beleive

I am with Respect y/rs &c C. Stuart

August 29/th 1778.

To Coll P: Frazer

September 1. 1778.

Gentlemen

It is with reluctance that I add to the many complaints that are laid before you, relating to Rank in the Pennsylv/a Line, I am conscious that it will be difficult to give Satisfaction to every one, considering how matters have hitherto been conducted. And have no doubt but that you will do ample Justice to all as far as circumstances will admit—

I think I am injur'd, in that Col/o Walter Steward is at present my Senior in Rank—referring to our Commissions as Captains I am far before him—

The Congress thought proper to give him the Rank of Lieu/t Colonel in November 1776. My Commission as Lieu/t Colonel gives me Rank from the first day of October preceeding his appointment—

Before the arrangem/t of the Board of Gen/l Officers last Campaign I had precedency of Colonels Rich/d & Will/m Butler by my Commission. that Board determin'd very justly that they should take rank of me, which I chearfully acquiesced in—I only mention this Shews that it is not from a Cavilling disposition that I trouble you at this time.

I have the Honor to be with

due Esteem

Your most Ob/t Serv/t

P F

To the Honble Commtee
of Arrangement

White Plains Sep. 1/st 1778

The injustice here complained of was one of the principal causes which induced Col. Frazer to resign from the Army the following month.

September 2. 1778.

Sir

It is now upwards of Six Months since any thing certain has been heard from you—You must know you have faild in point of duty in not sending forward your recruits if you have any or otherwise not joining the Regiment You are therefore imediately to make the best of your way to Camp w/th the Men you may have, having first settled your acc/ts w/th the Lieutenants of the County & have the money to pay off the Bounty. if you should fail you will certainly be struck off the List of Officers—

I am Sir Your Hble Serv/t

Pers/r Frazer L Col/o Command/g 5/th P. R.

Camp White plains

Septem/r 2/nd 1778

Lieu/t Levi Griffith 5/th Pens/a Reg/t Chester County

Lieu/t Forbes

September 6. 1778.

Dear Col/o you are forthwith to repair to Camp by Col/o Johnston Express Command on sight of this at your peral fail not as you shall be Accountable for Non Compliance—you are to Asist in setleing the Rank of the Officers in Our Reg/t my Compliments to Cap/t B! B am y/rs &cc

Christ/r Stuart

Sunday Morning
Sep/r 6/th 1778—

Col/o Frazer

There is always a touch of waggery in Capt Stuart's communications.

September 11/th (?) 1778

Dear Frazer

I shou'd be glad you wou'd make out a Return of the Officers of my Reg/t who were left out at Valley Forge—you will likewise please to inform the Brigade Major that he must call on the other Commanding Officers for a similar Return—the Returns are to have a private Mark to such Officers who are really unfit for the Army, if there are any such—

F: Johnston

Sept/r 11/th (?) 1778.

L/t Colo. Frazer

To the

Honorable Committee of
Arrangement

September 26. 1778.

Gen/l Wayne's most Respectful Compliments waits on Colonels Johnston & Frazer Major Stewart & Cap/t Bartholomew & begs the favour of their Company to dine with him to day on a saddle of good Mutton

Saturday Morning

9 O Clock 26/th Sep/r 1778

Colo/s Johnston
& Frazer

In Gen. Wayne's handwriting.

Framingham 13th Oct 1877

Dear Sir

It is with real concern that I speak
with you of a gentleman who has more than shared
the dangers & splendors of War thus far with me

But as you must have maturely considered
the matter previous to your resignation. —
I can only wish you were some of the happy
sight of you expecting friends

Let me assure you I can't help expressing
my regret, at the loss of an Officer who
in every vicissitude of fortune, has on
every occasion has proved himself the
friend

friend of his Country the Gentleman
of the soldier

Under my hands I believe me with
every sentiment of esteem yours
most respectfully

Amby Wayne

Lt. Col. Frazer

Letter to Lt. Col. Frazer in the handwriting of General Wayne on the occasion of the former's resignation from the army.
Fifty-seven hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

1778(?)

General Washingtons Compliments wait on Col/o Fraizer beg the
favour of his Company at dinner to day at 3 oclock
Friday Morning

Col/o Fraizer
5/th Pensv/la

In the handwriting of Wm Grayson A. D. C. to Gen Washington

Col. Frazer evidently sent in his resignation to General Washington through Gen. Wayne, his commanding officer. This document and its acceptance (if such were in the form of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief) have not been preserved among Gen. Frazer's papers, but endorsed on the back of his commission as Lt. Col. is the following note:

Head quarters Fishkill 9/th October 1778.
Lieut. Col. Frazier having at his own request desired liberty to quit the Service, His resignation is hereby accepted.

By His Excellency's command
Tench Tilghman

The crowning reward of a brave soldier's career is contained in this letter written and signed by his immediate commanding officer and life long friend, Gen. Wayne.

*Fredricksburg 13/th Oct/r 1778

Oct. 13. 1778

Dear Sir

Its with real Concern that I part with a Gentleman—who has *more* than shared the Dangers and fatigues of War thus far with me

But as you must have Maturely Considered the matter previous to your Resignation—I can only wish you a safe arrival and a happy sight of your expecting friends

At the same time I can't help expressing my Regreat, at the loss of An Officer who in every Vicisitude of fortune, and upon every Occation has proved himself the friend of his Country—the Gentleman and the Soldier

Adieu my Dear Sir and believe me with every Sentiment of Esteem yours

most affectionately
Anty Wayne

Lieu/t Col/o Frazer

*Then Dutchess, now Putnam Co. N. Y.

May 2. 1779.

Flat Lands. Long Island, May 2/d 1779

Sir/

I have been much surpriz'd at your long silence, and thought It verey Extrordinary that you never Deign,d to answer aney of the letters I wrote you since I Came to this place, nor was I able to account for the Reason. till the arival of M/r Stotesbury, Who to my Great astonishment told me that you Inform,d him, that, I had used you extreamly Ill, in saying some Disrespectfull things of you; What they were or who was your Author for them, I Cant devise, but, thus far I am Certain, and do declare upon my honour that I never had even a disrespectful Thought of you, much more to speak So—

I hope it will be shortly in my power to Convince you that there is not the least particle of truth in the Information, and to bring the Informer to an Account for so Notorious and Injurious a stigma. Therefore hope you will till then, suspend my condemnation and withhold your Resentment from the Innocent and Helpless———If I had ever taken any liberties of Speaking to the prejudice of your Character, It would most undoubtedly been heard by some of the Gentlemen belonging to the room where you left me, Who I am Certain to a man will declare to the Reverse, and that when ever I have been heard to speak of you it was in the most Respectfull and friendly manner, Any language from my mouth that bore the least Resemblance of the Charge would in me be ungratefull to the last degree—

I was much hurt when I heard it, as it was so foreign from my sentiments and it has Given me some uneasiness, but I have taken the liberty of sending this as a Testimony of my Real Regard which pleas to Except as a truce till I see you and blieve to be sincerely

Your Most Ob/t

In perfect health

Humb Ser/t

John Harper

To Col/o Percifer Frazer

Memorandum in a foreign hand { Col/o Hanums Chest in the hands of M/r James
Leader at Bristol in the forage department says
Doct/r Hendry

Exam/d Com/y Pris/rs Office New York

To

Colo/ Percifer Frazer

Favoured by
Mr Ward

Thornbury Township Chester County
Pennsylvania

To be left at the Sign of the Waggon Market Street Philada.

“Conestoga Wagon,” i. e. Mrs. Jenkins' inn.

In the Journal of the Military Expedition of General Sullivan, begun July 31. 1779 &c., edited by Frederick Cook Secretary of State, Auburn, N. Y., 1887, appears on page 315 the following Roster of Officers.

Major General John Sullivan
William Pierce
Capt. Jonathan Dayton }
Maj. Adam Hoopes } Aides de Camp.
Nicholas Van Cortland }
Col. Cornelius Sheriff Dep. Q. M. G.
Lt. Col. Persifer Frazier Dep. Com. Gen.

See on this subject comments in the Preface.

Col. Frazer was appointed Cloathier General by Congress July 15, 1779. See letter of John Jay, dated July 17, 1779, enclosing extracts from the minutes of Congress by Chas. Thomson, Secretary.

The following rough draft of a declination, undated and unsigned, but in Col. Frazer's handwriting, is among his papers.

To the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America
The Memorial of Persifor Frazer

Most respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialist shall ever retain the highest sence of the Confidence repos'd in him by your honorable Body in his—appointment to the important trust of Clothier General,—however arduous the undertaking in comparison to his Abilities, he would have hop'd that a close attention to the dutys of his employment would have in some Measure compensated for the defects he might be liable to— But your Memorialist from a strict enquiry into the Expences that will necessarily and unavoidably attend an honest and faithful discharge of his duty is convinced the Salary annex'd to the appointment is by no means Equal thereto, exclusive of any compensation for his trouble.—And as he has since the commencement of the War, Spent almost the whole of his time in the Public Service, without any advantage to himself except the honor of having done it,—He hopes

those considerations will apologize for his declining so honorable an appointment, which he will be under the necessity of doing though with regret unless a more adequate compensation can be allow'd, as the whole of his time will be engaged therein.

with the most perfect Sentiments of duty and esteem your Memorialist Submits these hints to the candid determination of your honorable House and remains their

most devoted Servant

No date. Probably between 1778 & 1782.

My D/r Col.

Philad/a Sun——(torn)

I have been spoke—(torn)—by so—(torn) our friends to purchase a considerab—(torn) —tity of Flour for the Publick, in conse—(torn) of w/h I would have done myself the pleasure of visiting you to day, had not M/rs Henrys Indispositi—(torn)—evented—I am to receive a Commissio—(torn)—the purchase, & intended to have offer—(torn)—lf of it—The Qunatity will be considerable—but the commission not yet ascertaind—I have sent Thom to acquaint you of the above, & beg that you will write me fully by him, if necessary I will be at your house, or Chester to morrow Evening, should you not receive this time enough for to return an Answer by Thom *for to Morrow* I will meet you at Chester on Tuesday at any time of the day you please—be explicit & full in your Answer, as it will be the rule of my Conduct—

Your friend—

George Henry—

Comp/ts to M/rs Frazer—& be silent on the above Subject 'till I see you—

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Papers

Addressed

Colonel Persifor Frazer
Chester County

August 15. 1779.

Dear Sir,

West Point August 15/th 1779

I have long wished to write to you but so seldom are the opportunities and convenience that I have deferred it till this time.

I have a matter of importance to communicate and shall be exceedingly obliged to you for your advice as I think you most capable of any of my Friends on the subject. The Army from many circumstances has grown almost disagreeable to me, I believe I have served my Country. intentionally as honest and punctual as most, in the different Ranks I have held: but necessity and the pleadings of a fond Wife as well as my Country when this Campaign is ended I shall have served my Tour of the War, still I have several objections to leaving the service, and when I do it will be with reluctance. I should be glad to see the end of the War, That I entered early into. The future provision that is made for us is more encouragement to serve, but at present the horrid depreciation of our money, and the little stock I had at the beginning exhausted makes it necessary to enter into some business as it is impossible to support the station with that credit it requires, Should the war last two or three Campaigns more, which by the bye is not impossible I shall make but a poor appearance, I have wrote to you very freely and shall be much obliged to you for your advice as much so, Should I be so happy as to hear from you I shall then trouble you on another subject.

I will change the subject and tell you what a tiresome situation we have here constantly on fatigue and cannot tell you when we shall have the works compleated they are so extensive. I wish something may turn up to move from this place, A Board of Gen/l Officers sat some time ago to determine who were Justifiable in making their escape from the Enemy. A number of them must be in very unhappy situations either to go back, or to be published in the papers as men Void of honor in which Dilemma I believe our Col——n is involved, all your Friends here are well Make my Compliments to M/rs Frazer and Friends

I am Dear Sir with the utmost
Esteem and affection
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

W/m Williams

William Williams was Capt. 1st Pa. Bat. Oct. 27, '75; Maj. 2d Pa. March 7, '77. Taken prisoner Germantown Oct. 4, '77; exch. April 20, '78; Col. 3d Pa. June 18, '78; resigned Apl. 17, 1780.

On the back of the preceding letter in another handwriting and with different ink is the following notice :

Col Persifor Frazer
by Cap/t Coleman Chester County
an extra Lodge to meet
the second day of
October at 4 OClock at
M/r Rees's. & the Lodge to
meet at same place on the
third tuesday in in
October.

2500

830

415

October 15. 1779.

Philad. Oct 15. 1779

Sir

I suppose you will before this Time be informed that Gen/l Washington has made a Requisition on the State for 1500 Men. These Troops I shall command in Person & wish to have the Assistance of some Gentleman of Knowledge & Experience particularly in the Line of Adjutant General which Office for the State is now vacant.

If it is convenient to your private Affairs & equally agreeable it will give me very great Pleasure & perhaps lay a Foundation for some Office of greater Value & Importance in the State.—You will be at very little Expence as if agreeable to your self you will make one of the Family—which will be composed of Gentlemen of Rank & Character & I am sure such as will be agreeable to you.

You will please to favour me with your Answer by the Bearer who goes Express & believe me

with much Esteem

Your Obed. Hbble Ser/v

Jos. Reed

P.S. If your Answer should be conformable to my Wishes I hope you will follow it to Town as soon as you can

Addressed

On publick Service

Jos. Reed

To
Col. Persifor Frazer
Chester County

This tender of the office of Adjutant General of Pennsylvania is in the handwriting of Gen. Reed who was at that time and for more than a year afterwards President of the Supreme Executive Council of the State.

Col. Frazer was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council Commissioner of Purchases for Chester County on April 1, 1780.

In Council

Philad/a April 5/th 1780.

Sir

You being appointed Commissioner of Purchases for the County of Chester and the necessity of entering upon the duty being very urgent and requiring the utmost diligence and attention you will not fail to exert yourself to the utmost therein. Before you enter upon the execution of this trust you are to give bond for the faithful performance of your trust with one or more sufficient sureties. The sum required by the Council is thirty thousand pounds and the enclosed bond being executed is to be deposited in the Office of the Prothonotary of your County who will judge of the sufficiency of your bondsmen. You are also to take an oath or affirmation that you will diligently and faithfully without favour affection or partiality execute the duty and trust reposed in you by an Act of General Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army.—

You are to purchase the following articles within your County not exceeding in price the rates affixed to each article, to wit—fifty tons of hay at six pounds per ton five thousand bushels of corn at four shillings per bushel, or ten thousand bushels of Oats at two shillings and six pence per bushel and two thousand barrels of flour, at thirty shillings per hundred weight gross.

The flour you are to deliver to
and the forage you are to deliver to Reading
Howell and Archibald Dick Esquire who are appointed by the Quarter Master General to receive the Same.

For the payment of the articles above mentioned money will be put into your hands as soon as it can possibly be got ready agreeable to the late Act of General Assembly.—

I am Sir with much respect

Your obedient and very humble Serv/t

Jos: Reed

President

To Persifor Frazier Esquire Commissioner of Purchases for the County of Chester

April 16. 1780

Easttown 16/th April 1780

My Dear Colonel

I had a double Interest in your appointment as Commissary of purchases for this County—not only your's,—but my own acc/t—for as most Gentlemen employed in that Department have accumulated something handsome, I flattered myself that an *Officer* who *deserved it much better*, from the early sacrifices he had made might also participate of the *loves and fishes*,—and that, I also might also thro. his means recover a Quantity of forage which the Continent has long owed me, and at present but *too* much wanted.—As the additional number of baggage and riding Horses that I brought from the army—have totally exhausted all the Provender laid up for the support of my own stock on the farm, which would not have been the case, had not the forage master-General promised faithfully to replace all that I have furnished which is upwards of Eight Tons of the best Hay and more than two Hundred bushels of Grain,

The Distressed state of the publick treasury and the Regulations have prevented him fr Complying with his promise heretofore, but now expects thro' your good Offices a Completion of his Engagement

I must therefore request you to fall upon some mode to send me a partial supply if the whole can't be Immediately Obtained as my Horses and Cattle are realy suffering

Major Howell will find teams to convey it upon your giving him notice where it may be had which I request you may do the soonest possible

my best Compliments to Mrs Frazer and believe me yours most

Sincerely

Anty. Wayne

Col/o Frazer

Rough draft fragment of a communication.

D/r Sir

When I had the pleasure of seeing you last I had determin'd to decline the Office of Comm/r of Purchases for this County as the difficulties attending the faithfull Execution of it appear'd so various and discouraging that In my opinion neither Credit to myself nor advantage to the Public could derive—but some worthy Friends whose opinion I always venerated prevented me at that time. But the reasons which urg'd me thus have gain'd fresh weight—And as I

have not qualify'd myself for the holding the Office can no longer delay the giving up the appointment in order that the public may not suffer but appoint some person more capable—I assure you Sir I had not the least intention of applying for the Office had not the Friendship of some worthy members in the Assembly—There are reasons why the Council should be offended at my declining after application made—I shou'd be glad to obviate—I have therefore this day wrote my resignation to his Excellency the Pres/t As I have a proper sence of the favour intended me by Council especially those Gentlemen who interested themselvs in my behalf and as they may be offended at my declining after application made wou'd beg leave to state my reasons and beg a candid favourable which I hope will obviate any impressions to my disadvantage—Before the Bill was past. some

End of page. The second page is missing but on the back is the following rough draft of a letter:

—o—

Sir

After the most mature and deliberate consideration that I am capable of the appointment of Commissioner of Purchases with which the Honble Council have been pleas'd to I must beg leave to inform your Excelly. that I must decline the Office of Purchasing Commissioner for Chester County as in my opinion under the various difficulties at present attending the Execution of it, neither Credit to myself nor advantage to the public will attend the acceptance of it Gentlemen of the Assembly mention'd the matter to me, as at that time they thought to have had the appointment would have been made by the House I thought I hesitated as I had frequently observed that was afraid a plan entirely new would be attended with many dis—

broken off abruptly

January 9. 1781.

SS Pursuant to an act of General Assembly Entitled an Act to Compleat the Quota of the Federal Army Assign'd to this State you Whose names are here unto Annexed are Required to Enlist During the war one able bodied Recruit or Procure one Soldier Who was Enlisted During the War & hath Deserted & Deliver the said Recruit or Soldier to

the Officer Appontd by the President & Council to Re-
 ceive him & make Return thereof to the Assessor of your
 township Within fifteen Days from the Date hereof—
 Given under our hands & Seals the Ninth Day of January
 A D: 1781— Jn/o Bartholomew

N/o, , 58.

Thomas Cheney Esq/r And/w Boyd
 Ezekiel Leonard
 Persi/r Frazer
 Joshua Way
 Jacob Vernon
 Richard Parks
 Allen Key
 John Mote
 William Allison
 Samuel Walker N/o 58
 Joseph Vernon
 William Hawley Thornbury
 Samuel Mendinhal
 Jn/o Peirce

To
 Co/l Per/r Frazer
 Thornbury
 N/o 58

May 25. 1782.

In the NAME and by the AUTHORITY
 of the FREEMEN of the Commonwealth of Penn-
 sylvania,

The SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
 of the said Commonwealth,

To *Percifer Frazier Esquire*.....
 W/e, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your
 Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, DO, by
 these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be a
*Brigadier General of the Militia of the State of Pennsyl-
 vania*

*YOU are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the
 duty of a Brigadier General*.....

W/m Moore
 President

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quire all Officers and Privates under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as Brigadier
General. And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time,
as you shall receive from the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth, or from your superior
Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant to the Trust reposed in you.

GIVEN under the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Philadelphia, this Twenty-fifth Day
of May 1781, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and

ATTEST

Wm. Moore
Secretary

Wm Moore
President

Commission of Lt. Col. Persifor Frazer as Brigadier General Forty-eight hundredths, lineal measurement, of the original.

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in the Year of our L O R D One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Eighty two

Attest.

T Matlack

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Commission Brigadier General Percifor Frazier.

Italicised words are written.

Received Sep/r 30/th 1778 from L/t Colonel Persifor Frazer Twenty
Five Pounds Six Shillings & Three Pence being in full for 2 Months
& 15 Days pay as Lieu/t in the Comp/y. Commanded by Cap/t
Joseph Potts in the 5/th Pens/a Regiment—

Isaac Seely Lieut

Receivd Sep/r 30/th 1778 from L/t Col. Pers/r Frazer Twenty Seven
Dollars & one Third Being for Money advanc'd to Ja/s Long Serj/t
Vernon & Patrick Martin Soldiers Belonging to Cap/t Potts Company

Serj/t Vernon.... 2 Dollars

B: Bartholomew Cap/t

Ja/s Long..... 18 1/2 D

5/th P Reg/t

Patt Martin..... 3 D

Received Septem/r 30/th 1778. from L/t Col/o Frazer Twelve pounds
one shilling & four pence in full for 2 M/o 15 days pay & former Bal-
ance of 5.. 16. 4

John Walker

Major John Harper To Persifor Frazer..... Dr—

1778 Dec/r 4/th To Ball/ce due on Settlement of Acc/ts.....£

Received October 5/th 1778 from L/t Col/o Persifor Frazer Twenty
five Pounds Six Shillings & therefore being in full for 2 M/o 15 days

pay from 1/st Jany. 1776 to the 15/th March following as Lieutenant in the Comp/y. lately commanded by Cap/t Potts in the 5/th Pen/a Reg/t—

Levi Griffith Lt:

Received Octo 10/th 1778. from L/t Col/o Persifor Frazer Twelve pounds ten shillings, being pay due to Jn/o M/cCullough & James Berry Soldiers in the Comp/y. late Cap/t Potts. the pay due from 1/st Jan/y. 1777 to the 15/th March following. & w/ch I am to pay to them—

Job Vernon Lieut/t

Received Novem. 22/nd 1778 from L Col/o Frazer Six Pounds, seventeen shillings & Six pence in full for two Months & an half Pay. due me from the 1/st Jany. to the 15/th March 1777. as Fifer in the 5/th Pens/a Reg/t

William Cline

October 31. 1778

Received Octo: 31/t 1778. from L Colonel Frazer One Hundred Dollars in full for 2 Months & an halves Pay from 1/st Jan/y. 1776. to the 15/th March following, as Captain in the fifth Penns/a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Francis Johnston—

Joseph Potts Cap/tn
P 5 R

Received Feb/y. 4/th 1779. from L/t Col/o Persifor Frazer Six Pounds, five Shillings for two Months & an half pay due from 1/st January to 15/th March 1777 as a Soldier in the Compy lately Comanded by him

John Murtland

Received Nov/r 29/th 1779. from L/t Col/o Pers/r Frazer Seven pounds ten Shillings for two months & an half pay. due from 1/st Jan/y. to the 15/th March 1777. as a Serjeant in the Compy. lately Comanded by him

Edw/d Verney

Received Octo 4/th 1783. from L/t Col/o Persifor Frazer One pound five Shillings Specie being for 2 1/2 M/o pay due, & rec/d by him Sept/r 1778. when the scale was five for one

John Maby

Received March 19/th 1787 from Persifor Frazer One pound one shilling & six pence. on Acc/t of Two Months & Fifteen days Pay rec/d by him for me in Sept/r 1778

Test Jonat/n Smith

his
Pat/k X Martin
mark

It is interesting to note that the pay of a soldier was about eighteen pence paper money or about three pence ha'penny specie per day; the relative value of the two kinds of money being, in 1778, five to one. Captains earned \$1.31 (26c in specie), and Sergeants about two shillings (a little less than five pence in specie).

The United States To Persifor Frazer

To my Pay as L/t Col/o from 1. Octo: 1776 till 15/th March 1777—is 5 1/2 Months.....@ 60 dollars Pr Month is 330 doll.

NB my Pay from 15/th March to 1/st Feb/y. 1778 has been settled by M/r Kimmell

To 1 Months advance pay allow'd..... 60

To Pay from 1/t Feby. till 1/t June 1778 } 240 doll/s
is 4 Months.....@ 60 dollars..... }

To my Expenses from Ticonderoga in Decem. } 35 doll/s
1776. being sent express by Col/o Wayne..... }

To Forage for a Horse from 20/th Decem/r 1776 till 6/th June followg. 162 days——@ 5/

To my Expences at Philad/a & Chester on y/e } 210 doll/s
recruitg Service & other business of Reg/t.... }

To Capt p/d for a p/r Irons for a prisoner } 2 2/3
from Chester..... }

To my rations from 10/th Decem/r 1776 }
till first June 1778 at 5 Rations remains }
wholly unpaid..... }

To Capt p/d sund/y Officers of y/e regim/t priv/ts. 3067. doll/s
 The United States To Persifor Frazer L/t Col/o of the fifth
 Penns/a Regiment Dr.
 To my Pay as Major from the first

This account is unfinished.

The following claim for loss and damage by the raid upon Thornbury of Capt. De West is in the possession of Dr. I. W. Riley:

September 1777

An Account of the Loss & damage Sustained by Persifor Frazer of Thornbury in the County of Chester from the Ravages of of a detachment of General Howes Army under the immediate Command of Cap/t. De West of the guards on the thirteenth day of September 1777.

4 pair Chains, 4 Collers, 4 Blind Halters & Bridle.	£ 4, , 18, , .0
2 Mares	47, , 10, , ..
Wheat in Bags 9 Bus & a quantity in Sheaf.	6, , 2 ..
150 lb Cheese. Butter. Beef, & Flour.	5, , 10 ..
13 gallons Spirits	4, , 10 ..
22 lb brown Sugar 7 lb loaf d/o.	2, — ..
Tea, Chocolate, Coffee, Salt.	11, , 10 ..
Blanket & Coverlet 30/. Jarrs & Bottles 15/.	2, , 5 ..
a number of Books of Account & other Books value unknown	
Damage in breaking Doors Locks & other damage	3, ,
	£ 87, , 5 ..
Two negroe wenches ran away afterwards went away one of them went to the British in Philad/a the other suppos'd to have joind them also	200 £287, , 5 ..

Endorsed Account of Loss Sustained by the Enemy in 1777.

There is nothing to indicate when the above claim was presented, but most probably after the war was over. The writer of the paper is unknown.

Abstract of Receipts lodged in this Office by Lt. Col. Persifer Frazier
late of the 5th Penna. Regiment—

Date of Receipts By whom received	Sums paid by Col. Frazier.	Sums paid by Cap ^t North	Sums paid by Cap ^t Christie	Sums p ^d by M ^o Clintock	Amount paid
	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
1777					
Feb'y. 7 Cap ^t James Moore	200 "				
" 8 Ditto	40 "				
" " Cap ^t Alex. Johnston	100 "	.	.	.	240 "
" 7 Cap ^t Job Vernon	140 "	.	.	.	100 "
" 22 Cap ^t James Taylor	130 "	.	.	.	140 "
" 20 L ^t James Forbes	" "	60	.	.	130 "
May 15 Ditto	162 "	.	.	.	222 "
Feb'y 21 *Ens'n Run. (?) Evans	" "	60	" "	" "	
Mar. 9 Ditto	" "	" "	" "	97 " }	
Mar. 21 Ditto	" "	" "	200 "	" "	465 "
Ap ^l 30 Ditto	108 "	" "	" "	" "	
Feb'y 1 Cap ^t Jos. Potts	" "	30 " }			
Mar. 6 Ditto	38 "	" "			
Ap ^l 30 Ditto	270 "	" "			
May 1 Ditto	162 "	" "	.	.	500 "
" 1 Cap ^t Fred. Vernon	108 " }	.	.	.	
" 15 Ditto	108 " }	.	.	.	216 "
Feb'y 7 L ^t Isaac Seely	140 "	.	.	.	140 "
" " L ^t M ^o Clintock	140 " }	.	.	.	
Ap ^l 30 Ditto	108 " }	.	.	.	248 "
May 2 L ^t M ^o Henry	142 "	" "	" "	" "	142 "
" 7 L ^t M ^o Gee	216 "	" "	" "	" "	216 "
" " L ^t Griffith	162 "	" "	.	.	162 "
Feb'y 12 L ^t Sam ^l Smith	" "	60 " }	.	.	
May 21 Ditto	38 "	" "	.	.	98 "
May 22 Cap ^t Benj. Bartholomew	234 "	.	.	.	234 "
" 31 L ^t M ^o Culloch	30 "	" "	" "	" "	30 "
" " William Strong, Q. M.	83 .	.	.	.	83 "
May 3 L ^t Kimmell	108 "	.	.	.	108 "
Ap ^l 30 L ^t Bartley	100 "	.	.	.	100 "
	3067 "	210 .	200 .	97 .	3574 "

Quere what Stores were did Lt. North procure for Col. Johnston. ?
I find he he receipts for the sum £ 70. 16. 10d.

* The word may be Eng/r or Ens/n, but if Ens/n it is not clear why he drew the pay of a Cap^t n. The first name seems an abbreviation for Reuben, but in Heitman the only Reuben Evans was 2d Lieut. of Frye's Mass. Regt.

On the back of the sheet is the following.

Commissioners Officer

Philad/a Feby. 20. 1784

I Certify that Lt Col: Frazer late of the 5/th Penn/a Regiment has lodged in this Office. Receipts against the Foregoing Officers Amounting to the sum of three thousand five hundred & seventy four dollars. Three thousand & Sixty seven dollars of which are in his favor, two hundred and ten dollars in favor of Captain North. two hundred dollars in favor of Cap/t Christie. & Ninety seven dollars in favor of Lieut M/c Clintock.—

Joseph Howell Junr. A Commis
A Accts.

(Endorsed)

Abstract of Receipts of Sundry Officers of the 5/th Reg/t of Pennsylvania for Monies advanced them by Lt Col. Percifer Frazer &c for Recruiting in the Year 1777

September 10. 1788.

Wilmington 10/th Sept/r 1788

Dear Sir

I am almost ashamed to trouble You on the following occasion yet for your sake as well as my own I think: it not unnecessary—being in a large & respectable Company, at a Tavern in this place, the other Evening when some altercation happening between our Attorney Gen/l M/r Bedford & myself, & the same becoming gradually warm, he then reproached me, that when I was a Prisoner in Philad/a I used to sweep our Room in turn, when I might have been excused on paying five Shill/s in port Wine—this I positively denied & mentioned That you cou'd prove the contrary—he then asserted that You were the very Person from whom he had the information I replied that as it was false, You cou'd not be the Author, & gave my reasons—mentioning your good Character, & the mutual regard that subsisted between us—that there were Nineteen Prisoners in the Room & that I was confined there only Thirteen Days—so that it cou'd not become my turn more than once—& that I well remembered, when that Service was proposed to me, & knowing that we were then all on a footing, therefore I assented if required, on which I was told, half a Gallon of Rum wou'd excuse me, which I immediately sent for, & that poor George Blewor,* & (his Father as he called him & others named Commodore) Francis Grice, who I think proposed it, drank almost the whole—which perhaps you may remember—altho' the Company in which this dispute happened were too well acquainted

*Perhaps Bluver.

with me & my disposition, to believe I cou'd be so meanly saving, as represented, yet it being repeatedly asserted on your credit, & as often denied on the same, in such a Company, renders it necessary that you shou'd be informed thereof, altho' I assure You that I have not the least suspicion that You ever treated me in such a manner—but as false stories have been frequently propogated against me & I am persuaded from the same Quarter, for some Years past, before our Gen/ Elections, at which that Gentleman has for several Years been a Candidate, but for certain reasons he has not for some Years, had my approbation—therefore the mean policy has been frequently made use of, to propogate false Stories to diminish my influence in behalf of Others, whom I have better approved of for as to myself it is well known that I will accept of no public Office I have therefore to request that You wou'd favour me with an answer, as soon as possible—& if you send it to the care of M/r Aaron Musgrove, your Goaler, to whose care I send this under cover with a request to forward your Answer as speedily as he can & I expect he will do so—I have several reasons to request your compliance & I doubt not you will indulge me—My best Respects to M/rs Frazier, your Daughter & Family—& believe me to be with much esteem & regard

D/r Sir

Your's sincerely

pray fail not to answer me speedily

Jn/o M/c Kinly

Coll/o Percifer Frasier Esq/r
Chester County

In care of
M/r Aaron Musgrove

Memoranda
written in another hand

{ Councillor
John Hannum
Assembly
Caleb James
Mark Wilcox
Townsend Whelen
Rich/d Thomas
Samuel Evans
W/m Gibbons

Assuming Dr. McKinly's allowance of time for the transmission of letters between Wilmington and Thornbury at "a few days," this letter probably reached Gen. Frazer on Sept. 15, for he wrote a reply on the 16th, which was entrusted to Major Harper but still undelivered on Nov. 25. Probably this letter contained a copy of the communication he addressed to Col. Bedford, which for that reason is entered here.

(Sept. 16.(?) 1778)

Sir

I Received a letter yesterday from Doct/r McKinly which has given me great Surprise; He therein mentions that you had reproached him in a Public Company in the following terms, "that during the time M/r McKinly was a prisoner in Philad/a he Used to Sweep the Room in turn, when he might have been excused on paying five Shillg/s in Port Wine" and that I was the person, that gave you the information Now Sir I do in the most explicit manner declare that, no such expression ever passed my lips, nor had I any grounds ever to have made Use of such expressions; on the contrary I do not know that he ever did sweep our Room, and remember his being excused from that business on acc/t of his age and Rank, and on his giving a treat to some of the Company—You must certainly upon recollection Sir clear me of being the Author of so groundless a Charge; during the time M/r McKinly and I were prisoners together, I never observed any thing in his conduct either mean or mercenary and it wou'd have been highly improper in me to have made use of such ungrounded reflections—I believe upon recollection you will remember that one of our Company when prisoners, had from former disputes, no great friendship for the Doct/r whether any expression of his might have made impressions on your mind I know not, but I most solemnly declare that no such words were ever uttered by me—I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject, which has given me much uneasiness and shall be sorry the respect I have entertain'd for you should suffer any diminution

I am
Sir

Your most O.b/t Serv/t
Pers/r Frazer

Gunning Bedford Esq/r

Addressed Gunning Bedford Esq/r
Wilmington

October 24. 1788.

Wilmington 24/th Oct/r 1788

Dear Sir

I wrote to You, some weeks agoe, a Letter which I inclosed to the care of M/r Musgrove your Goaler requesting that he wou'd forward the same with care & dispatch & as I apprehend that he has complied with my request—& that Business has prevented your favouring me with an Answer hitherto—I must therefore repeat my

request that you wou'd favour me with an Answer by the first convenient opportunity & thereby oblige

Sir

Your very hum Serv

Jn/o M/c Kinly

The Bearer has promised to forward
with care this hasty Scrawle

Coll/o Persifor Frazier Esq/r
Chester County

favoured by
Mark Wilcocks Esq

The reproachful letter of Oct. 24th must have been received and answered three days later, viz: Oct. 27, and a second letter enclosing another copy of the communication to Gunning Bedford was dispatched on that date by Mr. Russell, reaching the impatient Doctor a few days later—say Nov. 1. But the latter was not so prompt in acknowledging the receipt of services as in requesting them, for he allowed over three weeks to pass before inditing the following:

November 25. 1788.

Wilmington 25/th Nov/r 1788

Dear Sir

This is the first opportunity I have had, or I wou'd have sooner acknowledged the receipt of your favour of the 27/th Ult/o for your Letter on the 16/th Sept/r by Major Harper I have not rec/d but your last by M/r Russell came safe to hand, a few Days after its Date, for which you have, what You so justly merit, my warmest gratitude—for You have therein not only proved all my assertions in that noted Controversy, to which it relates, but You have also kindly mentioned how I constantly attended the sick & wounded Officers & Soldiers belonging to our Army & supplied them with Medicines & Wine at my own expence—& to my great satisfaction it clearly proves what I particularly insisted upon at the time, that You were my Friend & to much of a Gentleman to be guilty of the Falsehood that Calumniator laid to your Charge—& the whole was so well expressed, that I had great pleasure in showing it to every of the Gentlemen who were in Company when the dispute happened, & to several Others, who all were fully convinced thereby that the Person alluded to is a scandalous Lyer tho' I did not before think worth while to mention it to You, yet he also insisted at the same time that the Provisions, which You may remember, I did procure liberty from Gen/l Smallwood to supply our Landlady M/rs Jenkins with, who then stood in great need of such supply, that I huckstered them about the Street to sell to the highest Bidder, the fact was, M/rs Jenkins wanted & wou'd have willingly kept

the whole, but I got her to spare a part, only for the use of my Brother in Law Cap/t Reeve, who was then in great want—thus He, who to carry his Election into the Legislature, to which he knew that for several weighty reasons I was opposed, therefore to lessen my influence, he has constantly made it his practice for several years before our annual Election, to propogate, covertly, some falsehood against me—but at last becoming so bold as to insist on some of those falsehoods to my Face, which I long suspected he had often done behind my Back, he is at length detected which I hope may be the Fate of all such base & scandalous Persons—(turn over)—I wou'd now mention to You, that at the same time our Calumniator said, that he had his information from You, which was what we chiefly disputed upon, he also declared that Coll/o Hammum also told him the same, which I do not believe, therefore I cou'd wish that You wou'd acquaint Coll/o Hammum therewith as soon as You have a convenient opportunity, & request his Answer for altho' your Answer is fully sufficient to disprove the Charge, yet his wou'd be an additional Evidence—I shall not apologise for this farther trouble, as I know You will readily excuse it—& shou'd it be in my power to render You any Service, I hope You will freely command—My best respects to M/rs Frazier & the Family, & assure yourself that I am with great regard D/r Sir

Your real Friend
& very hum Serv
Jn/o M/cKinly

P.S. I wou'd just add, that all the Company who were present, when the dispute happened, knew that I had never been a niggardly Person before or since being a Prisoner—& You may recollect, that when in Captivity, besides what I did for the sick & wounded, I also gave the worthy M/rs Gray* an half Johannes, when raising a Collection amongst her Friends, wherewith She, good Woman, bought Blankets, & carried them by stealth to our half naked Soldiers, who were in Goal, starving with the Cold, without Fire

General Persifor Frazier Esq/r
Chester County
favoured by
Ja/s A. Bayard Esq

*This is doubtless the Mrs. Gray to whom such a glowing tribute is paid in the sketch of an address to Gen. Washington from the "Phila. Goal" Jan. 21. 1778. presumably by the American officers and soldiers who were prisoners there.



Arms and Sash carried in the Revolution by General Frazer

Description and authentication of arms and portions of
uniform formerly used by General Frazer.

In the half tone illustration the upper sword, presented to Col. Frazer by Baron von Steuben as stated by the former's daughter Sally, with its scabbard is 2' 2" from the top of the ornament surmounting the hilt to the point of the blade, and 5 3/4" from the same initial point to the lower surface of the guard. The hilt and guard of the sword, and the bands of the scabbard are of brass. This was one of the small swords of General Frazer, and is in all probability that one alluded to in the accompanying letter of Sarah Frazer to my father, John Fries Frazer, written June 6. 1840, as having been in the possession of George Brinton and Joseph H. Brinton.

West Chester, June 6th. 1840.

My dear John

I have heard a piece of news within these few days that I think will be interesting to you. Namely that one of your Grand-fathers small swords which was thought to be lost, is to the fore, in this neighbourhood—It seems that there was some conversation about me going on in Mrs Hodgsons house some time since when John Brinton the Lawyer asked Mrs H. if I knew that Joseph H. Brinton had my Fathers Sword (or Lewis Brinton now, his father being dead). Mrs. H. did not know nor did she mention any thing as to any one of the Brintons having it, but I know that your Grandpa had two swords besides his Hanger, as he called it, I also heard your grandma mention several times that he had lent one to Colonel Thomas Taylor of Westtown and that it was lost—Col. Taylor was a militia officer and an intimate friend of your Grandpa, there are letters from him among those papers I gave to Persifer, I think, by which it appears he was very near taking out a commission and going into the regular Army—George Brinton the father of Joseph H. Brinton was a pretty near neighbour of Col. Taylor, I remember them both very well—it seems probable the sword might have been left at his house upon some occasion and Col. Taylor might have died without mentioning it—Moreover I think it must be the sword presented to your Grandpa by Baron Stuben, the military Tactician, you know, a foreigner, who assisted General Washington in training his raw troops.

At any rate I think it of too much consequence to be left *
* * * * and believe you will think so too—I have
been balancing, a little whether or no to give you the first chance
for redeeming it, have finally concluded you have the best right,
particularly in the absence of your brother P.—I do not know

who has the sword* that was bought by Doctor Wilson at the sale of your Fathers property after his death, but some one of the family, or conections of the family, got it after the blade had been broken and repaired—Give my love to *my dear* Charlotte and a kiss to the little Anne—and believe me, in spite of all your capers,

Your affectionate Aunt Sally

Please tell Doctor Barton he must not take those children of his to France without *bringing* them up to see me first—I want to know about Robert, whether he goes into the army or no as I have heard a talk of—I think, however, you will be here and can tell me—

West Chester August 21st, 1840.

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of addresssing you, upon a subject of great interest to myself, but which requires that I should commence by apologizing for troubling you, with whom I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, in the matter.

Having been informed that there was, in your possession a sword, which originally belonged to my grandfather, Lieut. Col. Persifor Frazer, and was used by him in the revolutionary war, I applied to Mr. Dillingham to learn whether there was any possibility of re-obtaining possession of a relic so interesting to us, and was by him encouraged to make the present application to you.

To your late father, this sword was undoubtedly highly interesting as a memorial of an ancient loved, and respected friend; and there would, I conceive, have been an impropriety in seeking the recovery of it during his life-time; this impropriety, does not, I hope, now exist, since he too has followed his ancient comrade, and is succeeded by those, to whom, in the nature of things, Col. Frazer must be comparatively unknown. To the children of Col. Frazer, however, and to his descendants, such a historical relic of such an ancestor, cannot but be of great value, and of the highest interest, and it is in the name of his descendants, that I take the liberty of requesting of you the favour of its restoration. I feel that in making this request, I am taking a liberty which is the greater, not being warranted by any previous acquaintance; but I hope that this will be pardoned, and my request, (if consistent with your feelings,) be granted, for the sake of the friendship which has of old existed between the families.

*This was the broken blade of lenticular cross section which disappeared shortly after the death of my father, John F. Frazer.

I shall be happy to hear from you, when perfectly convenient to yourself, and if it be agreeable to you will call upon you, whenever you may be at leisure, to discuss the matter personally.

In the mean time

I remain with great respect

Yours truly

John F. Frazer
(Chester Cy. Hotel)—

Lewis Brinton Esqre.

Philadelphia September 5th, 1840

Dear Sir

The numerous occupations, to which my sudden return to the City called me, have prevented me from acknowledging, ere this, the receipt of the sword which you have so kindly presented.

Permit me, in my own name, and in that of the family, to return to you, our sincerest thanks for your kindness, and to assure you of the pleasure, it will give us to reciprocate it, if ever an opportunity shall occur.

With great respect

I subscribe myself

Your obedient servant

John F. Frazer.

Lewis Brinton Esqre.

Westchester

The last two letters were shown me by the late Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, and were accompanied by the following note:

Dr. D. G. Brinton,

Media, Pa April 26/99.

Dear Dr Frazer;

On looking over some old family papers, my sister came across two letters which she has sent me. They refer to the sword, of which you once inquired. It occurs to me that you might like to see them, & I therefore enclose them to you. Will you kindly return them at your convenience.

I remain

Very truly yrs

D. G. Brinton

The correspondence with Mr. Lewis Brinton establishes the identity of this sword because my Father possessed but two others of early date. One of these was a broken blade with convex sides tapering to a point and without hilt, grip, or scabbard. Its cross section was lenticular.

This sword was probably the second of the two small swords, alluded to in Sarah Frazer's letter, of which the origin is unknown. It was in my Father's possession till his death but since then could never be found.—The other sword inherited by him is not of older date than 1812, in the opinion of an expert of the William H. Horstmann Co.

The sword represented with its scabbard at the bottom of the illustration is with equal certainty the "Hanger" mentioned also in my great Aunt's letter. It was given to me by W. H. Myers, whose letter will be found below establishing its authenticity. He told me that during her life time his mother kept it in a drawer.

It is 2 ft 3 3/4 inches long from the top of the hilt to the tip of the blade, and 4 1/2 inches from the same point to the lower edge of the guard, the chains on the hilt and scabbard, and the bands on the latter are of silver.

Philad/a Dec. 14. 1887—

Dr. Persifor Frazer

Dear Sir—The small "French hunting sword" you have, belonged to Col. Persifor Frazer, & was used by him after he lost his sword when taken prisoner after the battle of Brandywine.

He last wore it in action, at the battle of Monmouth,* of the above I was informed by my mother, who was his youngest daughter, in whose possession it was until her death—This was also known to all the older members of my mother's family.—

Very truly Yours
W/m H. Myers

This sword was always called a "Couteau de Chasse," & from the guard & chain being silver & the hilt ivory, had evidently belonged to a French officer, & had been given by him to Col. Frazer.—

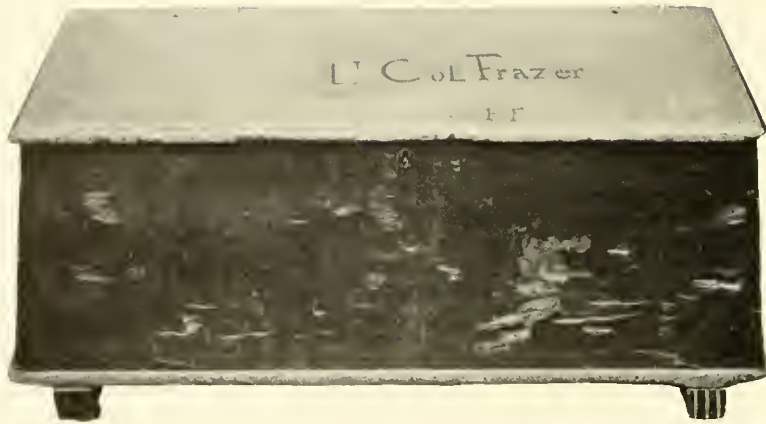
W. H. M.

The pistols in the illustration were inherited by my Uncle Persifor Frazer (b. 1809) from his Father Robert, son of Gen. Frazer, and at

*This is probably a mistake. In a letter dated "White Plains July 26. 1778," the second he wrote after the battle of Monmouth, Col. Frazer says * * * "do send my Bayonet and small Hanger, * * * "I have no sword to wear" * * * ; and in a subsequent letter from the same place of Sept. 2, '78, he says, "I forgot to mention that I have got my Sword and Bayonet."



Epaulette worn by General Frazer in the Revolution.
Seven-tenths of natural size, lineal measurement.



Military chest of white pine used by Gen. Frazer during his campaigns in the Revolution. The dimensions of the lower base are 3 ft. 11 inches x 1 ft. 7 inches; at the top 3 ft. 7 inches x 1 ft. 3½ inches. Vertical depth 1 ft. 3½ inches. The name and initials were probably cut by himself with a penknife. The top and sides are stained reddish brown.



Interior of the same.

my uncle's death were left by him to me together with the military chest elsewhere figured, and the family papers which are embodied in this book. They are each 1 ft. $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches from butt to muzzle. The barrel is 8 inches long. The barrel, base of the butt (with connecting inlaid strips on each side, and a small detached inlaid plate on the upper part of the stock in shape like the vertical section of an egg with the point towards the base) is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $7/8$ " broad; the side plate (bearing the name "Blyth"), a narrow scroll opposite, the trigger-guard, and tube & socket for the ramrod; are of brass.

The trigger, hammer bearing the flint, the "steel," and a short strap secured on top of the stock by one screw and touching the upper side of the chamber of the barrel, are of steel. The ramrod is of wood $7\frac{5}{8}$ inches long tipped at the small end with a steel charge-drawer with double cork screw reversed and screwed on to the steel threaded end. On the upper side of the barrel is engraved the word "LONDON."

The sash of red silk which surrounds the other objects was given to me by Dr. W. H. Myers the nephew and namesake of the donor of the "hanger." The accompanying undated note from him gives his statement of the origin and successive ownerships of this sash:

I came into possession of the sash after death of my father the late Persifor Frazer Myers, who died in 1862 when I was a boy of 17 years of age. Always understood that it belonged to my grandfather the late Col. Henry Myers of the Chester Co. Blues (1812-1815), and my grand mother Eliza Frazer his wife who was a daughter of Gen. Persifor Frazer, and that it formerly belonged to her Father. My grand parents afterwards gave it to my father I suppose and along with some old family papers which have disappeared. Have always kept it as a relic until the present time, and with the above account of its history.

The military chest was used by General Frazer during his campaigns in the war of the Revolution, and has the following dimensions:

Length of lower base, 3 ft 11 inches, breadth 1 ft 7 inches.

Length along upper aperture closed by the lid, 3 ft 7 inches, breadth 1 ft $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Depth vertically from upper corner to bottom, 1 ft $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Its possession descended to his eldest son Robert, and from him to his eldest son Persifor, my Uncle, who kept it with great care in a bank vault; and having no children, left it to me.

It is made of white pine. The top and sides are stained a reddish

brown. The words "Lt Col. Frazer" are cut on the top, very likely by its first owner. The letters "P F" also roughly cut a little to the right of the front edge of the lid, are very shallow and not completed.

It is to this chest Mary Worrall Frazer alluded in the postscript of her letter of Aug. 29. 1777 to her husband, where she expressed surprise that it was not among the Officers' baggage which had been brought to their house in Thornbury.

The epaulette in the illustration, worn by Persifor Frazer while Lt. Col. of the Fifth Pennsylvania Continental line, was presented by his widow to their granddaughter Mrs Emma Vaughn (Smith) Riley, and is now in the museum of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It is of the pattern generally used by the Officers of the Continental army. The strap and fringe are of silver bullion. The length of the epaulette and strap when suspended, as represented in the half-tone, is $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The workmanship is superior and probably French.

I sent the illustrations and descriptions of the arms to Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, with the questions subjoined. Through the kindness of Lt. Col. A. H. Russell, of the same department, who referred them to the anthropological section of the National Museum, at Washington, I have received the following replies from Dr. Rathbun, to whom and to his assistant, Mr. Beckwith, I express herewith my sincere thanks.

Smithsonian Institute
United States National Museum
Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1906.

Dr. Persifor Frazer,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 9th addressed to Brig. Gen. William Crozier, U. S. Army, together with the photographs and descriptions of swords, pistols, etc., concerning which you desire certain information, has been referred to the National Museum. * * * I am not able to do more than send you the annexed answers which have been furnished by Mr. Paul Beckwith, of the Department of Anthropology, in reply to your questions, and these I am repeating for your convenience.

1. In the upper sword are there indications of German origin?

Ans. More probably French than German.

2. Were swords like the two represented common among the gentlemen of the American army in 1777-78?
Ans. Yes. They were in general use.
3. Are there indications of French workmanship in the lower sword?
Ans. Yes. There are such indications shown.
4. Were "couteaux de chasse" and "hangers" used then as officers' swords?
Ans. Yes. They were in general use by the line and staff officers, with the exception of those in the Cavalry and Artillery branches.
5. Have the pistols the appearance of duelling pistols of that epoch?
Ans. They were probably used as dragoon or holster pistols.
6. Would duelling pistols have been probably used in holsters then owing to the scarcity of suitable military small arms?
Ans. As there was no regulation service pistol, any available make was used.
7. Who was "Blyth" (the name on the plate under the hammer). If a London gunmaker, what was his date?
Ans. He was a gunmaker in London during the years 1772-1793.
8. Were red silk sashes worn by the American officers during the Revolution?
Ans. In compliance with General Orders issued from the War Office, Philadelphia, on January 9, 1799, red silk sashes were to be worn by the commissioned officers, and red worsted sashes by the non-commissioned officers.
9. The cross section of the lost sword was somewhat oval, the longer diameter about an inch at the guard. Does this give any suggestion as to its character or origin? Would it not resemble a rapier?
Ans. The cross section resembles a court or dress sword, rapier, scaramouche, hanger, or small sword.
10. See note p. 5. What use had an officer for a bayonet?
Ans. In 1780, in accordance with General Orders, Short Hills, Sunday, January 18, 1780, all commissioned officers were required to have as side arms either a sword or a "genteel bayonet." The latter weapon resembled a dirk.

* * *

Very truly yours,

R. Rathbun.

Nov. 7. 1906.

Referring to your letter of October 25th, I would say that the duelling pistol of the Revolutionary period was a finely finished heavy pistol with a blunt butt. The one represented in your photograph has a round butt and is of a much heavier build.*

It is very probable that sashes were worn in the Continental army, although there is no documentary proof to that effect, as the uniform was copied after that of the British officers, who certainly wore silk sashes at that time. * * *

R. Rathbun
Asst. Secy.

*That is to say they were not duelling pistols. P. F.

CHAPTER VI.

The Period from 1779 to 1792 Inclusive.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS INCLUDING LETTERS, INVITATIONS,
MEMORANDA, LEGAL DOCUMENTS, ACCOUNTS, RECEIPTS, ETC.,
ARRANGED AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE IN CHRONOLOGICAL
ORDER.

A paper book 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches with paste-board covers under red marbled paper, containing ten leaves, has the following heading on the first page:

Register of the Names of those Persons that have taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed the 5/th day of December 1778. before Persifor Frazer one of the Commissioners appointed for the County of Chester.

N/o	Persons Names		Date of Certificate
o 1	Thomas Cheney Esq.	one of the justices and a Sub Lieut. for Chester Co.	Jany. 20th 1779
a 2	Tho/s Taylor Esq.	one of the justices etc.	Jany. 29/th
o 3	Samuel McMin	of Concord(weaver)	Feb/y 1st
a 4	Jn/o Murtland	of Goshen.....	.....4th
o 5	Bart/w Sutton	Middletown .....	.....13th
o 6	Will/m Linsey	Chichester .....	.....13th
a 7	Joseph Rudolph	Darby .....	.....15
o 8	Jn/o Gruber	ditto .....	.....d/o
a 9	Henry Hayes	ditto .....	.....d/o
a 10	Sam/l Smith	ditto .....	.....d/o

o 11	James Davis	Tredyffrin	February 19th
o 12	Samuel Landers	Ridley	23d
o 13	James Kerr	.....	ditto
o 14	John Snider jun/r	.....	ditto
a 15	Jacob Rudolph Cap/t	Darby	ditto
16	John Quandrill	.....	ditto
o 17	Ja/s McMichell	Chester	24th
18	William Willis	.....	d/o
o 19	Cap/t Nich/o Diehl	Ridley	d/o
o 20	Major Sketchly Morton		
	Commiss/r of Taxes	Ridley	d/o
o 21	David Cloyd	} East Whiteland...	do
	Commiss/r of Taxes		
o 22	Col/ Jn/o Bartholomew	} ditto	d/o
	One of the Assessors		
a 23	Col/o Caleb Davis	} Springfield	d/o
	Prothonotary		

a 24	Joshua Ash	Darby	d/o
a 25	Jn/o Pearson	ditto	d/o
o 26	Jn/o Mcfarland	.....	d/o
o 27	Will/m Evans	Chester	d/o
o 28	Edw/d Burd Esq/r	}	25th
	Prothonotary of Supream Court		
o 29	Andrew McMinn	Ashtown	d/o
o 30	James M Cullogh	Springfield	d/o
o 31	Will/m Haston	Chichester	27th
o 32	Ralph Forrester	Goshen	d/o
o 33	John Taylor	Willistown	d/o
o 34	James Hemphill	Goshen	d/o
a 35	James Ramage	Thornbury	d/o
o 36	James Beggs.	Edgemont	d/o
o 37	W/m Dunwoody	ditto	d/o
a 38	Tho/s Levis Esq/r	one of the Justices	
		etc	March 4th
o 39	Mark Willcox	of Concord	d/o
a 40	Isaac Levis	Middletown	d/o
a 41	Mordecai Massey	Edgemont	d/o
o 42	Rob/t Thomson	do	d/o
a 43	John Levis	Springfield	d/o
a 44	Elisha Taylor	Willistown	22/nd
a 45	Edward Carter	Chester	23/rd

o 46	Thomas Bigar	Chester	March 23/d
o 47	Morton Morton	Ridley .....	..... 27
o 48	Thomas Price	ditto .....	..... 27/th
o 49	And/w Urian	Darby .....	..... 29/th
o 50	Philip Clime	ditto .....	..... 29/th

Register continued

N/o	Persons Names	Place of residence	date when adm/r
o 51	Laurence Fredrick	Darby	March 29/th
o 52	John Wright	ditto .....	..... 29
o 53	Andrew Boon	ditto .....	..... 29
o 54	John Cornog	Haverford .....	..... 29
o 55	John Davis	ditto .....	..... 29
o 56	William Field	Marple .....	..... 30/th
o 57	Bernhard Vanleer	ditto .....	..... dito
o 58	William Quin	ditto .....	..... 30/th
o 59	Hugh Kirpatrick	Chester .....	..... d/o
o 60	John Vaughan	ditto .....	..... d/o
o 61	Robert Fergison	ditto .....	..... d/o
o 62	Rich/d Flower	ditto .....	..... d/o
a 63	David Cowpiand	d/o .....	..... d/o

64 o	Joshua Vaughan	d/o .....	..... d/o
65 a	William James	d/o .....	..... d/o
66 a	John Rinker	d/o .....	..... d/o
67 o	John Schantlin	d/o .....	..... d/o
68 o	John Hogan	d/o .....	..... d/o
69 o	Caleb McCully	d/o .....	..... d/o
70 a	William Jones	Goshen .....	..... d/o
71 o	Joseph Black	Edgemont .....	..... 31/st
72 o	Daniel Rice	Darby	April 1/st
73 o	George Gruber	ditto .....	..... d/o
74 o	Chris/r Shuff	ditto .....	..... d/o
75 o	Joseph Boon	ditto .....	..... d/o
76 o	Jacob Rice	ditto .....	..... d/o

77	o	Lewis Painter	ditto .....	..... d/o
78	o	Peter Boon	ditto .....	..... d/o
79	a	Arch/d Dick	Lower Chichester..	..... d/o
80	a	John Hannum Esq/r	East Bradford.....	..... d/o
81	o	Lewis Trimble	Ridley .....	..... 20/th
82		Joshua Way	Thornbury	June 14/th
83		Alex/r Vincent	Concord .....	.....

84		James Lindsay	Ashtown	Octo: 12/th 1779
85		Mich/l Gill	Chester .....	..... d/o
86		W/m Noblit jun/r	Middletown	Octo 18/th

List of Persons, who have taken permits accord/g to an Act entitled an Act. to prevent engrossing and forestalling etc ^a

Parker Askew	Concord	Feb/y. 23/d 1780
Jn/o Pierce	ditto .....	..... 28
Francis Trumble	Goshen .....	..... 29
Col/o Thomas Ball	Warwick furnace..	March 1/st
Adam Richards	East Caln.....	..... d/o
Jn/o Hannum Esq/r		..... 2/nd
James Woodward	Bradford .....	..... d/o

March 5. 1779.

Brother Isaac

March 5/th 1779

I expected to have seen you here on Monday last as you promis'd and expected We might agree about the Meadow and Worrilow field—It has been a disappointment so far to me as I have not concluded where to put in my Spring crop and as I must have my fences put in order if Grissell is to have it, he must prepare Rails for his part as I shall have occasion for a great many if I am not to have that part—I should

be very glad you would give me an answer that I may know how to proceed—We hope Betsy and all the Children are well, We should be very glad to see you and your family here again—Piercy is well—Your Mother has been very ill for several days past Polly and myself join in our good wishes and Com/ts to Betsy and yourself

Y/rs Pers/r Frazer

Let me hear from you by a line by the Bearer—Piercy wants Shoes very much.—

Addressed

To
M/r Isaac Taylor
near Colonel Knoxes
In
Southwark
favour of
Rob Glenn

The following inquisition is the outcome of the annoyance referred to in the correspondence of Col. Frazer and his wife during 1776:

April 6. 1779.

Pennsylvania

Chester County Ss An Inquisition Indented and taken at East Whiteland in the said County of Chester the 6th: day of April Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred & Seventy nine by the Oaths & affirmations of John Jacobs, William Denny Robert Wallace Charles Reed David Denny, Aaron Phipps, Benjamin Jacoby, Paul M/c Knight, John Evans, Thomas Roberts and John Francis Thomas Harris, good and lawful men of said County, before Thomas Cheyney and David Cowpland Esq/rs Justices the Peace of said County to keep Assigned, and also to hear & determine divers other matters and things to them committed who say upon their Oaths & affirmations aforesaid that William Noblitt-----in said County Yeoman Persifor Frazer Yeoman long since was lawfully and peaceably seized in his demesne as of Fee of & in one messuage with its appurtenances in East Whiteland afores/s in the County aforesaid, and his said possession so continued until William Noblit late of Middletown Yeoman some time in the month of April 1777 with strong hand into the messuage aforesaid with the appurtenances afores/d did enter and him the said Persifor Frazer thereof disseized and expelled and him the said Persifor Frazer so dis-

seized and expelled from the said Messuage and appurtenances from the said month of April intill the day of the taking of this Inquisition with strong hand did keep out and doth yet keep out to the great disturbance of the peace of this Commonwealth and against the form of the Laws in such case made and provided

We whose names are hereunto set being the Jurors aforesaid do upon the Evidence now produced before us find the Inquisition aforesaid true

In Witness whereof we have hereto set our hands and Seals

John Evans	David Denny	John Jacobs
Tho/s Roberts	Aaron Phipps	W/m Denny
John Francis	Ben Jacobs	Robert Wallace
Thomas Harris	Paul m/c knight	Charles Reed

April 15. 1779

Agreement of Jonathan Valentine to pay P. F. £ 1135 for a tract of land in E. Caln twp. Chester Co. but as a part is held by Sarah wife of John Pierce P. F. is to pay to Valentine the interest on £ 135 per year till her death.

Chester: ss: Whereas information hath been given to me the
June 7. 1779

Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester, that Jonathan Hunter, George Fryer, William Pyle, George Brinton and John Pierce are at this time possess'd of quantities of Grain or flour more than Sufficient to support their family's and stock to the First day of August next—And whereas divers familys are at this time in great want of Bread for their sustenance of the familys and some of the persons aforementioned have refus'd to dispose of Grain or flour at the market price or for Continental Currency.—These are therefore to authorize and Command Hugh Reed—Jacob Vernon and Persifor Frazer to go to all or any of the places where any grain or flour is kept by all or any of the persons aforesaid and carefully examine what quantity of Grain or flour all or any of the said persons are possess'd of and how much thereof can be spared over and above what may be necessary for the support of the owner or possessor his or their family's or stock by them kept,

which overplus you shall appraise at the current price and make return of your proceedings to me—Given under my Hand and Seal this 7th day of June 1779
 Thomas Cheyney

June 8. 1779.

Agreable to the Orders & directions of Thomas Cheyney Esq/r

We the subscribers went to the dwelling House of Jonathan Hunter of the Township of Edgemont to examine what quantity of Grain or flour was in the possession of the said Hunter and upon examination as aforesaid We found in the dwelling House of the said Hunter Eighty Bushells of Wheat & thirteen hundred of flour—

Thirty Bushells whereof We think sufficient to keep & maintain the family & stock of the said Hunter untill the first day of Aug/t next— And We do appraise the said Wheat at Six pounds ten shillings p/r Bushell each Bushell to weigh sixty pounds & We do also appraise the said flour at Twenty Pounds p/r hundred weight. Witness our hands this 8/th day June 1779

In a foreign hand	}	June y/e 9 Samuel Oliver obtained	Jacob Vernon
		an order for 200 of y/e above flour	Hugh Reed
		the 12 James Tomson for one hundred	Pers/r Frazer

on back of sheet

Sam/l Oliver	.....2 C/t flour	David Yarnall	.... 2 1/2	Wheat
Rich/d Evanson	..... 1/4 C/t	Aaron Baker	.....10	Bus
		John Sill	..... 3 1/2	Bus
	2 1/4 C/t	James Register	.... 9	Bus
		Josiah Lewis	.....10 1/2	Bus

Richard Sill	.....1 C/t			
Jn/o Bougher	.....1 C/t		35 1/2	Bus

James Thomson	.....1 C/t
Elinor Walters	.....1 C/t
Rich/d Butler	.....1 C/t
Jn/o Edward	.....2

Rich/d Butler	..... 1
Han/a Yarnall 3
Levis Jones 3
Jane Russell
Nat/h Baker 3
Jn/o Briggs 3
Dan/l Yarnall 6

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(In pencil)	Nathan Baker 3

From the date of the return to the Court of the report of the commissioners last till Nov. 29, 1781, there is no dated and signed writing by Gen. Frazer among his papers, although there are the rough drafts of two memorials; one to Congress, and one to the Supreme Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which must have been written in this interval. (See pages 265 and 270)

During the summer of 1779 Gen. Sullivan prosecuted his Indian campaign in the Wyoming Valley, and in the official account of that campaign by the Secretary of the State of New York is a Roster containing the name of Lt. Col. Frazer as a Deputy Commissary General. The question of his participation in this campaign is discussed in the Preface.

July 14. 1779.

Philad/a July 14. 1779.

Sir,

As a Clothier General is now to be chosen, I have taken the liberty to mention your name to some of the members of Congress as a person very proper for that place—what the Event may be I cannot pretend to say; but beg you will take a ride up to Town without delay; as your presence may be very necessary if any thing is likely to be done—I shall hope to see you this Evening or early to morrow morning; and am D/r S/r

Yours Sincerely
W/m Henry

Addressed

near Taylor's Ironworks
Chester County

For Sundry Reasons it would be highly necessary you should be here to morrow morning, by Breakfast Time, if possible.

(No date.)
Chester. Ss

The deposition of Hannah Yarnall of the Township of Edgemont, taken before me the Subscriber One of the Justices &c/c of the said County; who being duly affirm'd according to Law doth depose & say—

That She is well acquainted with Edward Richardson the Son of Joseph Richardson who lives on the other side of Skuykill as she is informed—that the said Edward came to live with George Peirce

las about this in the Spring of 1782, that the said George Peirce occupys the plantation where this deponant which was the property of the late deponants late Husband & where She now resides—that the said Edward Richardson work'd for the said Peirce from the time above mentioned 'till after the next Harvest, that during this time the deponant often observed the said Richiso Edward go abroad & Return with a different Horse from that he took with Him & at one time he bro/t two Horses to the said Peirce that about the Middle of August he went off as is this deponant was inform'd to Virginia, & has been absent three times since to the same place as by the s/d Edw/d informd this deponant was inform'd that the said Edward frequently came to the said Peirces & almost allways in the Night that particularly last November She remembers he came there in the Night & bro/t a very good Horse afors dapple grey Horse, that he led the Horse Saddle with the Saddle on to the Stables, that about two Hours before day She heard a person walking near the House, that She got up & observ'd the s/d Edward She went up to bed heard a person go up Stairs & as She believes go to Bed, being early in the Night, that late at night after Peirces family had gone to Bed, the deponant being up in her own apartment spinning she saw the said Edward walking up the Lane going through the Bars into the Lane & after some time ret he return'd & came into her apartm/t & ask'd her if it was not time to go to Bed & staid their about half an hour, & then went away—that about two hours before day She observed him come from towards the Barn & go towars into the s/d Peirces,—That this deponant often heard the said Edward declare that he had been join'd with the British Troops sh— & had been with them a considerable Time & that She often heard George Peirce mention the same & that he served as a Light Horseman amo with them—This deponent further saith that Cap/t Black came to the after the said Ed (torn) for Tax—that she understood he had been often after it but could (torn) find the said Edward, that She heard the said Edward declare he would pay no taxes, that he would play them a trick for it or words to that effect that the said Edward appear'd very well dressed having Silver Button (torn) to his Clothes & that She heard him say that he would never work whilst he could live without but that he would take the World easy—

Between Aug. 5. 1780, and Mar. 28, 1781.

To the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
The Petition & representation of the Subscribers

Inhabitants of Chester County—
Most respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners are well acquainted with Edward Grissell & John Willson now under in Confinement in the Goal in Philad/a under a Charge of Treason—That from our knowledge of them We do apprehend it was more owing to their youthfull the Folly & inattention too C---t incident to youth than from any real inveterate designs against the welfare of their Country that prevail'd with them to join the Enemy—That since their return their conversation & behaviour so far as We have been inform'd has indicated a sincere sorrow for their Transgressions—

We would further beg leave in the most respectfull manner to represent your Honors that, their coming off from Enemy & bring their Horses, Arms & Accountriments, surrendring themselves to the commanding Officer of the Continental Troops, & by his permission coming imediately to their former place of residence & throwing themselves upon the Mercy of their offended Country their not endeavouring to escape their Trial, though under enlargement for many Months & afterwards appearing without delay at the first Court of Oyer & Terminer together with the Circumstances before mentioned. These alliviating particulars We would fondly hope will have such weight as may lessen the—recommend them to the favour of your Honors for Mercey and Pardon—And We do assure your Honors that nothing could prevail with Us to interfere in this manner did We apprehend those Persons were improper objects of your

We do therefore pray your Honors will take their Case into your consideration & yield them such re ss as your Petitioners as in duty bound will constantly ever acknowledge the Favour

(Unsigned draft.)

No date. Probably between April 5, 1780, and Mar. 22, 1781.

To

May it please y/r Honors
being I have been requested to state the Characters of Edw/d Grizzell & Jn/o Smith Willson who stand are Charg'd with Treason, beg leave to repre---t to inform your Honors, that I have known them both several years & from their former behaviour am of Opinion it was owing more to youthfull folly & inexperience than from any badness of heart that they were led into the Commission of the Crimes wherewith they stand Charged—Since their return I have taken particular Notice of their conduct & can say with truth that it has been such as show'd

their sorrow & abhorrence of the Crimes they had committed—and as I have reason to believe they brought their Horses Arms & Accoutrements off with them, Hope they will meet with all the favour Usually shewn to others in their Circumstances

Addressed

Col/o Persifor Frazer
Commissioner of Purchases
for the county of Chester

May 13. 1780.

Philad/a May 13/th 1780

Dear Sir

I received your favour this morning by M/r Smith in favour of two persons now confined in the Jail of this City and under sentence of death—I can Just inform you that their cases considered of this day week and it did not appear to be the opinion of council that they shou'd be executed and accordingly an order was sent to the Sheriff to have them removed from the Dungeon to an upper chamber and to take off their Irons which I believe has been complied with.— No Warrant of execution having Issued consequently no reprieve cou'd take place and we are expressly prohibited from pardoning untill the end of the next session of the General Assembly in the cases of Treason and Murder this you'll see in the twentieth Sect/n of the Constitution of this State—

I make no doubt but that a Pardon will take Place as soon as the Assembly rises which will be in two or three weeks—

I have yesterday Just heard the disagreeable acc/ts of the murder of Boyd near your neighbourhood a collector of the Publick Taxes I fear the Villains have escaped the Punishment so Justly due Such an atrocious offence. The Marquis Fayette is arrived at Head quarters and will be in the City in a few days Various are the Conjectures what his Business may be Some report that he has a Squadron of ships of war with him and I believe it is Certain that he has brought over fifteen thousand Suits of Cloathing for our army and Likewise that he has more than ordinary Business no news from the Southward

I am Sir your Very h'ble Serv/t
Jos: Gardner

Col: Frazer

Addressed

Col: Persifor Frazer
Chester County

This note probably refers to Grissell & Wilson, charged with, and apparently convicted of, treason.

M/r Reeds Compliments to Col. Frazer and begs the Favour of
his Company to Dinner tomorrow 2 °Clock
Sunday Morn

Endorsed

Col. Frazer

Aug. 11. 1780. Friend Fred/k Steen
Please to pay unto l—(torn)—Gilpin Two
hundred and Eighty five Pou (torn) for w/ch Sum I
will be accountable

from your Friend

Aug/t 11. 1780

Pers/r Fra (torn)

Endorsed

Received from Pers. Frazer
the full Contents of the within
March 1. 1781—

Frederick Steen
Fre/d Steen Collector.

October 24. 1780

I will be answerable on demand for what Frederick
Taylor may purchase to day at your Vendue from y/r
Hble Servant

Pers/r Frazer

To M/r Sam/l Davis
Octo 24/th 1780

In 1781, 1782, and 1784 Persifor Frazer was elected to the Legisla-
ture of Pennsylvania.

May 20. 1781. This Bill bindeth me Richard Morris of the Town-
ship of Willistown, County of Chester and State of
Pennsylvania—Yeoman in the just Sum of Fifty
Pounds w/th lawful Intrest Gold or Silver Money of
the State aforesaid to be paid unto Persifor Frazer of

the Township of Thornbury in the County and State aforesaid, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns at or upon the twentieth day of May next; For the true payment whereof I do bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them in the Penal Sum of One Hundred Pounds of like Money as aforesaid accounting a Spanish milled Dollar weighing Seventeen penny/t Six grains at Seven Shillings and six pence each and a Gold half Johannes of Portugal weighing nine penny weight at the rate of Three pounds each. And further I do hereby—authorise and empower any Attorney of any Court of Record within the Said State or any of the United States to appear for me the Said Richard Morris and after one or more declarations filed for the above Penalty, thereupon to acknowledge Judgment or Judgments as to any term or time after the date hereof, with Stay of Execution until the Said twentieth day of May next. And I do hereby release all Errors that may happen to be in or about obtaining the said Judgmen or Judgments. Witness my Hand and Seal this Twentieth day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One.

Richard Morris

Sign'd, Seald and deliverd in presence

of Us his
Perry X Howard
mark
Mary Fallows

N B: the words (with Lawfull Intrest were interlin'd before Signing

Endorsed

Richard Morris
Bill

Chester, Thursday Evening
(Novem/r 29/th, 1781.)

My D/r

I expected to have had the satisfaction of seeing you this Evening, but the Quantity of Money I have receiv'd here makes it necessary I should go to Philad/a with it, I have sent you by Mr.

Cheyney some of the Articles you wrote for—the others I shall get if I can. I sent yesterday by Geo. Fryer from Philad/a to be left at Amos Mendenhalls, a Cag of Spirit, another of Mellasses and 1 1/2 Bus of Coarse Salt, you will please to send for them if you have not already done it.—I am to have 2 Bus fine Salt from Marcus Hook which I have paid for.—I intend to be home on Saturday Evening. I believe it will be best to send in the grey Horse tomorrow Evening and Bobby and I can ride home in the Chair—as it will be too much for the Horse to go and come in one day—if you should here of any person going to Market and send the Mare it would be still better. give my Love to the Children. I am My D/r polly.

Your affectionate Husband
Pers/r Frazer.

Chester Thursday Evening
Novem. 29/th 1781.

To Mrs. Mary Frazer
P/r fav/r of
Col. Cheyney

Dec. 7. 1781. Received Decem. 7. 1781 from Thomas Taylor
One Hundred and twenty seven pounds nine shillings
and ten pence hard money and Ten pounds State money
on acct of the Effective Supply

Endorsed

Pers/r Frazer's
acct.

Persifor Frazer
Treas.

(Decem/r 9/th 1781)

My D/r Percy

I should be glad you Cold make business ansure so as to Come home a Fryday for I Shall be a fread to Stay any Longer with out you I beg you may By your Self a Cloak for your Coat is intirely Spild please to Send little Polly pair of Shouse and let me know by Bobby wheather or not I had best Send in the grey horse for you to Come home in the Chair we are all well as you Left us Except my Self I got a bad pain in my Left arme that Renders it all most useless please to give my Complement to M/r and M/rs Henery I am my D/r Percy

Your affectionate wife
Mary Worrall Frazer

Decem/r 9/th 1781
please to Send the News and a Almanac
Col/o Persifor Frazer.

(Saturday Feby. 13/th, 2 oClock)

My D/r

The Convention have got the matter on which the Offices are to depend in the Constitution as reported by the Committee, it has been expected to come on some days ago, but is yet undertermined I therefore think it best to stay and see the issue which I expect will be favorable—beside this, in Consequence of Mr. Duffield's death Mr. Henry wants me to do some business for him It is therefore likely I shall not see you before Tuesday or Wednesday. My love to the Children Bobby is well.

Your Affect/te Husband.
Pers/r Frazer

Saturday Feb. 13 2 o'clock
Mrs. Mary Frazer, Westown.

(Saturday Morning.)

My D/r

It gives me much pleasure to hear that you are all well, as the Roads are so very bad, and as the Assembly Sit twice every day, it is also almost certain we shall break up on this day week I have concluded not to go home to day. Please to send in a Horse for me ag/t Saturday next when I hope to see all. Gideon Malin came to me on Monday last I agreed to let him have the place if (Norgrave (?)) left it w/ch I expected he would, but he is come to town yesterday and tells me he cannot leave it and that he will give me security for my Rent what to do with him I do not know. Malin took a line from me to him, but understand he did not see Norgrave, if therefore he is disappointed he cannot justly blame me, as it will take at least three Months to get him out at any rate; which will not answer Malins purpose—I intend to get Norgrave to give him information respecting it if you should have any oppertunity send him word.

Percy lost the Paper, you sent to me.

I am Y/rs affectionately
Pers/r Frazer.

Mrs. Mary Frazer.

In May 25, 1782, Col. Frazer was appointed Brigadier General of the Militia of Pennsylvania. (See page 272.)

Philad/a March 27/th, 1782.

My D/r Polly

It will be unnecessary to send Bobby up this Week, as it is very uncertain whether I can go home or not—The Philad/a County Election is again taken up by the House, w/ch takes of 6 of our Members, and as 3 of the back Countys will return home on Saturday, will then leave but barely the Number for a Quorum of the House, therefore the absence of any other, will prevent any business being proceeded on—should the House adjourn from Saturday noon 'till Monday 3 o'Clock, I can get Mr. Henrys Mare and ride home conveniently.

Indeed I have dropt the notion of having Bobby here, unless a more desirable place can be had for him to live in—I was at Mrs. Frazer's the day you left town and found her in so disagreeable a situation as in prudence we would not wish our Child should take example from—

Jemmy Thomson is yet in Goal, he is I am inform'd something more sensible of his situation than he was—I have a Petition ready to lay before the Court in his behalf—which is the only Resource he has left to get the matter settled equitably—I shall want some Linnen etc., and my Breeches, if you can find any convenient oppertunity pray send them—pray send 2 C/t of the best flour by Mr. Jones's waggon next week—Frederick must not neglect to have the Meadow in order.—if the weather is moderate next Week Pete must clean out the Ditches in the Meadow—Tommy Grissell must save as much shingle stuff out of the Timber he is cutting as will shingle the house in the Valley—I send you a Paper which contains all the News, except a report w/ch prevailed yesterday that the Island of Tortola was taken by 4 of our Privateers, tho, the report is uncertain—My best love to the Children I am

Affectionately Yours

Pers/r Frazer.

For Mrs. Mary Frazer, Thornbury.

May 21. 1782. Received May 21/st 1782 from Philip Riffard Collector of Coventry, a Certificate for a recruit for Penns/a Line N/o 238. and Two pounds five shillings in Cash on Acc/t of the Tax for filling the Line.

Pers/r Frazer
Treas/r

Certificate	£20
Cash	2 — 5
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	£22 . 5

September 17. 1782.

Order of the Orphans Court of Chester County

Justices Benj. Bartholomew, Thomas Lewis, John Pearson, & Adam Grubb on petition of Persifor Frazer in right of his wife Mary for her share of 228 acres of land in Thornbury owned by her Father John Taylor who died intestate.

It is ordered that a writ issue for division into four equally valuable parts—two to the eldest son Isaac, one to P. F. in right of his wife Mary and one to James Thompson in right of his wife Sarah.

September 16. 1783. In Orphan's Court before Justices Benj. Bartholomew, Robert Smith, Adam Grubb, & John Bartholomew, John Gardner high Sheriff returns a partition made in conformity with a writ to him of the past 26th of March. On Sept. 11 having caused the parties interested to be present with W/m Gibbons, Chas. Dilworth, Hugh Reed, Gideon Gilpin, Sam/l Mendenhall, Sam/l Painter Caleb Brinton, Jos. Dilworth, Edw. Brinton, Titus Taylor, & John Hunt, divided the land as commanded. (Here follows the divison Part of it "agreeable to a draft made by Anthony Wayne in 1769").

Certification of the copy by William Gibbons Clerk of Orph. Court

1782.

Plot of Survey endorsed on back

"Survey of my tract in the valley near
the White Horse when I proposed to sell it in Lotts.
By Mr Cha/s Dilworth.
the whole contains 49 1/2 Acres and 39 perches
Survey in 1782.

M/r Reeds Compliments to Gen Frazer and begs the Favour of
his Company to Dinner tomorrow at 2 o'Clock
Saturday

Endorsed

Gen Frazer

Aug. 29. 1782. Promissory note for £1/17,/6 to Persifor Frazer from
Richard Morris.

Feb. 27. 1783. Demand note same to same for £3, , 0, , 0.
(Richard Morris to Persifor Frazer)

March. 10. 1783.

My D/r Polly

I wrote to you on Saturday by Mr Norgrove and intend to be hom on thursday Evening, therefore the Sheriff may be ready for I shall attend if if I am well—

I am uneasy to hear you still continue poorly—I would by all means desire the persons concern'd in the Seizures to drop the matter and give up the goods, if they are injur'd in their acc/ts being dock'd too low they may apply to the Assembly by a Memorial—it has been attended with much trouble here as well as there I expect they will be sent for to day or tomorrow—the Sheriff will be apply'd to and it is expected he will not make any opposition I should be sorry to hear he would as some persons who were concern'd I believe intend to throw an odium upon him therefore desire he give up the goods as otherwise it will certainly be attended will ill consequences to him particularly

I am yours

Monday morning
10/th March 1783

Pers/r Frazer

Addressed

To
M/rs Mary Frazer

March 3. 1783.

The following sheet contains, with a rough draft of an amendment to the Militia act, probably prepared by Gen. Frazer while serving as a member of the Legislature, a disciplinary resolution regarding a member of the finance com. of the House, and loose memoranda which seem to refer to the lands on Canoe Creek and the Frankstown branch of the Juniata which have been frequently mentioned in these papers, and as far back as 1762.

An Additional Supplement to an Act entitled “An Act” for the Regulation of the Militia of ^{this} the Commonwealth of “Pennsylvania”

Whereas by the present Militia Laws of this State now in force, the Supreme Executive Council are not empower'd to call out the Militia cannot be called out un Assembled in less three day notice be given than three days, after notice thereof given;

And whereas the peace & good Order of Government may be inter-

rupted by sudden & dangerous tumults & Riots, for the———suppression of which, the immediate aid of the Militia may be expedient & necessary—

Be it therefore enacted & it is hereby enacted &c/a that from & after the publication of this Act, it shall & may be lawfull for the Supreme Executive Council & they are hereby empowered when it may be necessary & expedient for the support of the Civil authority in preserving peace & good order of within this Commonwealth to Order into actual Service Such part of the Militia by Classes, of the City of Philadelphia, or of any County or Counties as the exigency of the Case may require, &c

And be it further enacted &c/a That the several & respective Officers and Privates of the Militia so called upon or ordered as aforesaid shall be liable to the same fines & penaltys for refusing or neglecting to perform the Service required of them by this Act as by the Law to which this is a Supplement they are or may be liable to for neglecting or refusing to perform a Tour of duty

Whereas Samuel Meredith Esq/r a Member of this House & appointed as one of the Committee of Acc/ts has hitherto very greatly misbehaved himself in not attending to his duty but has from an indolent negligent disposition, refused to do ^{line} the Services required of him by this House, to the great injury of the public & the other Members who compose the Committee

Therefore Resolved that the Said Samuel Meredith Esq/r for & in consequence of his Neglect as aforesaid is hereby discharged.

Asher Clayton 100 Acres on the North side of Franks Town Branch at a large Run above Standing Stone Creek.

d/o 100 Acres on North Side of Franks town Branch at the lower end of small Narrows adjoining Adam Torranus improvement.

Jn/o Little 200 Acres on Frankstown Branch about two miles above the Canoe Place including the Mouth of a small Run that empties into said Branch

March 3/d 1783

Col. Asher Clayton died in 1774.

May 3. 1783.

Demand note for two dollars from Richard Morris in favor of P. F.

Oct. 6. 1783. Lease for 999 years of Philip Stimble snuff maker to Frederick Fairlamb of right to build a dam—across Ridley Creek between the two properties of lessor and lessee with certain conditions for the yearly payment of one ear of Indian corn if demanded.
Signed Frederick Fairlamb
Witnesses. H. H. Graham and William Graham

Oct. 16. 1783

B.Wine Octd/r 16/th 1783

Sir

Yours of the 10/th Inst/t Came to hand p/r John Forwood am really Sorry that I have it not in my power to Replace the Money at this time, w/ch you were so kind to Oblige me with I had depended on the Sheriff getting me as much Money as would have been Sufficient to have paid it previous to the last Court but that failed. hope to be able in a Short time, and will give you any thing for the Use it when p/d which you may think reasonable. I am Respectfully Y/rs etc

Richard Cheyney

March 4. 1784 Note for one year given by Richd Parks to John Kimbler for £22, , 0, , 0, , Witnesses James Nuell, Jos. Hemphill

March 26. 1784. To Cash Paid Owen Thomas as
p. order from Gen/l Frazer

	45, , —, , —
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	£69, , 6, , 5
	40, , —, , —
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	29, , 6, , 5

Received March 26/th 1784 from Persifor Frazer
Twenty Four Pounds, Six Shillings and five pence

Endorsed on back

Pers/r Frazer Rec/t

July 2. 1784.

Philad/d July 2/d. 1784

Dear General.

Your warrants in my hand have not been surveyed at the place where they were originally designed for—the troubles at that place have prevented—as particular an examination of the ground as I could wish hitherto, And from all I can learn the land has been already surveyed to Doctor Smith or others but have not been able to lay my hand on the drafts However I have surveyed them on as good Land I believe and further down the River, which I have reason to believe is vacant now, but will be soon surveyed on new orders if not returned on old ones, Should be glad to see you in town and if satisfied, to endeavor to have them accepted and confirmed.

I am with great respect

Your Obe/dt Ser/t

W/m Montgomery

Gcn/l Frazier

Addressed

General Pers/r Frazier
Chester County

August. 1784.

August term Common Pleas Chester Co. 1784.

Richard Fen is charged by John Coxe attorney for John Den to answer accusation of entering with force and arms five acres of land leased to John Den by William Rawle and Elizabeth Burge the terms of the lease not having expired. the following letter is appended.

Mr Nathaniel Norgrove

I am informed that you are in possession of or claim title to the premises in this declaration mentioned or to some part thereof and I being such in this action as a casual ejector and having no claim or title to the same do advise you to appear next November term in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Chester and then and there cause yourself to be made defendant in my stead otherwise I shall suffer judgement to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession.

Your loving friend

August 31/st 1784.

Richard Fen

Endorsed on back This ejectment brought by Mr. Rawle on a false information that I claimed within his lines, it was agreed to leave the matter to W/m Beal and Jno Bartholomew Esqrs.; their report to be enter'd as record by Rule of Court who accordingly met Aug. 13. 1785 on the Premises in dispute and without any hesitation made a return that there was no cause of action.

Undated Plot of Road near the turnpike Chester County left by Mr. Bowen. Mr Weaver Surveyor

Sept. 4. 1784. An indenture of Samuel Edenton a negro lad to Persifor Frazer for eleven years in consideration of his food and shelter for six months schooling.
Chester. Executed before William Nesbet (or Heslet)
Witnesses Charles Dilworth and Mary Fallows

Darby September 30/th 1784

Sir/

By these few lines you will be informed that I am in health at present, hoping that this will find you and yours in y/e same state, but several of my family have been very ill with the fever, and a Vomiting and purging, but at present Seem on the mending hand,— I expect Our people will have a meeting before y/e Ellection, to form a Ticket. I should have been very glad to have been at it, but am a fraid I shall not have it in my power to come, as I have Just Begun a a great Job of Work at Mud Island, putting up Several Hundred Rods of Stone wall, which will employ my Whole time for Severall Weeks to Come as I Shall have Eight or Ten hands in employ y/e Whole time.—but if it is in my Power to Come to the meeting I will be there, if I am not. you will please to appologize for my not being there, as I expect you will attend if in health. Indeed I would wish you would make it a point to attend, as it will be very Necessary to make a prudent and wise Choice at the Next Ellection as much So as at any ellection Since the revolution You have no doubt heard that our most Invaluable Constitution is to undergoe no Change for Seven years more, that Tiranical Aristocratick faction in the Council of Censors being at length disappointed, it behooves us to double our diligence to make a good and Wise Choice of Such men as will Stiek Close to the principles of the Constitution and endeavour not to Violate it in any one In-

stance, If that is done by the different Officers of Government, if the Constitution has defects they will appear, and it will then be time enough to make Alterations there is no way to know whether a Law is a good and Wholesom Law but by the execution of it, if it has faults it is time a neugh to mend them when they are known—I think our House of Assembly for this three years past at least, has done every thing in thare power to Violate the Constitution in Order to render it as Odious as possible to pave the way for the intended Change — how is it possible to know whether a Code of Laws is — good or not, if those who have the execution of them will not execute them agreeable to the Letter and Spirit thereof — but I Shall tire you on this Topick—I would not be thought to dictate to the Gentlemen who may meet for y/e purpose already mentioned, but have been of Opinion that it would not perhaps be Impolitick to Continue Joseph Parke, as in the affair of the Court House he Voted against the removal, and is a easy good kind of a man, by all Means endeavor to make Choice of Such men as are Prety Popular, and have the publick good at heart or, We can not Carry our point, but I am too Tedious, So I Subscribe my Self your friend and Humble Serv/t

Benj/n Braman.

M/r Persifor Frazer

November 15. 1784.

A bill in equity of 44 pages to His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland drawn by Anthony Blackburn recites at length the history of the various ownerships divisions and partitions of the lands of Cowan and Clanickney, illegally appropriated through conspiracy of John Graecen and Alex. Montgomery Jr. and kept from possession of the rightful owners among whom were Persifor Frazer inheriting through his Mother Mary (Smith) Frazer.

He Prays for an Injunction and Receiver.

The following paper was apparently forwarded from Ireland with the complaint in order that Gen. Frazer might sign and return it, which he evidently did not.

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Seal

The several Answers of Pierce Frazier one of the Defendants to the Bill of Complaint of Robert Graecen of Clanickney in the County of Monaghan—Gentleman Complainant.

This Defendant saving and reserving to himself both now and at all times hereafter all manner of Benefit and advantage of Exceptions which can or may be had or taken to the many untruths uncertainties and other the Imperfections in the said Bill of Complaint contained or to so much thereof as this Defendant is advised Materially concerns him to make answer unto.

Answering Saith he does hereby Admit the several Charges and Allegations in the Complainants Bill of Complaint contained as therein particularly Stated, and does Submit to such Decree as this Honorable Court shall be pleased to make for the Complainants Relief *And* this Defendant Denys all and all manner of Combination and Confederacy by the Bill charged against him without, this that any other Matter or thing—whatsoever in the Complainants said Bill of Complaint contained material or Effectual in the Law for this Defendant to make Answer unto and not herein and hereby sufficiently answered unto Confessed or avoided Traversed or Denied is true, all which Matters and Things this Defendant is ready and willing to Avert Justify Maintain and prove as this Honorable Court shall award, and therefore He humbly prays to be hence Dismissed with his reasonable Costs and Charges in this behalf most wrongfully Sustained.—

Thomas Johnston Attorney
for the Defendants

James M/cClelland

On a slip of paper pinned
to the parchment

M/r Frazier signs
his name here and
also M/r Morrison without
Swearing

No date.

Among the papers is a Psalm book $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ and an inch in thickness. Bound in brown leather and much worn. The cover has come off and been restitched with white thread. Over all is a coarse muslin chequered cover secured by white thread. Inside of the left hand cover is the word "Mary," and on the last fly leaf "Mary W. Frazer." On the inside of the right hand cover at the top is written "Simon Girty was of the"—and below "Mary W. Fr. Frazer"

On the first page & fly leaf is written, apparently not in the handwriting of Gen. Frazer, "Persifor Frazer book 1784" and on the leather of the last cover are scratched, as if with a pin, "Martha Frazer" and "Eliza Frazer."

The book is of 307 pages. The title is

“Psalms carefully suited to the Christian Worship in the United States of America being an Improvement of the old Version of the Psalms of David—allowed by the Reverend Synod of New York & Philadelphia to be used in churches and private families.

All things written in the law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms concerning Me must be fulfilled.—Philadelphia. Printed by Francis Bailey at Yorick head in Market Street. MDCCLXXXVII.

(Second fly leaf). The Synod of New York and Philadelphia did allow Dr. Watt’s Imitation of David’s Psalms, as revised by Mr. Barlow to be sung in the churches and families under their care”

Extract from the records of the Synod by George Duffield D. D.
Stated Clerk of Synod.

Alongside this psalm book is a part of a small book of slightly less size from p. 179 to p. 320 on “the Lord’s Supper.”

January 8. 1785.

Assignment by William Henry to P. F. of his warrant issued August 25. 1784 to four hundred acres of land in Washington County Pa. contiguous to P. F’s land there.

Witnesses Hannah Taylor & Samuel Kelso

January 8. 1785.

Similar assignment to P. F. by Hannah Taylor of warrant issued Aug. 25. 1784 for four hundred acres of land in Washington Co. Pa. adjoining Henry’s land.

Witnesses W/m Henry and Sam/l Kelso

(Sunday Morning, Feby. 5/th, 1785.)

My Dear

I have sent you a loaf of Sugar, 1/lb Suchong Tea, 3 Nutmegs and a paper of Pins. I have not as yet got the Linnen, I have been in many Shops but can meet w/th none wide enough, however shall make further enquiry and bring it with me if any can be got suteable. I have given to Armstrong 2 French Crowns in Town, w/ch please to charge to him. Your Friends in Town are all well, I am

Your affectionate Husband

Pers/r Frazer.

Sunday Morning Feb. 5, 1785
Mrs. Mary Frazer.

April 21. 1785

Promissory note Robt. Davis to P. F. for £ 8 , , 6 , , 10.
Witnesses Philip Smith, Edw. Camey.

THE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION SENT BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
ASSEMBLY TO THE WYOMING VALLEY.

The following is a diary of the journey of a commission despatched by the Assembly of Pennsylvania to inquire into and find a means of settling the disputes between the residents of the Wyoming Valley which grew out of the rival claims of Connecticut and Pennsylvania to the territory.

This diary is contained in a small paper book 4" x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " of thirteen leaves with paste board covers under red marbled paper.

1785 (?)

On Saturday the 23/d day of April left home for Philad/a On a journey to Wyoming in Company w/th Colonel Bayard and Col/o Smith by order of the Assembly — arrived at philad/a ab/t 12 OClock, on Sunday went with Col/o Smith home to M/tGomerry 23 Miles and remain'd there 'till Tuesday morning at w/ch time we set off at arriv'd at Bethlehem that evening, On Wednesday rode to Col/o Strouds, on thursday to Savitzes near the Swamp, on friday morning went as far as Dunchanna the first Creek in the Swamp but the Waters being high return'd again to Savitzes and remained there that night on Saturday morning went again to Col/o Strouds, and from thence to M/r Jn/o Vancampens on Delaware where We remain'd again till Sunday evening and then return'd to Col/o Strouds waiting for an answer from Wyoming to a Letter sent by express from Dunchanna on Friday. on Tuesday Monday rec/d a Letter from David Meade Esq/r in answer to ours—finding the Waters had fell set off that evening to Savitzes Col/o Stroud accompanying us, remained there all night and set off early Wednesday Tuesday morning on our Journey through the Swamp to Wyoming, the Roads very bad, at the Leghy (Lehigh) my mare stumbled on the Rocks and threw into the River and lost my hat, shifted and put on some dry Cloaths, mounted again and rode 12 miles to the next house, in the Evening got into Wyoming ab/t 7 oC'lock Thursday Wednesday morning Col/o Bayard Wrote to M/r Meade and Colonel Butler informing them of our appointm't to examine into the disturbances existing at Wyoming and appointed them to meet Us at M/r Hollabacks — Col/o Butler and M/r Meade met us accord/g to appointment Col/o Butler

professes to be inclin'd to have governm/t properly Supported and appears displeas'd w/th the outrages that have been committed ag/t the Penn/a Claimants, We have discours'd with many others who are of the same Sentiments notice is to be given to the Committee of the Inhabitants appointed to confer with Us to meet to morrow — Thursday May 5/th Breakfasted w/th M/r Meade in C/o w/th Col/o Butler and in the afternoon met the Committee at Cap/t Shotts's open'd to them the business for w/ch we were appoint'd and what the Governm/t expected of them in or to the support of Civil Authority.

Wyoming, May 6, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

IN conformity to our promise made to you in the conference held yesterday afternoon, we now propose to you the following Queries, which we wish you seriously to consider, and favour us with your answer as soon as possible.

1st, Is it the wish and determination of the people, you represent, called the *Connecticut* claimants, to submit to, and support the laws and constitution of this State?

2d, Will they support and countenance the civil officers in the regular administration of justice, and oppose all illegal and unconstitutional measures that may be taken by any persons contrary thereto?

3d, As the Legislature have fully evinc'd their determination to protect the citizens, in every part of the State, in the full enjoyment of life, liberty, and property; and as you are well acquainted with the measures that have been taken to punish those who, in a lawless manner, dispossessed a number of settlers last *May*, we wish to be informed, by what authority a number of people who were peaceable inhabitants, have, during the course of the Winter and Spring, been dispossessed of their property, and ordered to remove from this place,—and whether the persons, affirming and executing such authority, are supported and countenanced by the people you represent?

We sincerely wish for a satisfactory answer to the above Queries, which may tend to the restoration of peace and good order to all the inhabitants of this unhappy settlement.—We are,

GENTLEMEN,

Your very humble Servants,

Mess. Zebulon Butler and others, a Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly.

JOHN BAYARD.
PERSIFOR FRAZER.
GEORGE SMITH.

No. 11.

Loose page printed document.

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N/o. 11.

Wyoming, May 6, 1785

GENTLEMEN,

WE received your billet this 6th of *May*, 1785, and think the prospect of an amicable compromise very near at hand, and likewise hope, gentlemen, that you may be used as the happy instruments, under the great Jehovah, of restoring peace and good order to this settlement, according to the Constitution of *Pennsylvania*—Gentlemen, your first question is as follows, *viz.* Is it the wish and determination of the people you represent, called the *Connecticut* claimants, to submit to, and support the laws and constitution of this State? *Answer.* 'Tis the desire and wish of us and the people we represent to support the constitutional laws and constitution of the State of *Pennsylvania*, and has been, ever since the decree at *Trenton*.—Gentlemen, your second question is as follows, *viz.* Will they support and countenance the civil officers in the regular administration of justice, and oppose all illegal and unconstitutional measures which may be taken by any persons contrary thereto? In answer to your second question, we assert, and are able maintain, that there never have been any civil officers, according to the constitution of the State of *Pennsylvania*, elected in this settlement, since the decree at *Trenton*.—Let us have constitutional civil officers, that is, men elected by us, at an open and general election warned according to the laws of this State; such civil officers we will support, in the full and regular administration of justice, with our lives and fortunes.—Gentlemen, in answer to your third question, or rather requisition, which is as follows, *viz.* We wish to be informed by what authority a number of persons, who were peaceable inhabitants, have during the course of last Winter and Spring, been dispossessed of their property, and ordered to remove from this settlement; and whether the persons, assuming and executing such authority, are supported and countenanced by the people you represent? Gentlemen, in compliance with your wish of information, *by what authority a number of peaceable inhabitants have, during the course of last Winter and Spring, been dispossessed of their property, and ordered to remove from this settlement*,—we answer in the categorical stile, and affirm that no peaceable inhabitants, as you call them, on this settlement, have ever been ordered to remove off this settlement or dispossessed of their property in any respect whatsoever, by us or those whom we represent, to our knowledge;—the people whom we represent, and we the committee, never countenanced the ordering off any of the peaceable inhabitants of this settlement, or any of

their property being taken.—Gentlemen, if you have had any complaint of such a nature as represent in your billet, we would wish to know the complainants of such a falsehood. and that they should be brought before you and this committee, if this falls under your cognizance. Gentlemen, we would wish to ask the following questions, and desire your solution on each question.

Quest. 1. Whether those persons who came into this settlement under the patronage of *Alexander Patterson*, a year last fall, and took violent possession of lands and houses, and still retain the same, which was justly held by the *Connecticut* claimants, and who were in peaceable possession of these lands and houses, can, according to law and the constitution of this State, be called peaceable inhabitants?

Quest.

End of the page.

Easton (Sunday) June 12/th 1785

Sir,

Last night your Letter of the 10/th instant was handed to us by Sheriff Antis, and we are pleased with your present prospects respecting the conduct of the Inhabitants in your part of the county of Northumberland. The Sheriff informs us, that he has arrested four of the persons named in our Precepts without meeting with any resistance, and that seventy seven of the Inhabitants, whose names he has given to us in writing, attended upon him at the first Summons, and afforded him every necessary aid; this dutiful behaviour and active obedience to the Laws gives us a singular satisfaction.

Henry M/cCormick, who has been accused by M/r Alexander Patterson with being an Accomplice in the murder of Lieutenant Sam/l Reed, has appeared before us and given such an account of himself and of the places where he was and the company in which he was at the time this fatal deed was perpetrated, that we are induced to admit him to Bail, and request you will take his recognizance accordingly, himself in £ 500 . , and two sureties in £ 250 . , each. You may take recognizances from any of the other persons, who have been or shall be arrested for crimes charged against them inferior to felony, in £ 100 . . each of the parties, and two sureties in £ 50 . . each. As to any of the persons accused of felony, who may be brought before you, examine the witnesses, and take their own examinations in writing, and if upon the whole matter you shall be of opinion, that it is doubtful whether they are guilty or not, we are willing, on this oc-

casion, that they be bailed in the like manner and sums with Henry M/cCormick.

We flatter ourselves, that these misguided and mistaken people will yet return to their duty, and enjoy the blessings attendant on peace, order and legal Government.

We sincerely wish you quiet, security and happiness, and are with esteem,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants

Tho/s M: Kean

Jacob Rush

David Mead Esquire.

Addressed

David Mead Esquire, One of the Justices of the Peace for North-
umberland, At Wioming
Favored by Henry Antis Esq/r Sheriff.

Wyoming (Friday) June 24/th 1785

Sir

We Rec/d yours of this day, have Perus/d the same, in which you desire an explicit and Candid Answer whether we and the people will Support you in the execution of your Office.—Be assured We will and mean to Comply with and Support the Laws of this State and all Constitutional Officers but we cannot Answer for the people—therefore we think it proper if you are Ancious to know their minds for you to call them together and hear them by which means you/l satisfy yourself

We are Sir your/s etc.

W/m Hooker Smith

Abel Peirce

Rob/t M/c Dowl

Abel yarrington

H M Cormick

Benj/n Bailey

David Mead Esq/r

Endorsed

their Answer N/o 2

David Mead Esq.

Letter from inhabitants of Wyoming to David Mead

24/th June 1785

Wioming (Tuesday) July 4/th 1785

Gentlemen

my address and Request of the 24/th of June was ment General, which was only answered in part.

Therefore I once more request you as before to let me know the sentiments of the People, as your Information will be more satisfactory to me than Otherwise, when we shall Perhaps be able to form an Idea wheather you and the Inhabitants who Profess allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania are able to support its Laws or not.

I am in the meantime your
Hb/l Serv/t David Mead

Mess/rs Abel Pearce
John Hagerman
Benj. Baly
W/m H. Smith
Abel Yarrington
Lord Butler
Henry M/cCormick
and Robert M/cDole

Copy

Endorsed

Letter N/o 3

Acc/t of Expenses to Wyoming

Ap/l 26/th	Rec/d from Col/o Bayard.....	£ 7 . . 15 . .
32	Paid Expenses at Caron.....	. . 5 . .
9	at Savitzes.....	. . 12 . .
12	Ferriage Lehy .....	. . 2 . .
27	Bethlehem	2 . . 3 . . 3
	Received from Col/o Bayard	
	1 . . 17 . . 6.....	
	Beth Nazareth	17 . . 3
	Boy at Bethlem.....	2 . .
	Echan to Wind gap.....	3 . .
28	Col/o Strouds	1 . . 12 . . 3
29	Savitzes near Ford.....	1 . . 4 . . 3
	Boy at Strouds.....	5 . .
	To a guide.....	7 . .

		7 9 5
30	at Savitzes again.....	1 . . 4 . . 5
	at Van Campen.....	1 2 6
May 2	at Col/o Strouds.....	
	for shoing	3
3	at Savitzes again.....	1 . . 3 . . 6
		<hr/>
		£11 . . 2 . . 5
		<hr/>
	bro/t over.....£	11 . . 2 . . 5
May 3/d	Paid Chris/r Savitze for going to Wioming etc.....	2 . . 5 . .
	Rec/d from Col/o Smith in Cash	£1 . . 2 . 6
	Rec/d from Col/o Bayard . .	7 . 6
	Expenses at Tobyhanna.....	. . 7 . . 6
	at Bullocks.....	. . 2 . .
		<hr/>
		£13 . . 16 . . 11
9	Rec/d from Col/o Bayard £18 . 15	
10	Paid at Wyoming.....	11 . . 15 . . 5
	at Wappollopo .....	. . 1 . . 6
10	at Nescopack.....	. . 19 . .
	at Webbs 8/4. Shoing 1/6 Guide 2/	. . 11 . . 10
13	at Northumberland	2 . . 12 . .
14	Paid Boatman for our Passage from Sunbury to Sturgeons..	1 . . 13 . . 6
	Expenses at Sturgeons.....	. . 3 . . 9
15	at Harris's Ferry.....	1 . . 15 . .
	at Hummels town 3 . .
	at Col/o Ornd.....	. . 10 . .
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		£ 34 . . 1 . . 11
		<hr/>
	Bro/t Over.....£	34 . . 1 . . 11
May 16/th	at Dunkard Town.....	. . 16 . . 1
17	at the Ball.....	. . 6 . . 1
	at Little Brandewine.....	. . 4 . . —
	at Webbs .....	. . 11 . . 7
	Shoeing .....	. . 2 . . 6
	a Gibbons's .....	. . 4 . .
	at Ferry .....	. . 3 . . 10
		<hr/>
		£ 36 . . 10 . . —

Rec/d from Col/o Bayard 1/10	30 . . 7 . . 8½
Col/o Smith 8/4	6 . . 2 . . 3½
Paid by Col/o Bayard for a Horse.	£18 . .
Tobacco 5
Shoing the Horse 7 . 6
Stationary 4 . . 6
	18 . . 17 . .

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ed to put them to the test, and advised Mr. *Meade*, in case of any application to him by persons injured, to proceed according to law against the offenders, and we earnestly requested col. *Butler* and capt. *Schott* to assist and support him in the execution of his office. In the mean time, we concluded it best to return by *Northumberland*, in order to send up the Sheriff, (whose authority they did not dispute) who had sundry precepts issued from the Supreme Court which were not served. On our arrival at *Sunbury*, we found the Sheriff from home, but had him immediately sent for, with our earnest request, that he would without delay proceed to *Wyoming* and serve his precepts.

Should they submit to his authority, and be brought to trial, we yet hope they may be reduced to order; but should they refuse submission, government will see the necessity of speedily taking other measures.

At *Northumberland* we received the inclosed letter N/o. VI. from Mr. *Meade*, and sent him our answer N/o. VII.

We have now laid before Council the most material parts of our negotiations with the inhabitants of *Wyoming*: and should there be any further information that it is in our power to give, we shall be happy in communicating it—And are, with due respect,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servants,

JOHN BAYARD.

PERSIFOR FRAZER.

GEORGE SMITH.

*His Excellency the President and the
Supreme Executive Council.*

N/o. I.

End of the page.

Journey to properties owned by Gen. Frazer on the Juniata river.

Set from home the 27/th Sep/r 1785 for Frankstown—lay the 1/st night at Mill Creek — Wednes/y night at Chambers ferry on Susquehannah, Thursday n/t at G---- Millers on juniata, Friday n/t at Jas Pattesons, Saturd Jn/o Harris's Esq/r Saturday n/t at W/m Brown Esq/r Sunday n/t at the stand/g Stone, Monday n/t at Cha/s Caldwells near Harts Log. Tuesday n/t at Wolfs near Frankstown Wednesday night at Rob Caldwells near Little Juniata, Thursday n/t Stand/g Stone Friday n/t at one Johnston's on Juniata, Saturday night at Col/o Buchanans Old Town Keshec'/as Sunday night at James Pattersons, Monday night Cross'd Susquehannah and lay at Reeds Ferry. Tuesday night at Middletown, Wednesd/y n/t at Ja/s Clemsons in Leacock Thursday night at Home —

from Pattersons to the Mouth of Juniata 20 Miles. to Coxes Town 11 Miles 5 Miles to Harris s ferry 9 Miles to Middletown.—

From Kishecocalus old Town down the River to Jn/o Harris Esq/r 12 Miles to Ja/s Pattersons 4 Miles. to Millers Tavern 11 Miles to Shades mill 1 1/2 Miles to Gillespies 9 to Reeds Ferry 6 Miles to Sturgeons Mills 7 Miles to Harris's Ferry 10 Miles.

From Pattersons to Kish M/r Harris's 4 Miles—to Kishacaualos old town Col/o Buchanans 12 Miles— to W/m Brown Esq/rs 5 Miles to Standing Stone 30 Miles to the mouth of little Juniata 7 Miles to Cha/s Water Street 3 Miles, to the Canoe Narrows 10 Miles. to Gripes the upper end of our Tract 6 Miles, from the Standing Stone to the Springs 6 Miles. from Standing Stone to Bedford: 47 Miles. from Frankstown to the Gap Old gap of Allegeny 5 Miles to the Kittanning town 25 Miles, from franks town to Bedford 35 miles from Stand/g Stone to Sunbury 60 Miles. from Stand/g Stone to Bald Eagle old Town 30 Miles, to the big Island. 20 Miles.

Samuel Gripe lives above the tract Jn/o Gripe Daniel Gripe part of his on our land Leonard Wolf—lives above the Tract Christian Shively Simon Mason both those live on our Tracts Jn/o White on the South side of Frankstown branch The upper Line of P. Frazers Tract runs thro Daniel Gripes Fields and runs down to the River near a large rocky ripple. then down the River perches and Crosses the River near the upper End of a Bottom on W/ch Jn/o White lives and Corners at a Walnut Tree near a run; there are a number of mark'd Trees along the Lines of our Several Tracts, The Corner White Oak between D M/cMurtrie and Adam Weaver is a little beyond James M/cDaniels Field, a little below the road that leads up the River —

The Corner of Anthony Sniders Land is a Corner of the Canoe Tract and Stands on the Western Side of the River near a Small lick,

The following Warrants were issued in 1762—viz:

To W/m Patterson for 200 A/s on a Run at the West end of Kishecocalus Valley includ/g a Spring. from March 1/st 1760—

To W/m Patterson 200 A/s upon a Run on the Trading Path to the Ohio March 1760

To W/m Patterson on the Franks town branch of Juniata adjoining the Canoe Place for 100 A/s March 1760

Rob/t Tuckness on both sides of lost Creek

Charles Williams on the head of Woods Run.

Alex/r Stedman on the south side of Juniata joining Alex/r Lowry and to extend up s/d Creek—

Alex/r Stedman on the South Side of Juniata above the large bend joining Thorntons improvem/t—

Alex/r Stedman on both sides of Thomas Mitchells improvem/t Run on the Traders Path about a Mile from Mitchells improvem/t including a Mill Seat

John Barr 200 A/s opposite the Canoe Place—

Geo. Bridges 300 A/s on little Tuscarora about 3 or 4 miles from the big Crossing of Tuscarora, dated July 10th 1762

Daniel Jones 250 A/s on Muddy Run and on the Traders Path this Side the Shade Mountain dated July 10th 1762

The Land P at Aughwick Patente'd to Foley is bounded on the by Ja/s Galbreath on one side, Daniel Clark on another side, David M/cClure on another and Owens Hill on another

Warrant in July or Aug/t 1784.

Survey'd by Geo: Woods and patented I think in February last 1785

Memo: To enquire of Col/o W/m M/tGomerry respecting M/r Claytons Land on Chilisqueakee whether the 100 A/s w/clh were sold for Taxes has been released and if there is any other demand for Taxes ag/t them the names of the Persons who took up the two Tracts, Edward Clayton and Ellis Wright—and to enquire of Cap/t Willson respecting Col/o Claytons Papers, whether any were left in the hands of Col/o Hunter and if he knows of any lands they were jointly concern'd in

My Expences to Frankstown from the 27/th of Sep/r to the 13/th October being 17 days is	£ 5 . . — . . —
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The President of Congress
 presents his compliments to
 Gen/l Frazer
 and requests the favor of his company
 at dinner on Saturday next at 4—
 o'clock precisely
 Wednesday 27 Nov.

Waynesborough 9th Jany 1786.

Dear Sir

I arrived from Phila. last evening our friends Morris, Clymer, Fitzimons etc. are exceedingly anxious about the Chester Election and requested me to write you on the subject—*Frazer* is the person who will be run by the Constitutionals to a man—we must have no division in our ticket your people must make a sacrifice of private prejudice to Public Utility—for rest assured you will not have one man to spare on the third reading of the Law for Modifying the test—I fear that the person who will be returned for Montgomery—will be of a different Complexion to *Rcece*—Procter is a weather cock ready to turn with any wind that blows—*Brown* of Northampton has already told us he goes no farther than the publication with us—thus Circumstanced I am Confident that you will exert every influence and argument in your power to return Willing—I shall be in Chester where I will endeavour to keep things right.

Interim I am with sincere Esteem
 Your friend and Hum Sert.
 Anty Wayne.

Wayne to John Hannum, Esq.

Jan. 12. 1786

Fragment of a deed conveying land by Adam Weaver to Persifer Frazer.

TO MY LOVING FRIENDS
The *Quakers* and *Presbyterians* of
Chester County,

Your VOTE and INTEREST is desired for
your Friend W——LL,
at the approaching Election.

AND I hope you will think this Request reasonable, when I tell you, how for above 30 Years together, my Father treated all the *Quakers* as no Christians, and as unfit to be either Magistrates, Witnesses or Assembly-men; the *Presbyterians* as Rogues and Rebels, that were not fit to be trusted with any of the Powers of Government; And in this Opinion I his Son was bred, and always shall continue,—*except at Election-Times.*

I do assure you, you may safely trust me; for in all things both civil and ecclesiastical that come before the Assembly, I take good Advice; nay, of a no worse Man than the *chief* PARSON of the Province; who, you may be sure, loves you all dearly.

We have always for good Reasons refused to chuse a Trustee of the Loan-Office for an Assembly-man; especially one that will carry about a List of those that are in Arrear in their Payments, on purpose to expose such as are not his Creatures: But, upon this Occasion, I hope you'll change your Mind; because, *Our Trustee is my Friend, and we have agreed to join Interests.*

Ill-minded People say any thing; Nay, they report I did not vote against the 600£ given for the Relief of our poor People, who were made Prisoners, and must have starved in Prison, if our Government had not taken some Care of them: But in this they do me no great Wrong, *for I neither voted for nor against it.*

I'm sure I've always been careful of the People's Privileges: For when our present Assembly-men, who now appear against me, were so unconscionable as to oppose our Governor's Sitting at the Head of the Court of Chancery; I thought there could be nothing better done for you than to allow a Governor, with a Council of his own chusing, to have the sole Power of disposing both of your Liberties and Properties: *Which I hope you will not forget.*

I could say much more of my self; but Modesty won't allow me: and therefore I depend upon your making *good Use* of these few Hints.

Endorsed Upon —W——ll
at an Election

Neither the date nor the purpose of this broadside is known. The satire is the the kind very common in the Province and State of Pennsylvania during the greater part of the XVIIIth Century. Thomas Cheney in his letter to Lt Col Frazer dated Sept 1. 1778 says "Dunlap informs us nothing about you, his paper 3 sides advertisements and ye 4th contain Dispa/es from Constantinople *or some fine addresses to ye Quakers*—insignificant stuff." It may be that the author of those addresses in Dunlap's "Pennsylvania Packet" (which became a daily in 1784 and was the precursor of the North American and United States Gazette) wrote the above cynical skit."

Feb. 17. 1786. Manallan Township Fayette County

D/r Sir I wrote you aboute ten Days ago that I was then going to Washington to meake Inquiry Respecting youre lands, I last night Returned and shall now give you the best aCount I am abel, my health Continuing So Bad and a Smart Snow fawlling I applyed to Mr. Reddock who is well aquented with the lands, his aCount must therefoure be more Satisfactory to you then any I could give you had I—Seen the lands—Persifor Frazers warrant is Executed. 400 acras and 128. perches atrack of good land well Watered with plenty of good medow ground and knows of no other Cleam—

332 acras and 48 perches Surveyed for W/m Henderson is also a good track of land with plenty of water and meadow ground no other Cleame Interfers— 300 acras for Mary Fallows good land but a great part Cleamed by Matthew Richey Esq/r now Sir I should Recommend to take out y/e pattant as Soon as posabel if not Cavited by Richey, these three tracks are all Returned into the Survayer general/s office— W/m Henry and Hannah Taylors warrants are in the hands of M/r Redocks Deputees and are not Executed but M/r Redock asurs me he will attend to the business and make Return as Soon as posabel—

the land at the mouth of Racoon that Sam/l Kelso/s warrant Calls for is Surveyed for James Braeden on averginea (a Virginia?) Certificate but M/r Redock thinks it will not ly there and for a state of the Case Refars you to Bredens Return in in the Survayor Gen-

D^r Sir

Philadelphia, March 1, 1786

We have occasion to employ M^r Wilcocks for making a considerable quantity of paper for public use, and as it will be absolutely necessary to have some person in whom we can confide to oversee the workmen I shall be very happy if it will suit you to undertake that Business, on such terms as you may think agreeable. If you should find it necessary for you first to come up to Philadelphia, and I shall expect to see you in a few days, and if not I beg you will let me hear from you as speedily as possible

I am D^r Sir, with the greatest esteem
Your very humble servant

David Rittenhouse

General Frazer

Appointment of General Frazer by David Rittenhouse as inspector of the paper being manufactured for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The entire note is in the handwriting of the signed. Six-tenths, lineal measurement, of the original.

erals Office this track is prime first Reate land and is worth any tow of the others.

I have been in So bad aState of health for some time past that I hardly Ever Expect to Se youre County ageane I Should be glad to here from you by the Return of M/r Smiley if there is any thing I Can Sarve you in it will give me aplisure to do it I am glad to hear oure members from the back Countys Discharge there trust so well but we heave Confidance in the men we Send I hope this County will never loos ther Sences So far as to prefar any one to M/r Smiley, I heave not hard who is gone from this State to Congress this yeare, tell me how the Chester members Conduct thos I Can gess at that and whether there are like to be another Expedition to the new Court house you will be good anuf to Remember me to Co/l Cheney and his family Major Harper and his, I am Scarce abel to Set up to Scrawl this So Conclude with Reale Esteem

February y/e 17/th 1786

W/m Whiteside

Persifor Frazer Esq/r

N B M/r Redock lives in the town of Washington is alawer (a lawyer?) and will be very Redy to give you any assistance you may stand in need of W. W.

Addressed

Persifor Frazer

Esq/r

Chester County to the

Care of Jn/o Smiley Esq/r

pr favour of

James Finley Esq/r

M/r Smiley will be good anuf to Send this
to M/r Frazer from

W/m Whiteside

March 1. 1786

Philadelphia March 1. 1786

D/r Sir

We have occasion to employ M/r Wilcocks for making a considerable quantity of paper for public use, and as it will be absolutely necessary to have some person in whom we can confide to oversee the workmen I shall be very happy if it will suit you to undertake that Business, on such terms as you may think agreeable. If you

should, it will be necessary for you first to come up to Philadelphia, and I shall expect to see you in a few days, and if not I beg you will let me hear from you as speedily as possible

I am D/r Sir, with the greatest esteem
your very humble Servant
Dav/d Rittenhouse

General Frazer

To Persifor Frazer Esquire
favor/d by Col Cheyney

(In the handwriting of David Rittenhouse.)

Feb. 26. 1786. Letter of Sarah Kennedy to "General Persifor Frazer Esq." asking him to scrutinize the a/c of Sam/l Culbert who owes her money the payment of which she accuses him of seeking to avoid.

April 16. 1786

April 16/th 1786

D/r Madam

having an oportunity of writing By John—I Could not Refrain Sunday as it is to Congratulate you on the Opaintment of the Gena/l to the Rigisters office—The Opintment Gives me infinite Pleasure—and the Maner If Possable More—I long to see you—I wish you Could Come up—People say you will Come to Live at the wight Horse now—but I fear the News is two Good to be trew—how Rejoicd would I be—but I must not Give way to Such Pleasing Expatations with out a better foundation—do Send me a few Lines by John—and Give me some In-couragement if you Can with truth—but dont Flatter—or the dis-opintment will be dubly hard to Bare—if you send for your Sons things from M/r Andersons—and Coul Bring Johns with them to your house it would Greatly Oblidg me as I was disopinted in Giting a littel Carage for him to bring them up—Give my Love to M/rs Thompson tell her I Expect to see her hear this sumer—with Love to you and family I Remain
your affectionate friend

Mary Cloyd

Addressed

M/rs
Mary Frazer

On the division of the County three years later he did move his residence to Westtown in order to remain a citizen of Chester Connty, as his Thornbury home was included in the territory of the new County of Delaware. See Appendix.

PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE NAME, and by the AUTHORITY, of the FREEMEN of the Commonwealth of PENNSYLVANIA,

The SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the said Commonwealth,

to Persifer Frazer, Justice of the County of Chester



R EPOSING special trust and confidence in your patriotism, prudence, integrity, and ability, KNOW, that we have assigned you the offices of the county court of Chester. Please in and for the county of Chester, to go and getting unto you the said Persifer Frazer

full power and authority to execute and perform all the several acts and things which any justice of the peace, by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, lawfully can, may, or ought to do, both in and out of the said Court, to have and hold the said power and authority for seven years, _____ you behaving yourself well.

GIVEN under the hand of a true and lawful Sheriff of the County of Chester, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, the _____ day of _____

ATTEST:
John Franklin
Clerk of the Court

Persifer Frazer
Justice of the Peace for the County of Chester



Commission of Gen. Persifer Frazer as Justice of the Peace of Chester County. One-third linear measurement of the original.

- May 20. 1781 Account of loan made by P. F. to Richard
to Morris with offsets from May 20. 1781 to Aug. 1.
Aug. 1. 1786 1786.
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- May 17. 1786. Letter of attorney from Mary Norris to Persifor
Frazer Recorder of deeds to acknowledge satisfac-
tion on a mortgage given by James M/cillhane to
Joseph Parker Dec. 22. 1759 for a loan of £ 100 , ,
Principal and interest having been paid by Lydia
M/cillvaine to Mary Norris Administrator of Jos.
Parker dec'd.
Witnesses Phebe Chandler and Mary Wells(?)
-
- June 16. 1786 Certificate of "assignment" of Persifor Frazier
Esq. of the County of Chester as Justice of the Peace
of Chester County. Signed by the Hon. Charles
Biddle Esq. President of the Supreme Executive
Council of the Commonwealth of Penna. under seal of
the State. Recorded in Commission Book A. page
16. Aug. 20. 1786.
Attest. James Trimble for John Armstrong, Secy.
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- July 3. 1786. Letter of atty. Mary Preston widow, to P. F. Esq.
Recorder of Deeds to enter satisfaction for principal
and interest of a mortgage by Thomas Smedley to
secure the loan of £ 109 , , — , , — to him by Jonas
Preston Simes and Mary his wife.
Witnesses Thos. Lea. Jonas Preston.
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- Aug. 16. 1786. Let. of atty. Adam Grubb to P. F. Recorder of
Deeds to enter satisfaction on Mortgage of Geo.
Peirce and Mary his wife given to Grubb to secure the
payment of £ 200 , , — , , — , , — , ,
Witnesses H. H. Graham Jas. Dilworth Jun.
-
- Sept. 20. 1786. Promissory note for £ 43 , , 12 , , 3 1/2 to Wil-
liam Gibbons for 71 days. Witnesses. Chas. Dilworth
Fras Gardner
Endorsement. This bond was given as security for

half of a Debt due to Jno Gardner and for which he was arrested by W/m Gibbons Sheriff the money was put into my hands by J. Gardner to discharge the same etc etc. Signed Persifor Frazer

Dec. 22 1781
to
Aug. 1. 1786

R. Morris's Bond.....	£ 50
1781 Dec. 22 To Cash.....	1,, 10,,
1782 Ap/1 .....ditto.....	,, 7,, 6
Aug/t 29 .....ditto.....	1,, 17,, 6
1783 Feb/y 27 ..ditto.....	3,, —,, —
May 3 .....ditto.....	,, 15,, —
1786 Aug/t 1 Int/t 6, y/rs 2 M/o	
11 days	18,, 11,, 10
Int/t on £ 4/. 5/. 3 y/rs 5 mo.	,, 17,, 5
	<u>£ 76,, 19,, 3</u>
By Build/g Chimney and wal/g well..	3,, 5,, —
	<u>£ 73,, 14,, 3</u>

wall before the door to be Credited to him

Sept. 25. 1786

Bond	£ 43. 12. 32
In/t from 25/th Sept 1786 to December	
8/th 2 m/o and 13 Dy/s.....	— 10. 6
	<u>£ 44. 2. 9</u>

Nov. 4. 1786.

Bond and Warrant of Jas. Newell to Jno. Kimbler for £ 55.

Endorsed. Rec.d by P. F. a part from Jno Hunter £ 30

Witnesses Robt. Frazer and Jona/t Smith

Nov. 4. 1786.

Also Bnd. and War. for £ 60. same date and parties with four endorsements.

- Nov. 6. 1786. Power of Atty. John Kimler to P. F. for recovery
of all debts etc.
Witnesses Mary Fallows. Jona/t Smith
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- Nov. 6. 1786. A list of Bonds and Penal Bills deposited with P. F.
by Jno. Kimler amounting to £ 235 , , 2 , , — , ,
-
- Nov. 7. 1786. Receipt to P. F. Recor. for Deed of Conveyance
from Jos Parker to Thos. Karnased(?) for 137 acres
in Marlborough "which I left to be recorded."
Thomas Karnased
-
- Nov. 8. 1786. Receipt to P. F. for Deeds Joshua Johnson and
wife to W/m Wood; Thos. Lamborn and wife to Jos.
Wilkeson; and Thos Lamborn and wife to Robert
Lamborn
Signed Rob/t Lamborn.
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- Nov. 8. 1786. Sir As Aaron Musgrave have to go to Baltimore
for a horse theft and Col,n Gibbons thinks he Should
have My Commission Upon Such a Matter Shall be
oblige to you if you Will Let him have it these from
your fr/d &c
Ezekiel Leonard
November the 8/th 1786
for General Piersofer Frazer
-
- Dec. 26. 1786. Rec'p't to P. F. Recor. for Deeds from James
Brinton.
-
- Feb. 2. 1787. Letter of atty Eliz. Wilson (by her atty H. H.
Graham) to P. F. Witnesses Adam Grubb and
James Dilworth.
Endorsed
fees paid 3/ satisfaction entered May 22. 1787
-
- Feb. 21. 1787. Letter of Atty to same from same. Same endorse-
ment.
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March 8. 1787. Letter of atty Joseph Larkin to P. F. Recor. for entering satisfaction on a loan of Edw. Minshall and Witnesses Adam Grubb and H. H. Graham. wife paid with interest by Frederick Engle.

March 13. 1787.

Borough of Belfast
in the County of Antrim
and Kingdom of Ireland

Robert M/cMillan of
Belfast in the County
of Antrim and Kingdom
of Ireland Linen Weaver,

aged Seventy years, comes this Day before me the Rev/d William Bristow, Clerk.—Sovereign of the Borough of Belfast in the said County of Antrim, and one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and on the Holy Evangelists made Oath, and on his Oath deposeth and Saith, That he this Deponent well knew John Morrison late of the Parish of Donaghclony nigh Waringstown in the County of Down in the said Kingdom of Ireland Farmer, and Jane his wife. who are both dead many years ago ÷ And Deponent Saith, That the said John Morrison and Jane his Wife had several Children, all of whom this Deponent well knew,—namely,—James Morrison, Elizabeth Morrison, John Morrison, Joseph Morrison, Benjamin Morrison and David Morrison, and all of whom are now dead as Deponent believes, save only the said Benjamin Morrison—And Deponent further deposeth, That the said Elizabeth Morrison intermarried with one Thomas Gichan, who was a Mason to Trade. and he and his said wife—Elizabeth, upwards of fifty years ago, went to and resided in America, where this Deponent hath been credibly informed and verily believes the said Thomas Gichan died, and that his Widow the said Elizabeth Gichan otherwise Morrison afterwards intermarried with one Thomas M/cCall—And that the said Thomas M/cCall and his said wife Elizabeth are both since dead—And this Deponent Saith that the said Benjamin Morrison is still living, and resides in the Town of Belfast aforesaid, and is now here present at the time of making this Affidavit.

Cause of Deponent's Knowledge is, that this Deponent's Father Hugh M/cMillan lived Tenant to and under the said John Morrison the Father, and was his next door Neighbour, and Deponent at the same time lived with his said Father Hugh M/cMillan, and thereby became well acquainted and intimate with the Said John Morrison and Jane his Wife, and all their Children and Family—

In Testimony whereof I the said Sovereign have hereunto Subscribed my name, and caused the Corporation Seal of the Said Borough of

Belfast to be hereunto affixed this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven.

Robert M/ccMillen

[SEAL]

William Bristow
Sov/n of Belfast

March 13. 1787.

Whereas Elizabeth M/cCall otherwise Gichan, otherwise Morrison late of Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania, Widow, deceased, duly made and published her last Will and Testament in Writing, and did thereby give and bequeath unto her Brother Benjamin Morrison now of Belfast in the County of Antrim and Kingdom of Ireland, the Sum of fifty pounds that Currency to be paid twelve months next after her Decease—And she appointed M/r James Lindsay of Chester County aforesaid, Executor of her said Will—*Now Know* all Men by the Presents, That I the Said Benjamin Morrison have made, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do make, ordain, constitute and appoint Stephen Wilson of Baltimore in Maryland, Esquire my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my Name, and to my use, to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive of and from the said James Lindsay, or whom else it doth or may concern, the said Legacy of fifty pounds so given and bequeathed to me the said Benjamin Morrison in and by the last Will Testament of my said late Sister Elizabeth M/cCall, deceased, and to have use and take all lawful Ways and Means in my Name, or otherwise, for Recovery thereof—and upon Receipt thereof for me and in my Name or in the Name of him my Said Attorney, to give such Release and discharge for the same as shall be sufficient—And one Attorney or more under him my said Attorney for the Purposes aforesaid, to make and substitute, and at his Pleasure to revoke—Ratifying and allowing all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done in or about the Premises by Virtue of these Presents. In Witness whereof I the said Benjamin Morrison have hereunto set my Hand and Seal at Belfast aforesaid this thirteenth Day of March one thousand and seven hundred and Eighty Seven.—

Signed Sealed and delivered

In the Presence of

Dav/d Henderson

Henry Joy.

Benj Morrison [SEAL]

Borough of Belfast
in the County of Antrim
and Kingdom of Ireland

David Henderson of Belfast in the
County of Antrim and Kingdom of Ire-
land, Gentleman, came this day before me

The Reverend William Bristow, Clerk,
Sovereign of the Borough of Belfast, One of His Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for the said County of Antrim, and on the Holy Evan-
gelists made Oath, and on his Oath deposeth and Saith that he this
Deponent is a Subscribing Witness to the Within Written Power of
Attorney and saw the same duly Signed, Sealed, Delivered and Ex-
ecuted by the therein Named Benjamin Morrison; and that the Name
David Henderson subscribed as a Witness to said Power of attorney
is of this Deponent's own proper Hand Writing.

In Testimony whereof I the said Sovereign have hereunto Subscribed
my Name and caused the Corporation Seal of the Said Borough of
Belfast to be hereunto affixed this thirteenth day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Seven.—

Dav/d Henderson.

William Bristow
Sov/n of Belfast

[SEAL]

March 29. 1787.

Agreement between Josiah Haines and P. F. by
the terms of which the latter is to take the farm of
the former in Goshen twp Chester Co. containing 170
acres for £ 5. per acre, and Haines to take his choice
of sundry tracts of land in Wash/n Co. owned by P. F.
for which he is to pay 15s per acre with additional
stipulations as to manner of payment.

Witnesses Jas. Hemphill and Jona. Smith.

Signed P. F.

March 29. 1787.

Duplicate of above and same witnesses Signed
Josiah Hains (Note. The two papers are in differ-
ent hands and Hain is spelled without an "e" in the
above and with an "e" in this.)

April 1. 1787.

Unfavorable Opinion by H. H. Graham to P. F.
on validity of titles to lands offered P. F. by Josiah
Haines.

April 10. 1787. Letter of P. F. to J. Haines accompanying above opinion.

April 30. 1787. Letter of atty to P. F. to enter satisfaction of debt of £ 323 , , — , , — , , owed and paid by Joshua Vaughan to J. Peirce.
Witnesses William Haslewood and Rachel Haslewood.

May 19. 1787. Power of att'y. Sarah Clark to P. F. to acknowledge satisfaction on mortgage to secure debt of £ 227 , , — , , — , ,
Witnesses Robert Buffington and Stephen Harlan

May 19. 1787

Princeton May th/19—1787—

D/r Madam

I have for some time intended to write and acquaint you of my being settled at Princeton, where I shall be very happy to see you and Gen/l Frazier, accompanied by the young Ladies.

I am much at a loss for such a person as I conceive Polly Pollus to be; can you recommend me one, that I can put implicit confidence in; the person I want must be perfect mistress of the dairy understand Washing, Ironing, spinning, knitting and plain sewing, and be strictly honest and sober—if you can recommend such a person to me what ever wages you think reasonable, and agree for, shall be punctually paid by me, your immediate answer will much Oblidge

Your sincere Friend.

Ann Henry

P S. M/r Henry Joins me in Love and Comp/ts to you and and your good Family—

Addressed

M/rs Percifer Frazer
Chester county,

May 23. 1787

Baltimore 23 May 1787

Inclosed is a power of Attorney sent to me by Benjamin Morrison to recover the legacy of £ 50 left him by Elizabeth M/cCall, now in the hands of her Executor M/r James Lindsay.

As it is out of my power to apply in person I must request of you to receive it for me and remit the money to my friend M/r Thomas Lea Merch/t in Philadelphia to hold subject to my order. I suppose that this letter will be a sufficient voucher for Mr. Lindsay to pay the money to you; if not, I shall send any other he may require. I should be sorry to trouble you with such disagreeable business, but I know it must afford you pleasure to serve a poor old man to whom this trilling legacy will be a great relief.—Morrison sends an Affidavit to prove the identity of his person. If he is entitled to Interest, I beg you may get it for him

I am with much esteem

Fr

Your most obed S/t
Stephen Wilson

Addressed

General Pers/r Frazer
at Thornbury
Chester County
Pennsylvania

p/r fav/r
M/r Wethy

May 1787. 1788	P. F. dr to—Goodwin for coffin for his child£—,, 17,, 6 To corner cupboard..... 6,, 0,, 0 To hanging five maps..... 4,, 2
	7,, 1,, 8
	3,, 1,, 8
	4,, —,, —,,

Received for my Father Enoch Goodwin

May 26. 1787. Letter of att'y. to P. F. Recor. from Eleanor Graham widow to ack. satis. on debt of £ 50 and int. owed to her by Mary Williams widow.
Witnesses. Sarah Smith. Jas. Dilworth Jun/r

June 20. 1787. Receipt by James Wilson to Joshua Vaughan blacksmith for £ 41 , 16 , — in full for debt to Thos.

Dutton's Executors from Caleb Peirce in satisfaction
of a mortgage on a tract of land in Chester Co. Pa.
Endorsed by let. of att'y to P. F. by Thos. and
Hannah Wilson

Aug. 3. 1787. Letter of att'y. to P. F. Recor. from Joseph Dicks
to ack. satis. for debt of £ 230,, —, —, owed and
paid with int. by Philip and Nicholas Stimmel tobac-
conists of Phila.
Witnesses H. H. Graham and Jam/s Dilworth Jun/r

August 13. 1787

Princeton August th/13. 1787—

My D/r Madam

Your kind letter was handed me by Betsy
Jeffers who you where so kind as to get for me she is I believe
very capable of doing the business I wanted her to do, but she is
in so bad a state of health that she is not able to use any exercise
without suffering so much pain that it has been disagreeable to
me to ask her to do any thing but just what she chose to do her-
self, she tells me she had a very severe fit of illness before she
came to me, and brought Medicine with her to take I gave her a
bottle of port Wine to infuse it in ^{as} I was in hopes before now
that she would have been perfectly recovered, as this is a remark-
able healthy country. and that she would undertake the care of
the dairy which at present is very small as we milk but 5 cows, in
a week we shall have it increased in a week to 7, our negro woman
should have helped her to milk but Betsy ^{she} tells me she has not
milkd a cow for some years and that she expected I would have
the cows milked and Brought to her, and then she would make
cheese, finding every kind of work that requird exercise dis-
agreeable to her, it would not suit me to keep her any longer, her
passage was paid here and we shall pay it to Philad/a where I
hope she will get a safe ^{come} passage home, I have told her to go
to Daddy and stay till she gets a passage, I have done every thing
in my power to try to make her happy since she has been with me,
I brought her to eat at ^{table} table with M/r Henry and myself
except when we had company, and it not being the custom of
this place could not bring her at that time, which she allways was
dissatisfied with—so paid her in hard money this morning, she
told me on her arrival that you and Gen/l Frasier intended to
visit us in Sep/t let me assure you it will give ^{me} us much pleasure

to see you, bring sally with you. M/r Henry joins me in wishing you and family every happiness and believe me to be your sincere Freind

Ann Henry

Tomorrow Betsy jeffers will have been six weeks with me and I paid her an English guinea—she goes in the stage tomorrow.

Addressed

M/rs Percifer Frazer
Chester County

August 15. 1787 Bond & Warrant W/m Henry to P. F. for
£ 393 , , — , , —
Witnesses Thos. Wright, Alexander Mackee.

Sept. 7. 1787. Agreement between Sam/l Mendenhall at present
in residing in the County of Berkley Va and Jos
Pennell of Chester Co. Pa. Guardian of Abner and
one of the Guardians of Beulah Mendenhall. regard-
ing the division of the estate of Sam/l Mendenhall
dec'd.
Witnessed by Persifer Frazer and Amos Mendenhall
signed Jos. Pennell.

Oct. 4. 1787. Balto, Oct. 4. 1787.
Letter to P. F. from Stephen Wilson asking former
to request Lindsay to pay amt of Eliz M/cCall's estate
to Thomas Lea for Benj Morrison.

Addressed

General Frazer. Thornbury, Chester Co.

Nov. 7. 1787.

Fr/d John Kimler

I Received your Letter by Moses James and have paid
him on your Account Forty pounds for which I have taken his
Common Bond payable to you, it is likely our method of taking
Judgments and yours may differ—in some places they are con-
trary to Law, I therefore thought it best take the Common Bond
and you and him can make what other Bargain you please—I

have receiv'd the whole of John M/cMins Money Am/tg. to £ 56 ., 12 ., 9. and would have sent it all to you, had I had a few days more notice but Had lent the Money to 2 or 3 good hands in the Neighborhood, as I was under apprehension it might be taken from me, as a great Number of People have been Robbed lately and was very glad to get it out of my Hands—I have not seen Newell lately, he has sold the Lott and has removed up to the Valley Forge where they have built a New Slitting Mill, he got near as much as he gave for it—I will inform him that you expect the Money against Spring and make no doubt he will have it ready. M/cMin behaved very honestly and gave me no trouble. Should any of your acquaintance be coming this way at any time I will Send the Ball/a due you at this time—We remain in our Usual health and join in our good wishes to you all. I Remain your Sincere Friend and Hble Servant

Pers/r Frazer

Novem/r 7/th 1787.

Addressed

M/r John Kimler
Loudon County
Virginia

fav/d by
Mr Moses James

November 26. 1787

Received Novem/r 26th 1787 a Mortgage Deed from Sampson Wickersham to William Phillips which I have Received from Persifor Frazer the same having been Recorded

John Philips

December 28. 1787

Acknowledgment of Deed Poll by Ezekiel Hoopes before P. F. Recorder.

March 17. 1788. Bond of John Brown to deliver possession of tract of land in Westtown by April 1. 1788

Witnesses Thos Cheney Ezekiel Leonard.

March 22. 1788. Art. of agreement between Jno Bowen and Jno Davidson in regard to a sale of land of the former to

the latter for £ 250,, —,, —,,. P. F. witnesses the transfer of £ 150 of the purchase money on Jan. 14. 1790.

March 24. 1788. Let. of att'y to P. F. from H. H. Graham Exec: of Rees Peters who was Execu of Rob/t Wilson. dec'd. to ack. satis. of mt'ge for debt of £ 120,, —,, —,,
Witnesses W/m Baldwin and James Dilworth Jun/r

June 12. 1788. Release of Mary Junkin by Israel and Mary Moore attested by P. F. Justice.

July 26. 1788. Letter of Jno. Hoge to P. F. relating to lands about the mouth of Raccoon Creek and in Washn. Co.

July 28. 1788 Letter of Reading Howell to P. F. asking latter to make a new acc and get the approbation of the other Gentlemen.

June 1788. Acct. between David M/cMurtrie Ad. Exts. v. P. F.
to
Sept. 10. 1789.

Sept. 30. 1788. Let. of attorney John and Mary Dickinson to P. F. to ack. satis. of Mtge from Benj. Weatherly to Chas. Norris
Witnesses Sally Norris Dickinson, and Thos. Tiluson.

	s	d	£	s	
William Yarnall 20 Cord Wood at 5 / 9			5—	15—	0
Benjamin Chance to 2 new Shoes			0.	2.	6
Abraham Sharpless his acomp/t			21.	6.	0
John Kimlers acompt against it			16.	12.	10
			4.	13.	2
			£	d	
young Ben/j Jones Cash lent			0	3.	9

Abraham Sharpless Dr

To a Cole Basket.....	0— 5.	0
To a Mortisen ax.....	0. 2.	6

To	WD.....	100,, —,, —
Harry	WD.....	100,, —,, —
Silvea	51... 75,, —,, —	
Jack Jack.....		100,, —,, —
Isaac.....	I-----P.R.....	100,, —,, —
Dick	D.....	85,, —,, —
Seaser	E V.....	75,, —,, —
Rachel and Child... P F.....		85,, —,, —
Sam.....	P.F.....	25,, —,, —

Charley.....	E V.....	65,, —,, —
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140 P F.....	205	in debt , 10
2	£701	P F..... 205
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Feb. 9. 1789

Brother/

As the Right Worshipful the Grand Officers have visited Lodge N/o 8. since our last stated meeting—and granted their warrant, which supersedes our Old one—business is to commence under the new warrant on the 3/d Tuesday of this month (the regular stated meeting of the Lodge) at 10 oclock A M in Norristown, at the House of Jas: Page—at which time and place you are desired to attend, on business of importance respecting the craft and our particular Lodge—

By special order of the Worshipful Master
Jn/o Cadwallader Sec/y

Persifer Frazer Esq/r

March 2. 1789. Note from Moses Hoopes to P. F. asking the latter for £7, , 5, , 0. A line appended is a receipt by Moses Hoopes for £6, , . in part of claim.

March 24. 1789. Note from P. F. to Levi Matson offering to pay latter £30, , —, , —, , on a/c of Rent due by Sarah Vernon if he will wait for the remainder.

April 11. 1789.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

PHILADELPHIA, April 11/th 1789.

SIR,

BY direction of Council, I transmit to you two Commissions for John Worth Esquire to be entered upon record in your County—Previous to the delivery of which, you will administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of the State.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and very humble Servant,

James Trimble
for Charles Biddle
Sec/ry.

To Percifer Frazier Esquire,
Recorder of Deeds in the County
of Chester

Addressed

on public service
Percifer Frazier Esquire
Recorder of the County of Chester

May 30. 1789. Let of atty H. H. Graham to P. F. to ack. satis. of Mtge of Jno. Pennell and wife to Graham for £250, , —, , —, ,
Witnesses Jno Price and Jos Pennell.

Oct. 10. 1789.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

PHILADELPHIA, October 10/th 1789.

SIR,

BY direction of Council, I transmit to you the Commissions for the Sheriff and Coroner—and Writ of Assistance to be entered

upon record in your County—Previous to the delivery of which, you will administer to the Sheriff and Coroner the oaths required by the Constitution and Lws of the State, and also take from the Sheriff the Security which the Law requires

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and very humble Servant,

James Trimble
for Charles Biddle

To Percifer Frazier Esquire,
Recorder of Deeds in the County
of Chester

Sec/ry.

PS John Hannum and Ezekiel Leonard are approved by Council as sureties for the Sheriff

James Trimble

Octo/r 20/th 1789

The Sheriff and Coroner Were duly affirmed agreeably to the above directions. before me

Pers/r Frazer

Addressed

On public service
Percifer Frazier Esquire
Recorder of Deeds in the County of
Chester

Oct. 19. 1789.
Sir,

19. Oct. 1789

The cause of M/cMurtrie against you is marked for trial on Saturday the 31 ins/t—I will endeavor to reach Philad/a if possible on that day, being obliged on some public and important business to attend at Easton Oyer and Terminer which commences on the 26/th But if I should be disappointed, M/r Ingersol will attend to the business. I will pay him the fee you gave me last, and will instruct him in the cause before I set out. The paper the young Gentlemen will give you. They are in the U: pidgeon hole of the Com.pleas.—

I hope I shall be in time, if not I have to regret that I cannot serve you in person,—but if a good cause and my wishes can avail you, I think you will succeed.

I am Dear Sir
Your hum ser.
W. Bradford Jun.

(Turn over)
P. Frazer Esq.

P.S. Upon examining the pidgeon hole I do not find the papers,
and if I recollect right I gave them to you when you went to take
M/r Caldwell's deposition

Addressed

Persifor Frazier Esquire
Recorder,
West Chester.

M/cMurtrie
vs.
Frazer

Nov. 9. 1789. Received from Gen. Frazier three bonds for
twenty five pounds each given by me to him which
with the int. due thereon Amount to the sum of Sev-
enty five pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, for
which sum together with the Costs of Suit against me
he is to have credit on the Judg/t against him at the
suit of the Exers of David M/cMurtrie decsd.
Philad. Nov. 9. 1789

	David M/cMurtrie
£ 95 . 2 . 6 am/t of Jud.	
95 , , 2 , , 6	£77 , , 15 , , 5
6 , , 8 , , 5	2 , , 13 , , 1
9 , , —	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>
	80 , , 8 , , 6
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 101 , , 18 , , 11	
80 , , 8 , , 6	
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £21 , , 11 , , 5	
1 , , 0 , , 0	deduced being Error in Cost-
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 20 , , 11 , , 5	
1 , , 0 , , 0	added for 10 M/os Interest
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 21 , , 11 , , 5	

24. Sep/t 1790 rec/d of Persifor Frazer Esq/r the
above twenty one pounds 11/5.—the Costs of the Ac-
tion of Frazer v M/cMurtrie to be p/d by Gen/l
Frazer, as it is allowed in the Acc/t

£21 , , 11 , , 5.

M/cMurtrie Frazier

Jona D. Sargeant

November 30. 1789.
Fr/d Joseph Hoskins

As I have understood that you are one of the overseers of Chester Meeting of which Meeting Abigail Swasfer (late Abigail Worrall) is a member—I take the Liberty to complain to you of her Conduct—

Sarah Worrall the widow of John Worrall the elder late of Edgmont decd by her last Will and Testament bequeathed to my wife the Granddaughter of the s/d Sarah £ 100. to be paid to her at her Mothers decease, and left her son Peter Worrall the Executor of the said Will—Peter Worrall died in the year 1772 and left his Wife Abigail and Joseph Talbot jun/r Executors of his Will—In the Year 1780 my wifes Mother died (viz. Sarah the wife of Jn/o Peirce) at whose decease as afors/d the Legacy became payable—Peter worralls estate was very large and ample to satisfy all debts and several large pecuniary legacys to his Children—We have made repeated applications to Abigail Swasfer for the payment of the legacy, which hitherto has not had the desired effect (except a small sum paid ab/t 3 years ago at w/ch time she promised punctually to discharge the ballance in a short time, in Consequence of w/ch promise and to remove any Cause for complaint I engaged to strike off 2 years Interest—Still by affected delays we are kept out of the money—We had reason many years ago to make complaint of her conduct in this business, but being loath to have any dispute of this nature with any of my wifes relations, has been the occasion of its being so long deferred—Indeed I had intended to have taken this matter into the Supreme Court, but having been advised that this mode may be as effectual—less expensive and more friendly, I gladly embrace it, and would be happy to have the business terminated soon as I am under engagements to pay a sum of Money soon for the place I now live on which I some time ago purchased—I have informed her that she has no just right to expect me to forgive the two years Interest—as that was made with the express Proviso that I should have no more trouble about it and on her promise that the remainder should be paid soon, which is now about 3 years—I am sorry Sir to have Occasion to give you or the meeting the trouble that this complaint may introduce, but have found every method we have taken hitherto ineffectual

I am y/r sincere Fr/d etc/a

Westown Novem/r 30/th 1789

Pers/r Frazer

Endorsed

Copy of Letter to Joseph Hoskins
Overseer of Chester Meeting

December 7. 1789 Affidavit of Joshua Ashbridge before P. F justice, that the signature of his Father was genuine as a Witness to a deed of land by John Todhunter of Goshen to Stephen Hoopes of Westtown dated Oct. 7, 1736

Although foreign to this memoir the following brief from Gen. Frazer's papers is printed as a sample of the legal acumen of that day, and because one of the greatest of the public charities of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Hospital, was involved in the case.

Jan. 4. 1790.

Finley
v
Rustons Ex/rs

Covenant
Case

This is an action brought for damages upon a breach of contract made by y/e defendants. It will appear in support of it that on y/e 19/th day of March 1783 Job Ruston did in behalf of himself, his Ex/r and adm/r in consideration of £ 420 covenant to make a good and sufficient deed of consideration to Plff for a specified tract of land consisting of 218 1/4 acres, being the one half of a tract of land of 436 1/4 acres w/c said Ruston had mortgaged to the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for y/e sum of £ 600.

The penalty for non-performance of agreement £ 1200.

Circumstances.

These are complex. M/r Job Ruston owned two plantations or tracts of land, the one in Faggs-manor containing about 450 acres on w/c he lived—the other in Penns-manor and about two miles distant from this, containing 436 1/4 acres, the one half of w/c said Ruston sold to Plff as will appear from the articles of agreement w/c shall be laid before you. This contract is aluded to and confirmed by said Rustons *will* in the following words "I do hereby empower my Ex/rs and those within named to comply with the articles of agreement made between me and my son in law John Evans Finley."

But you will remember that the whole tract of 436 1/4 acres was mortgaged to y/e managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for y/e sum of £ 600 principle for the payment of one half of which Plff. stood answerable to said Ruston or his ex/r—

The managers of the P. H. demanded the whole money first from Thomas Ruston, afterwards from the Ex/r of Job Rustons estate; but receiving no satisfaction from either, put the bond in suit and sold the whole tract of 436 acres on account of the mortgage. And William Fisher influenced by his daughter and the unwearied application of

his son in law Thomas Ruston purchases the farm* The consequence is Plff is left to seek redress of grievances in this way.

The circumstances which led on to this are as follow. M/r Job Ruston or his Ex/rs were under obligation to discharge one half of said Mortgage; but they did not pay any part of it, and if we consider their resources were rendered unable: for the monies arising from the sale of the personal estate were chiefly absorbed in the payment of small debts in the neighborhood as I am informed and have good reason to believe; but am under no obligation to prove it; for whether the Ex/rs could not or would not my argument is the same.

Their next and only resource then was from monies arising from the sale of y/e real estate. Let us attend a little to this.

M/r Job Ruston *will* all his real estate (carefully excepting that part w/c he had sold to Plff) to his son Thomas Ruston on the express condition of paying to his Ex/rs the sum of £ 3,000 by the instalments of £ 400 a year. Then follows a provisional clause that if his son Thomas sh/d fail in making y/e first or any following payment, then in that case he empowers his Ex/rs etc to sell a specified lot of 44 acres of land—and if he should fail in making the second or any following payment, then in that case he orders and empowers his Ex/rs etc to sell a specified lot of 100 acres—and if he sh/d fail in making the fourth or any following payment then in that case y/e Ex/rs etc are empowered to sell a lot of 218 1/4 acres being the one half of the tract of 436 1/4 acres w/c was mortgaged to y/e managers of y/e P. H.—

Accordingly the 1/t and 2/d lots were sold and Thomas Ruston is the purchaser, but suffers himself to be sued for the greatest part of y/e money. Here we may observe as we go along that Thomas Ruston publicly discharged any person from purchasing this second lot, as he was he was determined if they did to enter an action against them in law: therefore the Ex/rs were under the necessity of dealing with Thomas Ruston for the land on his own terms, yet an action lies against him in y/e supreme court for part of the purchase.

And with respect to the 3/d lot w/c is specified in y/e will and expressly ordered to be sold by y/e Ex/rs—it was sold by the Sheriff before the time y/e will directed the ex/rs to sell it. Now tho' Thomas Ruston had the whole of his fathers estate in his possession and was greatly in debt to y/e Ex/rs but knew that by the tediousness of law he could detain y/e money for some time so would not give £ 100 to y/e managers of y/e P. H.. to stop the process. This will be made appear by a voucher which shall be laid before you as well as from D/r F. Alison's evidence.

*Wm. Fisher informed Plff that he would not have bought but for his daughter.

Thus thro' the failure of Thomas Ruston the Ex/rs were disabled from discharging their part of the mortgage—and did not indeed pay any part principal or interest.

Plff paid part of the money to M/r Job Ruston and part to the managers of y/e P. H. as will appear from the vouchers which shall be laid before you, and continued still to pay untill forbid by his attorney.

Not only has Plff laid out money to a considerable amount; but at great trouble and expence did build a large stone dwelling house and kitchen, barn, and made other valuable improvements on y/e premises.

You cannot expect in matters of this sort such vouchers as if one man had undertaken it for another, and so expected to require satisfaction for the same in a future day. Such receipts, bills etc as Plff. has been able to procure shall be laid before you.

Upon this state of facts it is amicably agreed by the parties to refer the whole matters in debate to you gentlemen chosen by y/e court and acceded to by us. All that shall be farther added is some peculiarly aggravating circumstances w/c tho' not immediately to the point in a legal sense yet certainly is connected with it in equity and no doubt will come into the account in a future reckoning.

From whose hand comes all this loss, trouble and uneasiness of mind to Plff. Tis from the hand of a brother—a brother too who either has or professes to have wealth in abundance, yet covets a sisters little portion. When Thomas Ruston came first from England, he once and again makes his home with this sister for days together and is treated with all that civility and courtesy his sister or the family were capable of: Yet never once does he acknowledge y/e favor—No but the moment he has it in his power unmanlike indeed, he puts on all y/e majesty of self importance to his sister in the absence of her husband, discharges her *at her peril* (they are his own words) from touching a single peach w/c grew in y/e orchard.

As soon as a crop of wheat was put in y/e ground w/t M/r Fishers leave, Thomas Ruston proud of exercising his authority, orders his sister by virtue of a power of attorney from W/m Fisher, to quit the premises immediately—and even robs her of the whole crop. When Plff. a little before harvest applied to W/m Fisher for y/e crop according to compact, he replied he had committed that business to his son in law; and when pressed on the subject could only say, that he was taken at a disadvantage. How true this is will appear from the nature of y/e bargain.* Plff. then applied to Thomas Ruston who also refused y/e crop and said he had swapt it away.†

*It was a verbal agreement that the incumbrance and rent sh/d be determined by two of y/e neighbours accordingly W/m. Sterrit and R. Smith Esq/s adjudged Plff. to pay £20. This was offered.

†I mark'd him well, he used y/e Jockey word *Swap*.

Do you ask for what purpose was this tract of land mortgaged: The ans/r is short, it was for money to give Thomas Ruston when he went to England and was wholly applied to his use. This his father repeatedly told to y/e neighbours.

But this is not all. M/rs Eliz. Ruston aunt to M/rs Finley had £ 100 Sterling in the bank in England and in y/e late war put a power of attorney to Thomas Ruston to draw it out and send it over to her in America. M/rs Eliz. Ruston on her death bed expressed her desire to two respectable women yet living that this £ 100 Sterling sh/d be divided between M/rs Finley and her sister M/rs S Bell.

This money Thomas Ruston holds and refuses to give any account of it either to y/e ex/rs or heirs of M/r Job Rustons estate. If this noncupative will had been properly attended to this complaint had been made in another form.

Now gentlemen when you consider the particulars above enumerated with these aggravating circumstances as—the trouble and expence Plff. is at in obtaining Justice. When you consider the importance of contracts in general and their effects between man and man and on the community at large, you will I trust award to Plff. high and exemplary damages.

Jn/o E. Finley.

read Jany 4/th 1790.

March 26. 1790. Letter from Geo. Patterson of Patterson's Mills Juniata to P. F. requesting him to appear and testify in a suit brought by David M/cMurtrie on land near the mouth of the Little Juniata.

Addressed

Pereifer Frazer Esq.

April 7. 1790. Prom. Note. Wm Harris to Geo. Marstellor for £ 15 , , 12 , , 7

Witnesses Th. R. Kennedy, Thos. Bones
Mem. of amts pd.

April 24. 1790. Letter from W/m Bradford Jun. "on the part of the Commonwealth" to Genl Frazer requesting a search for records of two deeds, each of a part of Hog Island to Jos Galloway from John Read and John Hughes respectively.

March 1. 1790 Lease by P. F. to Isaac Bolton of farm in East Whiteland for £ 18—gold or silver and the taxes.

June 13. 1790. Letter P. F. to George Peirce regarding obstructions to the road leading from Edgmont toward Concord by Jon/a Hunter, Geo. Hunter, and Edward Cheney.

Addressed

Geo. Peircé Esq

December 21.
1790

Sir

Please to pay to Persifor Frazer or order One pound Seven Shillings Six pence & Charge the same to Your Hble Serv/t

William Harris

Decem/r 21/th 1790
To Charles Dilworth Esq/r

March 1. 1791. Received this first of March 1791 of Persifor Frazier Esq/r fifty pounds which with the same sum received some time since is in full for the Fee on account of his Son.

Jared Ingersoll

Probably for reading law in Mr. Ingersoll's office.

Aug. 17. 1791. Letter of lawyers James Ross and Alex. Addison of Washington, to Persifor Frazer Esquire concerning a suit instituted against Shasbarger Bentley and his wife Bezabul(?) and Amos House upon their bond given in P. F.'s office for the faithful admin. of the estate of Jas. Baldwin.

Aug. 13. 179 (?)

Chester Aug/s 13/th 179 (?)

My dear Sir

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you last I have received the catalogue of my Offence delivered in by the *Censor General* of our Country as the list is to be sure a curious one—but such as may with

the utmost facility be answered—The only point which I cannot myself obviate is the practice in the registers office as to Wills. and that too I can safely declare according to the Directions of M/r Graham—but whether the declaration of the interested party will be taken or not is the question—Some of my friends have requested my obtaining a Certificate from you Sir—stating the practice in your time—whether such a demand would be improper, or would lead to further Enquiries or not you shall be the judge if you deem it improper or incautious in you to furnish me with such Certificate—I beg you may not send it—we cannot tell what may follow—you may meet a *Bevan* in your own County—and altho' your Conduct has been such as places you above the Threats or power of any person, yet to be called upon even where capable of justifying—is a thing not much to be wish'd for. You, if my memory serves me, inform'd me the practice in the time of M/r Graham and yourself has uniformly been to take fifteen shillings for each Codicil, unless when you choose to forgive etc.—whether this is the practice or not is material to me—on this Occasion—My Instructions in a Case of this kind from that Gentleman are in these words Viz: “Probate of each Codicil according to size, and if Witnesses are different from Will it is discretionary in the Officer—full fees have been taken”—Alluding to the circumstances of the parties and the Trouble attending the Business—Now Sir, if this has been the practice I am right in what I have done, if not t'is an Error—and whether it will fall on my shoulders or not is to be determined—A willful Error I never did commit—and to be censured for a fault of the kind is hard.—you will judge Sir whether it may be proper and necessary to grant a line on the occasion—(Torn)—shall do th—(Torn)—rity or—(Torn)—(Torn)—ing are the—(Torn)—may suggest

I am Sir, with the Utmost
Sincerity and Esteem
Your Hu/ble Sev/t
W/m R/n Atlee

Pers/r Frazer Esq/r

If by the Act of Assembly you can make out a *Bill*

of particulars and send by the Bearer you will oblige me, in the Care of Wills—

W/m R/1 Atlee

Addressed

Persifer Frazer Esq/r
West Town
Chester County

Year and date not given Estimate of Thos. and of Hannah Lindley's securities and order for eight tons bar Iron etc.

Endorsed

Wm Plumsted's order for iron and a/c of Lindley Securities and their Ad/ms

This may be part of the transaction of 1751 (mentioned on page 12) out of its place in the papers.

Year not given Aug. the 5/th Note of Richard Morris to Mr Persifer Frasier S/r requesting Mr Jno Whitecer (Whitaker(?)) be informed of certain Det and interests and that P. F. would think of his work on the chimley and Drawell.

Year and date wanting

Copy of testimony in trial of Eleazer Smith for passing a counterfeit of the currency of Massachusetts, with sentence of the court to thirty nine lashes on the bare back well laid on.

September 7(?) 1791. & September 17. 1791

Subpaenas to Elisha Price by Edw Burd prothon. to testify in case of Jona. Hunter vs Patrick Shirkey, at West Chester.

Thos. M/cKean Chief Justice, Edw. Burd Prothon.

December 2. 1791.

Receipt by Wm. Irwin (his mark) to P. F. auditor of J. Gardner late Sheriff for £ 5 , , 14 , , 6 .

Witness Ephr/m Allen.

Fees charged etc. Mem of payment to Gardner's creditors

December 16. 1791.
 Receipt Jas Baggs to P. F. and of J. Gardner late
 Sheriff for 13 shillings & twopence.

December 16. 1791.
 Promissory note Jas Baggs to P. F. for £5,, 5,, —
 Witness Sally Frazer

April 14. 1792
 Pers/r Frazer Esq/r to Nathan Scholfield D/r

To 8 Weeks boarding.....at 8/4 P/r Week.....	£ 3,, 6,, 8
To 3 Cord of Wood.....	1,, 17,, 6
To a Bottle & Brandy & 6 quarts of Oats &c/.....	,, 8,, 4
	£ 5,, 12,, 6
Credit By 15/ lent M/rs Scholfield.....	15,, *—
	£ 4,, 17,, 6
By Zachariah Lewis's Deed Recorded.....	7,, 3
	£ 4,, 10,, 3

Received April 14/th 1792 of Persifor Frazer by the hand of George
 Worrall the Sum of three pounds in part of the within acco/t
 Rec/d P
 Nathan Scholfield

The following Almanac and note book of 1773 was evidently used
 by General Frazer during many years i. e. probably before, during and
 after the Revolution.

The date and significance of most of the entries can only be sur-
 mised.

Thus the list of Captains was doubtless made early in 1776 and re-
 ferred to those in the division with Wayne's Battalion which ren-
 dezvoused at Chester and afterwards went to Long Island and Ticon-
 deroga.

The account of expenditures for Col. Wayne were probably for the
 benefit of Company A of the 4/th (or Wayne's) Batl'n of which Frazer
 was the Captain.

The expenses of the journey of Dr Kennedy and himself to Albany
 were perhaps those of their return from Ticonderoga to White Plains.

The itinerary and expense account on p. 10 from "Iturly(?) town" to Phila. is most likely connected with one of the General's journeys after the war as commissioner of the State; and the account on p. 22 may be part of his record as Justice of the Peace or Register of wills.

The notes on the boom (p. 30) are very interesting. They refer in all probability to the latter end of 1775 and the early part of 1776 when the Committee of Safety were obstructing the channel of the Delaware to prevent the advent of a hostile fleet. The measurements p. 104 may indicate the depth of the water at different distances along the boom from the shore. Page 160 shows that at that time lotteries were considered legitimate sources of excitement and profit; and the notes on p. 27 about negroes reminds us that traffic in human beings was considered lawful and proper by the most conscientious church members: both of which facts are well known.

It is not entirely clear to what epoch the list of Colonels and Lt. Colonels refers, nor what the numbers opposite their names may mean. Possibly these numbers represent votes at a raffle for a sword or sash to be presented to one of them, but this is pure and not unlikely poor conjecture.

A I T K E N ' S
GENERAL AMERICAN
R E G I S T E R,
AND THE
GENTLEMAN'S And TRADESMAN'S
COMPLETE
ANNUAL ACCOUNT BOOK,
AND
C A L E N D A R,
For The POCKET or DESK;
For The YEAR of Our LORD,
1773

PHILADELPHIA:

Printed by Joseph Ckukshank,*
For R. Aitken, Bookseller, opposite the
London-Coffee-House, Front-Street.

(Inside of the front cover in ink.)

*Spelled Ckukshank.

Mem. for Doct/r Morris ab/t 30 feet Iron 4 1/2 inches wide less less than 1/2 inch thick this is the middle

Major	
Parry	14
Housaker	19
Beaty	11
Nagel	20
Henry Bicker	16
Wood	16
M/cPherson.....	5
Ross	5

(Back of the title page in ink.)

Mary Wiley
 Mary Way at Wilmington
 one Sellers a Brick maker
 near Wilmington brother in law to Wiley

Captains	Sam/l Wattson
Jn/o Beaty	Tho/s Church
Tho/s Craig	Jn/o Hulings
P. Frazer	Fred: Vernon
Jn/o Miller	Dav/d Lenox
W/m West	Walter Steward
Jn/o Brisbane	Tho/s Boyle
Sam/l Benezet	Jn/o Reese
Tho/s Robinson	Jn/o Spoon
Rudolph Bonner	Nath/l Vanzant
Stephen Bayard	Ja/s Moore
Jn/o Lacy	Henry Ellis
Peter Skull	Ja/s Taylor
Caleb North	Peter Decker.
Chris. Stewart	Jo/s Hubley
Alex. Graydon	W/m Butler Dunken

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467 Cords Wood

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Doctor Kennedy £ 7.. 17.. 5

(Page 5)

David Register	£ 1.. 1.. 10
John Register	— 8.. 5

(Page 6)

	Receiv'd			
1776				
Jany. 22/nd.....				
Received from Col/o Wayne.....	54..	—..		
Put into the hands of M/r Bartholomew..			20..	5..
Paid at Dilworths.....				7..
Paid Buckley Jan/y 27/th.....			5..	
Paid at Hills.... th			8..	7..
Paid Buckley Jan/y 31.....			1..	17..
Paid at Martins.....				10..
received from Col Wayne.....	7..	10..		
Paid at Half way House.....			2..	10..
at Andersons.....			—..	9..
Paid at Bells Kennett Square.....			6..	1..
at Welshs and Davis's.....			—..	3..
at Chester turn.....				19..
at Dilworths.....				6..
Paid Blackwood y/e Drummer.....			3..	10..
P/d M/r Bartholomw in Chester.....			13..	10..
Received from Col Wayne.....	54			
Feb/y 12/th P/d Buckley.....			7..	2..
			<u>£70..</u>	<u>19..</u>
				10

(Page 8 in pencil)

Docto/r Kennedy				
p/d for his gloves.....		5..		
his Share of Expences to Albany.....	1	13	10	
Decem/r 1776, Journey from				
Paid Portage up.....		1..		
Bread and Beef.....		15..	2	
a Jugg.....		3..	8	
Wine	1..	19..		
Fowls				
Butter				
Porterage down.....		1..	4	
Expences to Albany.....	3..	8..	6	
3 mile house.....		3..		
Van Eyks mill.....		2..	8	

at Cookliagen.....	..	5..	..			
at Van Vachtens.....	..	9..	0			
at Catskill						
at Kirchland .....	..	3..	10			
at Sopus Doct/r p/d 8/.....	..	12..	..			

(Page 10)
(written in ink)

2709 M T						
2710 R F—6						
2717 P F 6						
2718 S F						
(pencil) Vanduzen						
(in pencil)						
at Iturly Town* .....	..	2..	8			
at Rochester Shoemakers.....	..	8..	..			
at Newkirchs .....	..	2..	8			
at Philip Swartwoods	7..	..			
at WestBrooks	2..	8			
at Deekers at Walpack.....				7..	6
Ferriage	4..	..

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at Tomkins Wind Gap.....				..	12..	10
at Nazareth	4..	6
Bethlehem				1..	9..	6
at Bryans	1..	3
at Kacklein	12..	10
Horse Hire .....				..	7..	6
Horse Hire to M Gom/y.....				..	7..	6
Expences there .....				..	2..	6
Horse hire to philad/a.....				..	12..	6

(Page 14 in ink)

U States Expences from Ty—.....	8..	18..	6			
Forage to 1/st June 161 days—...—						

*Hurlytown (?)

(Page 16 in ink)

	Feb/y 1/st						
	Borrow'd of Isaac Taylor to Pay Alex/r Thomson	£ 1..	—..				
2							
8	Paid Isaac Taylor.....				£1..		
10	receiv'd from John Flowerson.....						
	flour Account	2..	4..				
	Paid alex Dick for fish.....				1..	14..	9
	Expences to hook and Wilmin/n.....	—	.			8..	4

(Page 17 in ink)

	Went to Hook and Wilmington.....						
	on Acc/t of the Estate.....						

(Page 22 in ink)

4	Re/d from Job fallows.....	10..	—..	..			
	Paid M/r Glen for Greens Estate.....				2..	17..	—
	Paid Expences Arbitration.....						
	at neals. Greens Estate.....				1..	10..	—
7	Paid Nehemiah Baker d/o.....				..	10..	8
	Paid Nath/a Baker.....				..	8..	7
	Paid Black Tone* (Green).....				..	15..	9
	lent Dan/l Calvert.....				..	5..	—
	Expences at Hills.....				..	—..	6
8	Paid Dan/l Bromall my Poor Tax.....				..	7..	1½
	Paid Mathew Clarke.....				—..	2..	—
	Lent Jn/o Christopher wife.....				—..	2..	6
					6..	19..	1½

(Page 27 in ink)

a likely negroe man county born 27 y.
age had Small pox and measles and
bred enquire magdalene morgan Rad-
nor
Gazette 24/th march

March 20 A hearty Negroe fellow ab/t
22 y/s age enquire Hall and Sellers
Gazette 24/th March

*Tom (?)

Northampton Bucks C/o Sundry negroes to be sold by Helena Du Bois d/o
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(Page 30 written cross-wise of the page in pencil)

from end of the Boom to the eastern point of the Jersey Redoubt to the end of the Boom the course N 55 West—distance 52 perches the gen/l course of y/e boom N/o 62 East
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(Page 102 in pencil)

the depth at the big. 6 feet Bridge at 6 perches. 7 12..... 8 18..... 17 24..... 20 30..... 22 36..... 21 42..... 22 48..... 22 54..... 22 60..... 22 66..... 22 72..... 21 78..... 21 84..... 11 18 8

(Page 104 in pencil)

at 6 perches from 6 the East Side Boom 12..... 6 18..... 6 24..... 14 30..... 14 36..... 15 42..... 18 48..... 18 54..... 19 60..... 19 66..... 19 72..... 20

78.....	21
84.....	22
90.....	23
96.....	23
102.....	24
108.....	18
114.....	10
120.....	9
126.....	8
132.....	3
138.....	2
144.....	2
152.....	1

(Page 106 in ink)

Mary Rodgers Ticket in the Pickering	
Lottery	915—
Mary Anne Frazer.....	916
Persifor Frazer	917
Sally Frazer	918
Bobby Frazer.....	919
Mary Frazer	920
Nancy Frazer	913
—————	914

General Frazer probably purchased lottery tickets for Mary Rodgers, five of his children, and his sister Anne (Nancy). The omission of the names of Martha and Eliza suggest that the tickets were bought before the birth of the former and elder, or at least before she had become old enough to be thought of for a gift of that kind.

(Page 108 in pencil)

Decem/r 28/th				
Gave to M/rs Harper by.....				
Directions from her Husband.....				
30 Doll/rs	11..	5..		
my own money.....				
he is to repay me.....				

(On the back of the second title page (p. 112 of book) written in ink)

Rec/d 28/th Mar/h 1776 of Cap: Frazer the Sum of three pounds
11/11 in full of his Ac/t

James Glenn

Rec/d 28/th Mar/h 1776 of Cap/t Frazer the Sum of one pound
16/11 in full of Loudhead and Glenns Ac/t

James Glenn

(Written in ink on the inside of the back cover)

Colo/s

Wayne	23
S/tClair	23
Shee	23
M/cGaw	20
Attlee	17
Lambert Cadwalader.....	15
Broadhead	14
Johnston	10

Lieut. Colonels

Cadwalader	21
Allen	20
Johnston	20
Penrose	20
Hartley	17
Erwin	15
Broadhead	11
Wood	12

Friends

It seems to me as if the time was nearly approaching in which I must Seek a Reconciliation, not from a motive of outward, or worldly Views, but a real apprehension of duty, not finding true peace of mind without it: may you deeply feel, weigh and Consider and when your minds are filled w/th Heavenly Wisdom and Divinely Influenc'd, Remember, and pray for, one, who, however unworthy Heartily desireth Truths prosperity, I'm persuaded it will be readily Confess'd that in taking a View of the times, and of the Shatterd Condition of our Society it will aford Real Matter of Lamentation, mourning, and Deep Sorrow of Heart, one falling on the one hand and another Droping off on the other, was there ever more need, to weep between the poarch and the alter, and Say, Lord Spare thy People and give not thy Heritage to Reproach: with a mind Impress'd w/th Strong desires that the faithful and Honest hearted Labourers may be preserved, and the Number Increas'd, I Rest, and Venture to Subscribe my Self your ffr/d and well wisher

To ffrd/s at
Concord I. P.

The preceding address without name or date has been introduced among the papers of Persifor Frazer XVI-1 because of his connection through his wife with the Society of Friends. There was no such connection in the generations XIV and XV.

It was folded nearly square and enclosed in an envelope rudely cut out of a parchment deed on which the following words appear, but there is not the slightest reason to believe that the deed had any relation whatever with the avowal to which it was simply a cover.

The missing words were cut off in shaping the envelope.

1726

the one part and Georg
lawful Money of Pennsylva
they have for their said Son and for
his actual Seizin now being by Virtue of
between the same parties as the These Present
ndred and forty eight Perches to a black
by the Land of Nathaniel Newlin Eigh
Oak in the Line of Moses Key's Land
Thence West by the same fifty perches fo
fores/d Weaver In Fee As by Indenture i
Price In Fee by Indenture of the twenty
One thousand seven hundred and twenty
Day of January Anno Dni. One thousand seven hundred and twenty
six whatsoever thereunto belonging and the
Reversions and Remainders thereof And all the Estate Ri
to hold the said messuage Plantation two Tracts of Land and Premises
hereby granted with
forever *Under* the yearly Quit rent accruing for the hereby granted
Premises to the Chief Lord
Premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted With the
Appurtenances unto the said Georg
all and every other person and persons lawfully claiming or to claim
by from or under him
these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals here-
unto Dated the Day and Y
Sealed and Delivered

Joseph Gillpin and Ux/f
to
George Gillpin

A sketch map of a road Survey from the White Horse
Road to Rowland's Mill road with title Draught of Geo.
Veslers road Survey August 21/st 1779 p/r Jno. Beaton.

Endorsed

Return of a Survey of a Road from Geo. Vesler's Saw mill to thyar (sic).

The President presents his Compliments to
M/r Frazer
and begs the Favor of his Company at
Dinner, on Thursday next, at ^{Four} 3
o'Clock.

A subscription book, $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$, for a map of Philadelphia with agreement between James Smither Engraver and John Reed, the names of Subscribers, and other memoranda.

Proposals for Publishing by Subscription a Plan of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia laid down from Original Surveys made by Thomas Holmes Surveyor General of the province of Penn/a and others, in consequence of Warrants from W/m Penn Esquire, true and absolute proprietor of the said province.

This plan will contain

1/mo A draught of the City of Philadeiphia divided into Lots, and numbred according to the Original Plan which Thomas Holmes sent to Philip Ford to be engraved.

2/do. A List of the names of all the Original purch/rs with the number of acres of Land they purchas/d Opposite to each Name will be the Number of the Lot appurtenant to such purchase. In another column will be the Names of the person who took up each Purchasers Liberty Lands. and the quantity he received.

3/no A draught of all the Liberty Lands, with the Owners Name; Or the name of the person who took up each purchasers Liberty Land, inserted in the Survey, a few Instances excepted, where the surveys are very small; In which Case there will be Letters of Reference, and a List annex'd

The whole to be neatly engraved on a Copper-plate Five Feet three Inches long, and about two Feet five Inches Wide. With each plan will be delivered a printed Book, containing the Returns of Survey, on which the Plan is founded and an alphabetical List of the first purchasers, with their places of abode, Titles of Distinction etc., to many of them, as they stand in the Original Catalogue of Purchasers signed by William Penn

Two Lots of numbers will be annexed to this List, One refering to

the Township, according to the catalogues of Purchasers, the other to the page of the Book where the survey is to be found.

The price to Subscribers will be Forty Shillings: ten shillings to be paid at the time of Subscribing; and the residue on the delivery of the plan.

We the Subscribers do respectively promise to pay to John Reed, or his Order, the sum of ten shillings on demand, for every plan by us respectively subscribed for, according to the number we affix against our Names, and the further Sum of Thirty Shillings for each plan, to be paid on the delivery thereof.

Witness our Hands

Michael Hillegass (1), John Jacobs jun (1), Israel Jacobs (1), Joseph Fox (1), David Rittenhouse (1), William Masters (1), Tho. Whar-ton (1), Jerem: Warder (1), John Bamhill (1), Benjamin Armitage (1), John Cox jun (1), William Dewees (1), Isaac Howell (1), Thomas Tilbury (1), Dan/l Clymer (1), Reuben Haines (1), John Lueken (1), T. Luekens (1), Joseph King (1), W/m Wishart (1), James Stroud (1), Townsend Speakman (1), Thomas Shoemaker (1), Jacob Hiltzheimer (1), William Coffine (1), John Bissell (1), Fred. Kuhl (1), Jon/n Lane Jun (1), James Pearson (1), Thomas Harrison (1), Stephen Reeves (1), Geo. Glentworth (1), William Shute (1), John Wood (1), Jos. Howell Jun (1), John Wright (1), Tho. Nevill (1), Philip Price (1), W/m West (1), Peter Dehaven (1), Elijah Weed (1), James Suttor (8), John Britton (1), Fergus Purden (1), Thomas Felton (1), Henry Robin-son (1), Evan peters (2), W/m Robinson (1), Sam/l Griscom (1), Robert Tatnall (1), Davis Bassett (1), Stephen Paschall (1), W/m Jenkins (1), W/m Woodron (1), Benjamin Loxley (1), Jerem. Cresson (1), John Thomson (1), James Dickinson (1), Benjamin Morgan (1), James Worrall (1), Abel Evans (1), W/m Robinson (1), Peter Howard (2), Tho. Renshaw (1), John Moody (1), W/m Maulsby (1), Cha. Lawrence (9), W/m Williams (1), David Rose (1), Sam/l Crispin (1), Tho. Vaughan (1), Tho. Crafts (1), Dan/l Topham (1), Tho. Proctor (1), John Little (1), Benjamin Austin (1), John Tombs (1), Whiteh/d Humphreys (1), Sam/l Richards (1), Aaron Phipps (1), Jos. Govett (1), John Chandler (1), James Bernard (1), John Fox (1), Stephen Cronin (1), Tho. Hale (1), Cha. W/m Nassau (1), John Johnson (1), Tho. Middleton (1), Isaac Coren (1), Lawrence Mann (1), John Jervis Jun/r (1), Jos. Jenkins (1), John Hart (1), Michael M/cGannon (1), Matthew Potter Jun (1), The honble John Barron Esq (1), Dan/l Evans for B. Rittenhouse (1), James Gillingham (1), John Elmslie (1), Jos. Watkins jun (1), Row/d Evans (1), James Massey (1), James Claypoole (1), Benj. Griffith (1), David Kinsey (1), Jos. Rush (1), Saml Garrigues (1), Jn/o Cunningham (1), Rich/d Robinson (1), Henry

Hubbs (1), Abram Tuley (1), William Ball (1), Alex/r Rutherford (1),
 John Sparks (1), James Brown (1), Henry Robinson (1), Sam/l Wallis
 (1), Hugh Hughes (1), Benjamin Humphreys (1), Branson Van Leer
 (1), T. Lukens (1), John Thornhill (1), Tho. Clifton (1), Henry Kep-
 pele jun (1), Adam Zantzanger (1), Tho. Waters (1), John Palmer (1),
 Benjamin Allison (1), Isaac Baker (1), Dan. King (1), John Hannis (1),
 W/m Craig (1), Rich/d Humphreys (1), W/m Milnor (1), Sam/l
 Massey (1), W/m Sellers (1), William Drewry (1), John Shearman (1),
 Jerem. Baker (1), John Forst (1), Cha. Moore (1), Tho. Reese (1),
 Silas Watts, Sun (1), Thos. Austin (1), John Hunt (1), Jon/n Smith (1),
 Robert Harris (1), Joseph Thornhill (1), John Young. jun (1), Nath/l
 Tilsbee jun (1), W/m Coates (1), W/m Potts (1), Jacob Souder (1),
 James Watkins (1), John Goodwin (1), Cha. Lyon jun (1), Sam/l
 Pryor (1), Tho. Turner (1), Jasper Carpinter (1), John Jarman (1),
 P. Sonmans (1), Joseph Saull (1), W/m Robinson (1), W/m Pearson
 (1), Israel Morris, (Landjobber) (1), David Gumrie (1), John Dunn
 (1), Sam/l Robinson (1), Tho. Buckman (1), Fred. Phile (1), W/m
 Smith (Broker) (1), James Hartley (1), James Cassell (1), John Mit-
 chell (1), Eden Haydock (1), Hump/y Williams (1), John Roberts,
 G. M. (1), John Reighter, Merien. (1), W/m Koster (1), Joseph
 Thatcher (1), Tho. Jones (1), Geo. Fetterman (1), John Renshaw (1),
 Lindsey Coates (1), W. G. for Peter Gaskill Esq (2), John Rich (1),
 Jacob Godshalk (1), Alex/r Stuart (1), John Perkins (1), Jacob
 Thomas (1), John Clark (1), T. M. for R. L. Hooper (1), Ephraim
 Anderson (1), Edw/d Bonsall (1), John Flynn (1), James Morrell (1),
 Marshall (1), John Dunlap (1), William Lawrence (1), Benjamin
 Sheets (1), Tho. Pryor (1), Tho. Mifflin (1), B. Austin for John Muss
 and Lancast (1), Jud Lukens for Cha. Lukens (1), Rob/t Eyre (1),
 Rich/d Mason (1), Matthew Ingram (1), Matthiers Lukens (1), Rob/t
 M'Minn (1), Jos. Lownes (1), Isaac Hughes (1), Jos. Richardson (1),
 Morris Maulsby (1), Cadw/r Dickinson (1), Emanuel Rouse (1), James
 Chapman (1), Thomas Clifford (1), John Roberts —, Miller. (1),
 Geo. Isherwood (1), Jos. Austin (1), Jos. Alston jun (1), W/m Ibison
 (1), Rob. Dove (1), W/m Ball (1), W/m Goddard (1), W/m Coates
 jun (1), Benjamin George (1), Ant. Jam. Morris (1), Tho. Savary (1),
 John Williams (1), Jacob Comley (1), John Thomson (1), John Brown
 (1), James Smither (1), Laughlin Martin (1), Sam/l Bullis (1), Aaron
 Musgrave (1), Tho. Canby (1), W/m Morrell (1), Stephen Coats (1),
 John Winters (1), Jos. Wetherell (1), Jos. Wharton Sen (1), David
 Pancoast (1), Hawkins Boon (1), Philip Schrachter (1), Ludwig Sing-
 heiser (1), Thomas Lucas (1), Joseph Penrose (1), Isaac Lewis (1),
 Humphrey Marshall (1), Nath/l Vernon (1), Ant/y Wayne (1), Rich-
 ard Thomas (1), Benj/a Reynolds (1), Hugh Lloyd (1), Elijha Jones

(1), Jo' Gibbons jun/r (1), Jn/o Crosby jun/r (1), Persifor Frazer (1), Isaac Taylor (1), Thomas Potts (1), Thomas Hockley (1), Nath/l Newlin (1), Caleb Parry (1), Benj/a Jacobs (1), Randle Malin (1), Samuel Havard (1), James Hunter (1), Nathan Lewis (1), Jn/o Dickenson Esq/r (2), Nath/l Newlin (1).

Rough draft of a letter to some person unknown regarding desirable changes in the law governing the Register's and Recorder's Offices, in the handwriting of Gen. Frazer, very probably to a member of the Assembly who had asked for his views on proposed legislation touching this subject. It is not unlikely that the request for information had some connection with the complaints of Wm. Atlee's administration of his office as intimated in the letter dated Chester August 13, 179— See ante.

As I have for a considerable time been in a very bad state of health, which has prevented me from paying that strict attention to your you requisitions contained in your which otherwise I should have done, I take this opportunity Liberty at this time of stating to you such matters relative to the Register and Recorders Offices, which in my opinion require the aid of the Legislature—And first in the when application is made to the Register in cases where the Wills of deceased persons are withheld by the persons those in whose custody they may be—when Witnesses to Wills either refuse or neglect to come forward and prove the same *And* when Executors or Administrators neglect to return an Inventory or to settle their Accounts—In all those cases it has been customary and agreeable to law to issue a citation under the Seal of Office but here the Registers power seems to be at an end, as there never has been an attachment issued in this County, to compel obedience,—and as far as I can be informed Seldom or never in any other part of the State—whether such power would be better in the hands of the Register or under the authority of the Registers Court I am not competent to determine—but certainly the power should be in one or the other, as it may happen that an estate may be materially injured when ^{dis a dishonest} persons are refractory may have possession thereof, and for this reason It is in my opinion requisite that, a time should be limited, for the Executors when present to ^{apply} prove the Will, and for those that have a right to Administration, to apply for the same———It it has some times happened that an Executor brings forward the Will but refuse to will not qualify for the present and refuses to renounce, and where there are more than one, under these circumstances, Letters Testamentary cannot be granted, untill he determines; this has frequently some times caused embarrassment—

It has been customary in many counties in the State for the Orphans

Courts to settle Accounts of Administration and as the Registers have undoubted authority to do the same, it has very frequently caused much confusion—when the Register has a moderate share of abilities to qualify him for the duties of his Office, he must certainly be more competent for the Settlement of Accounts which almost daily occur and which by so constant practice will become familiar to him, than a Court composed of Gentlemen whose attention have not been so much engaged in that business; and as three can form a Court and a rotation in the Service is attended to, they Court may proceed upon different principles and for want of constant experience may inadvertently commit errors of Serious consequence, which this may very readily be done in admitting Vouchers and Charges which on strict scrutiny ought to be rejected.

This part of the business Sir is by far the most troublesome disagreeable and least profitable part of the duty of a Register but for the sake of regularity I think ought to be altogether in his hands. Subject to Appeal in case of error, when the Acc/ts are finally settled it seems to be the business of the Orphans Court to attend to the distribution—One other reason for Acc/ts being wholly Settled by the Register is that it will scarcely ever cost a third of the expence incurred by the other mode—These are the matters Sir of most importance which have occurred to me at present, relative to the Registers Office—As to the Recorded Office I have little to say, only, that, a person who will faithfully attend to his duty, and not demand more than the law requires, allows cannot be recompensed for his time and attention to an Office a business of so much importance; especially since the Counties generally, are so small, and three or four hundred deeds at a time may lay on his hands the fees of which unpaid and the difficulty of recovering the collecting the fees so frequently remain unpaid untill the deeds are taken up, hundreds of which are now upon my hands which I understand is likewise

240 Deeds
 81 Mortg/s
 44 Wills
 53 Adm/ns

Broken off abruptly.

Dear S.—

I flatter my Self I may take the Liberty to Ask your advice In Regard to this farm as a friend—the Case is this I have for this Som years Past bean a blige to Live In a very Disagreeable manner Intirely to Depend On the Honesty of Hirelings wich you well no is a very Poor way to mannage So Large a farm as

this—so for that Reson and many Others I have a mind to Put it Out to the Shar (torn) advantage and for the ha (torn) of— (torn) famaly—I hope it will mee (torn) with all my frien (torn) aprobaton'—thare is S/r a man of the Name of John Brown that Once Oned the Place you Now Live On has a Plied to me as a tenent and Refrfs me to you for his Carricktör wich pleased me to hav it in my Power to Inquire from So Good a friend—as I am Sartain a few Lines from Gen/l Frazire Giving him a Good Name if he is Worthy of it will have Great wait with Gen Wayne —M/r Browns famaly I think will Sute me as to the Number if you think Other matters will ancer as well but this I Shall Leave to your Better judgement—

Pleas to Give my kind Love to your Good Lady and tell her I hope to have it in my Power to Pay her many (torn) this Insuing Summer if helth (torn) Wayne joins In Compliments to th— (torn) Ladys and wou/d be very happy to Se them—

your friend Molly Wayne

Thursday morning

Addressed

Gener/l Frazier

Memoranda in another hand

(torn) Lewis
(torn) Jno/y for
(torn) D Davis
(torn) py of Joseph
M/e ilduff will
for Major Haris (torn)

March 3. 1792

D/r Sir

Colonel Van Horne wants to be in town next tuesday, I cannot venture him in my chair, if you can Spare your cover'd carriage conveniently he and I will be very thankfull for it, thursday or friday it will certainly be returned, best compliments to your good familly from mine

I am Sincerely yours
Stephen Moylan

Saturday March 3/d 1792

I wish you woud dine with me tomorrow

Addressed

General Frazer

April 7. 1792

Philad/a April 7. 1792

Dear Sir

As you propose going to the Virginia Springs as soon as weather will permit, I suppose you mean to quit taking Medicine almost entirely, and perhaps you are right in that; But was that not the Case, I would take the Liberty to suggest to the Gentlemen who attended you, the use of small Doses of Calomel, (or Mercury) as an alterature

I understand you have a Swelling in the left side in the Region of the Spleen, probably an obstruction of that Part—Mercurial Ointment rubbed on the Part might probably be used with advantage: However as you propose setting out on your Journey soon, I would be cautious in these applications, in those Circumstances—nothing more particularly occurs to me respecting your Case at present I wish you a pleasant Journey: and most sincerely wish it may be the Means of restoring your Health, and am

Dear Sir
Y/s Sincerely
Sam/l Duffield

Addressed

Percifor Frazer Esq/r

Death of General Frazer. *

(Statement of Elizabeth Smith May 13. 1884)

General Frazer was in very bad health and had been suffering some time when the family determined on a trip for his health to the Virginia Springs. His wife had already completed the preliminary arrangements of baking, preparing cold meats etc., for the journey, which were necessary in those days, and all were in readiness to start in the family carriage with two house servants (slaves), when Sallie Matson (cousin of his wife, a Quaker preacher and a descendant of John Taylor) came to see him. She said she had a "concern." After assembling the family and remaining in silent prayer for a while she said that she had a conviction that this journey would result in no good to Persifor. It was accordingly given up and they came to Philadelphia instead, and stayed at the house of Dr Duffield, an intimate friend. While there Gen. Frazer became very ill and Dr. Duffield, his physician, called in the services of Dr. Rush, who first recognized the malady as heart disease and declared that a journey to Virginia would have resulted most disastrously. (Note. Sam Rush

*See Appendix hh.

told Gen. Frazer's daughter Sally that his Father was the first to recognize the nature of her Father's malady).

On Tuesday April 24 1792 at about 10.30 P. M. General Frazer died. He was interred in the cemetery of Middletown Presbyterian Church, Delaware Connty, Penna.; but his grave was unmarked, and its location is unknown to his descendants.

In Dunlap's American Advertiser Monday April 30/th 1792 appeared the following notice written by Dr. Benjamin Rush:

"On Tuesday evening the 24/th inst. departed this life in this city, in the 56/th year of his age, Col. Persifor Frazer, late Register & Recorder of the county of Chester, and formerly a Colonel in the Continental army; and yesterday his corpse was removed to his late dwelling near West Chester, for interment."

"This respectable citizen served his country as an officer in the continental army with zeal and activity, and though an active and decided friend to the revolution in every stage of it, yet such was his candour and moderation, that he acquired the general esteem and confidence of those who were not perhaps entirely of his political opinions."

"Since the revolution, he has been honoured with several public appointments; all of which he discharged with such fidelity as will reflect honour of his memory."

"By his death society is deprived of one of its most useful and ornamental members: and a respectable family have suffered an irreparable loss."

"He was an elder in the Middletown Presbyterian Church of Middletown for some years before his death."

"He was tall and though slender was very active and had great endurance. He was of a genial and lovable disposition."

APPENDIX.

1.

May 13. 1755. This curious release of William Henry found among Persifor Frazer's papers is referred to on page 12.

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I Jean Read of Lancaster County Spinster Singlewoman As well for and in Consideration of the sum of Fifty Nine Pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania unto me well and truly paid by William Henry of the City of Philad/a Shopkeeper at and before the Sealing and delivery hereof the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge As for divers other good Causes and Considerations me especially moving *have* remised released and for ever discharged And by these presents for me my Heirs Executors and Administrators do remise release and for ever discharge the said William Henry his Heirs Executors and Administrators of and for all and all manner of Actions, Cause and Causes of Action and Actions, Suits, debts, dues, duties, sum and sums of money, Accounts, Reckonings, Bonds, Bills, Specialities, Covenants, Contracts, Controversies, Agreements, promises, Variances, Assaults, Batteries, Injuries, damages Expences, judgments, Extents, Executions, Claims and demands whatsoever in Law and Equity; which against the said William Henry I ever had, now have, or which I my Heirs Executors or Ad (obliterated) hereafter can shall or may have for upon or by reason of a certain (obliterated) child aged about Five years born of my Body, whereof I (obliterated) William Henry to be the reputed Father, or for upon or by reason (obliterated) respect of the finding keeping educating instructing bringing up and providing for such Male Child or for upon or by reason of any other Matter Cause or Thing whatsoever from the beginning of the World to the day of the date of these presents *In Witness* whereof I the said Jean Read have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty five

her
Jane X Read
Mark

Sealed & delivered
in the presence of Us
Robert Thompson
William Thompson

Endorsed

Release
Jean Read
to
W/m Henry
Left in Care of P. Frazer
by Wm Henry

a. p. 14.

In the receipt book of Edmund Physick a merchant of Philadelphia, last Receiver General under the Penn Proprietary interest and Father of Philip Syng and Henry White Physick; now (1906) in possession of John Douglass Brown, Esq., are the following notes:

Received September 12/th 1758 of Mr Edmond Physick One Pound Six Shillings & 3d for 1500 Needles.

£ 1 , , 6 , , 3

Pers/r Frazer

Rec'd 22/d May 1759 of Edmund Physick the sum of seventeen shillings & 6d for 1000 needles

17/6

Pers/r Frazer

Needles therefore sold at about the rate of two for a cent or ha'penny.

b. p. 16.

July 10. 1762 ("2d year of reign of Geo. III")

Bond of Robert Finney of Co. of Dorchester Md. to P. F. for £ 117 , , 18 , , 7. Witnesses Jonathan Vaughn & David M/cMurtrie. "Duty Paid"

H. Y. Johnson Clerk

c. p. 16.

Memorandum.

Geo. Bridges 300 A/s on little Tuscarora about three or four miles from the big Crossing of Tuscarora dated July 10/th 1762—

Dan/l Jones 250 A/s on Muddy run & on the Traders path this side the Shade Mountain, July 10/th 1762—

Jn/o Robins 300 A/s on both sides of Shavers Creek adjoin/g Geo:
Allens Land to the South West—

James Newell, 300 A/s on the North side of Rays Hill upon a small
branch of Standing Stone Creek, including a small parcell of
deadned Saplings—

Jn/o Johnston 300 A/s adjoining James Newell upon a small branch
of Standing Stone Creek, on the North Side of Rays Hill to the
Eastward of Newell.

Geo: Kemly 200 A/s on both Sides of a large Run which leads into
the East Branch of little Juniata, including a Swamp ab/t a mile
from Jn/o Woods improvement.

W/m Baker 150 Acres, on a large Run, running Westward into the
Middle branch of little Juniata including a White Oak mark'd
E W East of said Branch

a Warr/t to W/m Patterson for 200 on a run on the west end of
Kish/a Valley includ/g a Spring from March 1/st 1760.

d/o 209 upon a Run on the trad/g path to the Ohio—

D/o on the Frankstown Branch Juniata adj/g the Canon place

Rob/t Tuckness on both sides of last Creek

Cha/s Williams on the Lead of Woods Run

Jn/o Barr opp/t Canoe place

Alex Stedman joins Thorton
d/o Mitchell improvmt
d/o joing A Lowry Canoe place & opposite

Jn/o Barr opp/t Canoe place

Alex/r Stedman on the South side of Juniata join/g

Alex/r Lowry, & to extend up s/d Creek—

Alex/r Stedman on the South side of Juniata above the large bent
joining Thortons improvmt

D/o on both Sides of Tho/s Mitchells run on Traders path ab/t a mile
from Mitchels improvem/t includ/g a mill Seat

The date at which these notes were made, their author, and their significance are
all unknown.

a Tract of 200 Acres including a large Bottom on the South Side of
Juniata nearly opposite Carmichaels Land about two Miles from
Auchwick falls this Land Lies Where James Carmichael Lived and
Sold to one Gibson

a Tract of 100 Acres on the South Side of Frankstown Branch about
a mile above Standing Stone Creek Doctor Smith has this Land I was
on it the 15/th Instant

a Tract adjoining Adam Terances improvement on the North Side of Franktown Branch this Land Joyns Land of John Gemmil Below water Street the warrant of Gemmils Land was in Sam/l Wilsons name

a Tract on both sides of a large Run which leads into the East Branch of Little Juniata about a Mile from Jn/o Woods improvement this Land Lies up Spruce Creek Where the Warrior Mark Run Emptys into Spruce Creek

A Tract on a large Run running Westward into the Middle Branch of Little Juniata including a White Oak mark'd E W Eastward of said Branch this Land I Cannot Get any acct of

August 1. 1766

John Barr Esq/r 100 acres of land in Cumberland Co. Pa. including his runs the westernmost heads of Mahantung's Creek and adjoining lands surveyed to Joseph Sterret

August 1, 1766.

d. p. 16.

Sept. 10. 1762

Land warrant by the Proprietaries to Alexander Stedman of Philadelphia for 100 acres of land in Cumberland Co. Penna. To John Lukens Surveyor General. Signed James Hamilton

Endorsed as having been surveyed by W/m Maclay D. S. Nov 7. 1767.

e. p. 17.

Probably about 1763.

Monday afternoon

M/r Frazer

I should not have troubled you with a letter at this time was I not so uneasy. I hear almost every day of something or other that Captain Miles says of me which I think if he does he used uses me very ill for I think I should not have expected any such thing from a person that had acted as he has done I desire and intreat of you. if ever you heard him say any thing about me you would let me know for I think that if it is true as people say that we had better break off at once and not for him to keep me or make a fool of me, I have just heard that he told Major Clayton that he would never have me without my Parents consent for I was never brought up to work

and without that he could never maintain me without my Father gave him part of his estate, I desire that you would ask Clayton whether he ever said any thing to George Hitner for it was he told my Brother I desire that you will excuse this unintelligible scrawl as I am every moment interrupted I desire an answer as soon as possible I remain

C. Wister

Major Asher Clayton and Capt. Samuel Miles were Officers of the Pennsylvania Regiments in 1760. Major Clayton died in 1774 in New Jersey. Capt. Miles subsequently became Colonel of the Penna. Battalion in 1775. This letter was written probably between 1760 & 1770.

f. p. 39.

Persifor Frazer signed the Non Importation Resolutions adopted by the merchants of Philadelphia Oct. 25, 1765, and now in the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

g. p. 39.

Itemized charge of Joshua Bean against W/m Noblitt for collections by the latter (including £ 5— from Pers/r Frazer May 10. 1766) for Bean, and advances by Bean in all £ 90 , , 12 , , 6.

h. p. 41.

November term 1766.

Summons by H. H. Graham to Jesse Maris Sheriff of Chester Co. to bring Joshua Bean into Court to show cause why a writ of execution should not issue against him for his debt to W/m Noblitt of £ 159 , , 14 , , — and 72 shillings for Damages and costs adjudged due to Noblitt but not yet paid.

January 1767.

Memorandum of payment between the same, and receipt for fee by H. H. Graham

February 26. 1767

Receipt for fee P. Price

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Persifor Frazer was married to Mary Worrall Taylor by the Rev. John Ewing the eminent Presbyterian Minister, Provost of University of Pennsylvania, Astronomer, and Geodesist, who in 1784 was

commissioned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to continue Mason and Dixon's line to the Ohio river and "complete the boundary between this State and Virginia."

j. p. 42.

Extracts from account books of Nathan Edwards formerly a shoemaker, and afterwards proprietor of the Black Horse tavern near Media and Middletown Meeting House.

These books contained current accounts with his customers from 1729, when he was a shoemaker, and later when a tavern keeper. Mr. Edgar Miller of Media loaned them several years ago to Mr. Joseph Willcox. They are now the property of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. At the period which the dates in them indicate small change was scarce, and running accounts were necessary in conducting a retail business.

April 5 1767	Peirce Frasor Dr to Entertainmt in company Vernon & Nathaniel Calvert pair	o. 1 — 6
<hr/>		
October 2/d	Pureifer Frazor left unpaid Feb. ye 9. 1769	o. o. 10
	to expenses	3, 9
		<hr/> 4. 9

k. p. 42.

January 1767
William Noblitt

v

Joshua Bean

Bond dated 21/st May 1764 for £ 79 ,, 17 ,, 0
Interest due

January 8/th 1767 was paid 23 ,, 12 ,, —

Jany 27/th 1767 more paid 13 ,, — ,, —

36 ,, 12 ,, 0

Feb 26 1767 Reed 20 Shillings W. H. Graham

Feb. 26 1767 Reced Thirty Shillings P/r Price

l. p. 45.
 August 1. 1768.
 Cadwall/r Evans
 v Fi fa
 Josh/a Bean to Aug. 1 1768

	debt....£ 19,, 4,, 0
B/d dated 25/th mar 1767	
Int for 16 M/o	1,, 4,, 0
Pton/y	1,, 6,, 3
Attoy	1,, 10,, 0
Viz fees	—,, 13,, 11
Ser of Ex/n mileage & poundage	1,, 12,, 8
	<u>£ 25,, 10,, 10</u>
In/t for one month add	1,, 10
	<u>25,, 12,, 8</u>

Rece/d the 25/th Aug/t
 1768 of M/r Persifor Frazer
 twenty-five pounds twelve
 Shillings and Eight pence in
 full of the debt & Costs in this
 Action for Josh/a Bean the
 defend/t

John Morton Sheriff

	6 half Jo/s	18— 0— 0
memorandum	2 Eng Guineas	3— 8— 0
on the back	2 pistoles	2— 14— 0
	French pistole	1— 6— 6
		<u>25— 8— 6</u>
	Small Charge	4— 2
		<u>£ 25 : 12 : 8</u>

m. p. 45.
 December 31. 1768.
 Deed of Persifor Frazer and Mary Frazer to Richard Parks of the
 one fourth which was their share of the Land left by John Taylor in

Ashton twp. Chester Co. before John Hannum one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace Jan. 7, 1769.

(The seal opposite the signatures of Persifor Frazer and Justice Hannum is still very perfect and from a well engraved die representing the head of a man in armor. The seal opposite Mary Frazer's name represents a swan also from a well engraved die.)

Jan. 2, 1769. Similar deed of same tract by Richard Parks to P. F. before Justice Hannum.

(the same armored-head Seal opposite names of P. F. & Hannum & the Swan opposite that of Rich/d Parks.)

August 28, 1769

Settlement with Persifor Frazer by Joshua Bean. Witness Abel Roberts.

October 9, 1769.

Receipt of Joshua Bean to Persifor Frazer for £ 26 , , 10 , 0

n. p. 58.

April 15, 1771.

Power of Attorney Joshua Bean to P. F.

April 30, 1771

Sight draft of P. F. on Alex. Robinson of East Whiteland in favor of Dr. Sam/l Kennedy.

o. p. 64

February 21, 1774.

Receipt for a deed executed by Jesse Maris Sheriff to William Noblitt for a house & lot late the estate of Joshua Bean by H. H. Graham.

Belonging to this period is a book of 32 pages including title $6\frac{1}{8}'' \times 7\frac{5}{8}''$ bound in boards with marble cover entitled "An ||Explanation|| of the ||MAP of the CITY and LIBERTIES|| of ||PHILADELPHIA|| by John Reed. ||Philadelphia|| Printed for the AUTHOR, and Sold by Mr. NICHOLAS BROOKS in SECOND-STREET between MARKET and CHESTNUT STREET ||M. DCC. LXXIV.||

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- IV. A description of the first great town, (when divided) then called the city and liberties.
- V. Abstract of Mr. Penn's letter to the free society of traders in London.
- VI. Thomas Holme's description of the city of Philadelphia.
- VII. Abstract of a letter from Philip Ford in London, to Thomas Holme in Philadelphia concerning the map of the city.
- VIII. A Copy of sundry original papers, to prove the bounds of the city according to Holme's plan.
- IX. Abstract of the charter of the city.
- X. The reasons why the plan of the city was altered by Benjamin Eastburn, S. G.
- XI. The liberties granted to the first purchaser, and the courses of the same.
- XII. Copies of sundry original papers, to prove the bounds of the liberties.
- XIII. Abstract of complaint entered in the minutes of the Assembly.
- XIV. The author's opinion of land said to have been concealed in the liberties; and the reasons why he gave it.
- XV. An alphabetical list of the first purchasers, referring to the map by way of numbers; where every purchaser may see the quantity he purchased, and the lots appurtenant to the same, etc.
- XVI. The courses and distances of all the surveys in the liberties; by which the map was made.
- XVII. The date of surveys of all the lots in the city of Philadelphia, as far as Eighth Street from Delaware.

p. p. 70.

March 2. 1775.

Memorandum of patent of tract of land of 150 Acres Jan. 9. 1738 to Clement Plumsted (dec'd) which tract was taken up in Trust for John Taylor &c.

An opinion by John Dickinson is endorsed on the back of this memorandum in the following words:

The tracts within mentioned being proved, I am of opinion, that the Heirs of John Taylor have a good title to the Lands within mentioned

John Dickinson
March 2/d 1775

q. p. 148.

Smith's Clove (Orange Co. N. Y.) is a level plain of rich land at the foot of the high mountains on the west side of the Hudson river fourteen miles from West Point. It was called "the Clove" or "the Cloves."
(Thacher's military journal quoted by Baker.)

r. p. 151.

Howell's Ferry is now called Stockton three miles above Lambertville (then Coryell's Ferry) N. J.

s. p. 151.

"Cross Roads" is now Hartsville near the Neshaminy Creek, Warminister township, Bucks County Penna., about fourteen miles N W of Philadelphia.

t. p. 152.

Graeme Park which still exists, was the mansion house of Sir William Keith. It is in Horsham township, Montgomery County, Penna., nineteen miles from Philadelphia near the Bucks County line and the Doylestown Willow Grove turnpike. Later it was purchased by Dr. Thomas Graeme from whom it derives its name.

u. p. 157.

One of the perplexing subjects connected with these papers is the location of the Blue Ball tavern which plays an important part in the story of the capture of Captain Frazer a few days after the battle of Brandywine.

As this tavern is frequently mentioned in connection with the Seven Stars tavern and hamlet (now called Village Green) of which the location in Ashton (Aston) township is very well known, it may be worth while to begin with the latter. Village Green lies about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles due north from the Delaware river on the western side of South Chester, and about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of Chester Creek at its first bend to the westward north of Dutton's Mill.

The Frazer house at Thornbury (of which illustrations will be found elsewhere in this book) is still standing in Thornbury township about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N by W of Glen Mills Station (which was close by the site of the Sarum Forge) and $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile west of Chester Creek.

The distance between this house and Village Green (formerly Seven

Stars) in a straight line is very closely five miles, but by the road something over six miles.

In going by the road from Village Green to the Thornbury House the general direction is slightly west of the destination until Ivy Mills is reached where one turns to the right (east) as far as Glen Mills, thence left along the right bank of Chester Creek to the first road, and again left to the house, which is close by.

Dilworthtown lies a little less than four miles a little north of west from Thornbury house.

In the narrative of the Battle of Brandywine Gen Frazer's daughter, then eight years old and at school, says her Father remained with his command on the field till night and then mounting a wounded soldier on his horse walked by his side from Chadd's Ford to the Seven Stars (Village Green) and then "rode home 5 or 6 miles," i. e. rode from Village Green to the Thornbury house, which is, as she says, actually five miles in an air line, or six miles by road a little west of north. (p. 155).

Mary Worrall Frazer confirms this (p. 157) and states further to her grand-daughter Elizabeth Smith: "On Saturday" (two days after the battle.) "quite early your grandfather rode over to the Blue Ball tavern on the Chester road two or three miles from home" &c. That is, the distance was about half that to the Seven Stars; but the sentence quoted gives no information as to the direction.

The indication that the Blue Ball tavern was on the "Chester road" is not very helpful, for one end of almost every road in that locality runs to Chester, and would be called the "Chester road" by the neighbors.

Elizabeth Smith gives the following account which she evidently had from her Grandmother Mary Worrall Frazer, her mother, or her aunts:

"A few days after the battle of Brandywine Major Frazer and Major Harper being on reconnoitering duty *a few miles from home went into the Blue Ball tavern on the Chester road*" * * &c * "a number of horsemen coming up the road * * * proved to be a considerable body of the British *coming up from the Seven Stars to join Cornwallis who lay encamped on the South Valley Hill.*"

From this account we learn that on the route from Seven Stars to Cornwallis's camp on Sept. 16, 1777 lay this elusive Blue Ball tavern.

The South Valley Hill extends for many miles and therefore is not distinctive enough to enable one to get the compass direction of the route of the soldiers, but a little further on the narrator says of a conversation which occurred " * * * "this occurred as they were passing Goshen Quaker meeting House." Now the Goshen Meeting House is a well known place of worship which exists at the present time in East Goshen township to the east of West Chester. The general line taken by the British in reaching Cornwallis's camp from the Seven Stars was about N. N. W. and the situation of the camp on the South Valley Hill must

have been somewhere near "Frazer" the junction of the main line and West Chester branch of the Pennsylvania R. R.

Elizabeth Smith further on describes the situation of the camp as on the "back fields of our valley home" which corroborates the above location. Wherever the Blue Ball tavern was, therefore, it must have been somewhere on a line between the present Village Green and a point on the South Valley Hill not far from "Frazer" station on the Pennsylvania railway; and on this line, which passes not far to the east of Thornbury House, about three miles from the latter.

There is a Blue Ball tavern within a mile or so of Wilmington, Del. but that location is out of the question here.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Blue Bell near Darby is equally unacceptable both because the name is different and because its location would not fit the stories in which the "Blue Ball on the Chester Road" appear.

Mr Joseph S. Harris in his sketch which will be found in the Appendix locates the Blue Ball tavern as "about half way between his" (Col. Frazer's) "house and Village Green," which agrees, with reasonable certainty, with the location I have deduced from the papers above cited at least so far as distance is concerned.

I am indebted to Mr. Gilbert Cope for the following information:

"From what is said of the location of the Blue Ball tavern I am inclined to think it was in Edgemont at the present residence of James Thorp, where a tavern was started in 1761 by Isaac Yarnall. In his petition he represented "that your Petitioner's House is very conveniently Situated for a publick House of Entertainment on Edgemont Great Road leading to the great Valley, &c., about eight miles nearer Chester than the Sign of the Boot, where Jonathan Davis lately kept publick House, and about four Miles above Talbot's Tavern." After the death of Isaac Yarnall, in 1765, his widow, Mary Yarnall, continued the business till her death, about the 1st of Nov. 1766. John Hoopes rented the property and kept tavern till 1771, when John Neal succeeded him for six years at least. In none of his petitions is any name assigned to the house. No record of licenses can be found for 1777. This place is certainly on the "Chester Road" and on the most direct road from Village Green to Goshen Meeting and the Valley; also about three miles from the Thornbury house. Probably discontinued as a tavern 1778 or '9."

"There was a Blue Ball Tavern in Chichester (Lower), where Archibald Dick kept tavern for several years before the Revolution. Another Blue Ball was in Tredyffrin, established about 1730."

Gilbert Cope.

The following is a copy of the petition of Wm. McCoy to the Chester Court of which Mr. Cope has sent me a copy:
To the Honourable Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions to

be held at Chester for the County of Chester on the twenty Seventh day of August 1765—

The Petition of William McCoy of the Township of Lower-Chichester in the said County
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner now dwells in the House commonly called and known by the name of the Blue Ball Inn situate in the said Township, which hath been kept as a publick House of Entertainment these many years last past by Thomas Stroud, James Stroud and Thomas Howell; That your Petitioner hath an inclination to follow that business in the same place, and hath provided every thing necessary to carry on the same in a reputable manner;

He your said Petitioner therefore prays that your Honours will be pleased to Grant him a recommendation to his Honour the Governor for his License to keep a publick House of Entertainment in the place aforesaid for the selling of Wine Brandy Rum Beer Cyder and other Liquors, And your said Petitioner shall pray &c.

William McCoy.

We whose names are herewith Subscribed, being well Acquainted with the above Petitioner, do believe him to be a Sober and fit person to keep a publick House of Entertainment, and therefore desire that your Honours will be pleased to grant the prayer of his Petition.

Joseph Gribble
Edward Whitaker
Jacob Howell
Joseph Clayton
Arch'd Dick
Thomas Barnard
Jno. Marshall

John Dutton
Joseph Askew
Samuel Riddile
Jno. Crawford
Richard Clayton
John Drewet
Thomas Perkins

v. p. 162.

The Mrs Jenkins referred to in the middle of the page is the same as the "Mary Jenkins" mentioned elsewhere in the memoirs.

w. p. 171.

On the third line from the top Col Frazer writes "30th of October" for "3d of October." This is evident from the statement on the third line below which is "We were kept in this manner till the 7th October." The date then had a 3 in it and was before the 7th. In fact the o of 30 is connected with the stem of the small "t" above the line so that it would have been read "d" but for the following small "h."

x. p. 175.

Mrs. Jenkins' departure from the city, spoken of in the second sentence of the letter, was probably by order of the British Commander on account of her activity in behalf of her captive countrymen.

y. p. 181.

Extract from a letter of Col. Francis Johnston to Gen. Wayne dated Cross Roads (Bucks Co. Penna.) March 31. 1778

"I congratulate you on the arrival of my worthy friend Col. Frazer, I long to hear the particulars of his escape. Poor Hannum too, I learn has been equally fortunate."

z. p. 182.

In the couple of sentences from the middle of the page to the sixth line from the foot, is modestly described the hardest and most important struggle during the battle of Monmouth. Wayne's Troops were given the post of honor. See on this subject "Battles of the American Revolution 1775-1781" by Henry B. Carrington, Col. U. S. A., Barnes & Co., 1876, p. 433 (where in the first sentence he declares the battle to have been fought "during the afternoon of June 29, 1777." but on p. 445, in the statement of the finding of the General Court Martial, the correct date is given.) See also the work of the late Adjutant General S. S. Stryker of N. J.

II. p. 184.

General Gates was with his division at White Plains on July 24. 1778. d'Estaing's fleet was off Sandy Hook July 11. 1778. Washington with the army was in the neighbourhood of White Plains on July 20. 1778.

aa. p. 185.

In the second paragraph of page 185. Col. Frazer says "Col. Johnson has been unwell and absent since the battle of Monmouth" &c. This language implies Col. Johnson was present at that battle and if so probably commanded a brigade. It is a "family tradition" that during a part of this battle Col. Frazer himself commanded a brigade, which in case of any disability to Col. Johnson would naturally follow as Col. Frazer was next to him in rank.

bb. p. 189.

The mare spoken of in the postscript to Mrs Frazer's letter may be the weak and sickly animal alluded to in Col Frazer's letter to her of July 13. 1777. (p. 151.)

cc. pages 191 & 193.

"Fitz." The history of this marauder, or bushwhacker as he would have been called in the Civil War of 1861-65, is very interesting.

From Watson's Annals Vol. II. p. 83.—4 the following account is somewhat condensed :

Capt. Fitz. (James Fitzpatrick) roamed the Country by stealth as a "British refugee" attacking the goods of stanch whigs and delighting in peril. He was likened to Roy Roy.

Public Journal of Phila. of August 1778

This celebrated bandit of Chester Co. was taken and bro't to Phila. in Aug. 1778. He was made prisoner by Robert McPhee (McAfee) and a girl. Fitz entered McPhee's house armed with rifle sword and a case of pistols while the family was at tea ; greeting them as friends. Upon their saying they did not recognise him, he said they would soon be better acquainted as Capt. Fitz came to levy his dues on the cursed rebels ! He demanded his (McPhee's) watch and buckles, and soon ordered them upstairs before him while he should search for money. When he had got up stairs he, thinking he was safe, began to arrange his shoe buckle on the edge of the bed, when McPhee, signaling to Rachel Walker a young woman, sprang upon him and so held him that he could not escape. The reward was \$1000. which was divided between them, and Fitz was hanged. While in Philada. he broke his hand cuffs twice in one night. In Chester afterwards he filed off his irons and got out of his dungeon and would have escaped but for the extraordinary vigilance of the jailer. His real name was James Fitzpatrick : he was a blacksmith ; and he was hanged in Chester

(p. 330.)

He kept the whole of Chester County in peril. Many parties of armed men were in pursuit of him. He would often encounter them in the most daring way. Some he would subdue, then tie to a tree, and flog them.

Mr. Lewis (Watson's friend) has written a very interesting memoir of him. A more fearless spirit never lived, and he was generous and humane on occasions. He had been an American soldier but having received some lashes he deserted with a hatred which lasted till his death. On an occasion he appeared in disguise at a public meeting where measures were concerted for his capture. A young military

Capt. volunteered to take him and boasted much. This annoyed Fitz who whispered to his accomplice that he would rob him of his watch before the company should separate, and that he would do it with an iron candlestick then standing on the shelf. He took it down, and invited the Captain a little from the house saying he would show him how he might take Fitz. Then he demanded his watch telling him he was Fitz and snapped the spring of the candlestick at him as if it were a pistol—then tied his hands behind his back and sent him back to the company.

The following entries are from the Minutes of the Supreme Executive Council Phila. Friday Nov. 6. 1778.

Agreeable to the order of the day Capt M/cFee & Rachel Walker attended the Council & put in their claim to the reward of \$1000 offered by this Council on the 13/th of July last to the person or persons who should take & secure Jas. Fitzpatrick, Blacksmith a noted Robber, and the claimants being heard and their claims considered; thereupon *Ordered* That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be paid to Rachel Walker and Five Hundred Dollars be paid to Capt Robert McAfee being in the whole the sum of One Thousand Dollars offered by this Council as a reward for seizing James Fitzpatrick, Blacksmith, the Robber lately executed at Chester & an order was drawn on the treasurer for the said sum accordingly.—

Examination of the claims of Capt. M.Afee & Mrs Walker to the Reward for taking Capt Fitzpatrick Aug. 23. 1778.

Rachel Walker.

She was up stairs; heard screaming; came down; a boy told her Capt Fitz was there; Capt Fitz asked her how she did, & expressed sorrow at the disturbance; Fitz told McAfee to prepare for a march; laid down his sword and Pistol & raising his foot to the Bedstead in order to put up at heels a pair of Pumps taken from Capt McFee; she winked at McFee to seize Fitz; he seemed to decline; she winked again and on seeing M/cFee's motion as if to seize Fitz she also sprang forward and seized Fitz; but whether before or at the same time that M/cFee seized him is not certain but there could scarcely have been a moment difference; Fitz seized a Pistol which she griped in his hand and prevented him from firing it; that she afterwards took the Pistol and stood Centry at the door.—

Capt. M/cFee says he is not certain at what time the Young Woman seized Fitz but that the persons present said he had seized him first & had several turns with him on the floor before any persons interfered: Since the time has had two Oat stacks burned and that

the same time destroyed the Pans &ca in the Milk House, "Cut the manes and tails of his Horses but not wounded". Withdrew

Council ordered the Secretary to ask Capt. M/cFee if he had obtained from his Father and Mother a renunciation of claim to any part of the reward for apprehending Capt. Fitz.

And the Secretary having proposed to him the said Question Capt M/cFee replied "there is no occasion they have made no claim & there can be no reason for their renouncing a claim which they have not made, no more than that every other person should make a renunciation.

dd. p. 192.

The hope expressed in the postscript of Mrs. Frazer to her husband that he would be in New York upon his return home meant that she hoped the British troops would be driven out of the city by that time.

ee. p. 213.

"Ronzallic Trumble" 8th line from bottom is almost certainly intended for "Row gallie 'Trumbull'." That is it was one of the familiar small war boats of the Revolution called Row galleys, and this one was named after John Trumbull, Deputy Adjutant General of the Northern Department.

ff. p. 238.

In corroboration of Col. Harrison's judgment in applying to Col. Frazer for information as to the condition of the prisoners, I have the following extract which the Hon. Wm. Potter made for me in Richmond, Va., May 11th, 1905, from a letter of Oliver Lowles. Mr. Potter endorsed on it

"Extract from letter dated Middlebrook, Nov. 12, 1800, from Col. Oliver Lowles to Dr. Robert Wellford shown me this day by Mr. Phillip A. Wellford, grandson of the last named, describing the treatment of the American prisoners of War in Phila. during 1777."

* * * "it became necessary to scrutinize into and possess myself of the best information I could in my restricted state, obtain of the situation of all the prisoners in the custody of the enemy at Philadelphia, in which I was aided by several, but more materially by Col. P. Frazier of the Pennsylvania Line than any other, he having been a resident of the City and well acquainted with the principle characters that remained therein and who were friendly to the American cause" etc

gg. p. 355.

May 16. 1791

Bond of Persifor Frazer of Westtown twp to Joshua Vernon of Concord twp. for £60 gold or silver money.

John Harper and Jno Vaughn witnesses.

hh. p. 371.

Robert Frazer's diary of events at the time of the death of Gen. Frazer his father.

On Tuesday the 24th of April 1792 at about 1/2 after 10 o Clock at night my father died.

Wednesday 25

Procured a Woman to lay him out; for which I paid her 37/6 for muslin and other articles procured, and 35/. for her own expenses charge, Engaged M/r Isburne of Arch Street to th make the Coffin, which he finished about 5 o Clock in the afternoon. Purchased 7.13 lb Loafsugar and 6 lb Coffee of M/r Tod, for which an account was permitted me in the name of D/r Duffield, having sent for it by his man. Hired a Coachee and horses to carry the Corps for which I engaged to pay 45/. Set off from Philadelphia about 6 o Clock in the Evening and reached Gibbons' that night about 10 o Clock between which place and Darby we met Caleb James Jos Williams and William Kennedy and at Gibbons M/r Pross who had come to meet us.

Thursday 26th

Started at 1/2 after o Clock and went by the Way of Bishops Mill. arrived at home about 9 o Clock. Left the house at about 11 o Clock and reached the burying ground at about 2

Friday 27th

In the morning called at Gen/l Moylans, M/r Shippen's and M/r James' to procure their interest in favor of an application which I had made on Wednesday for a succession to the offices which my father held. Found Gen/l Moylan had gone to Philad/a to make application for himself—that M/r Shippen had gone to Lancaster and that M/r James had already recommended M/r Delworth and Col Hanning. Wrote to M/r Boyd by Geo Worrall for the same purpose. In the afternoon M/r James read the Will to the family: after which I set off for Philad/a met M/r Porter on the Road by whom I was informed that Gen/l Moylan was appointed to the offices of Register and Recorder, arrived about 10 oClock—

Saturday 28th

Purchased a pair of Shoe and knee buckles 7/6—a Stock buckle 11/3 silk stocks 6/6—asked M/r Ingersoll's opinion respecting my fathers

nuncupative Will, which was, that it was void. Purchased a pair of black silk Stockings of W/m Wood for which I am to pay him 21/

Monday 30/th

Purchased a pair of black silk gloves 7/6—paid the hire of the Coachee for which purpose for which purpose I borrowed money of D/r Duffield 45/

Tuesday 1/st May

Left town about 11 O Clock in the Light Waggon with Col Hannum and Moley Stille—Staid all night at M/r Gibbons's—

Wednesday

Arrived at home about noon and after dinner went to West Chester to deliver the public Papers to Gen/l Moylan but found him not there—took a List of those Writings which were—recorded and signed, and compared part of those which were still uncomared on Thursday 3/d—

Friday 4.

Paid Margaret Henthorn 12/—for spinning and took a Receipt—Took a List of my fathers books etc—
April 25. 1792

Doct/r Duffield

1 Loaf Sugar 7.13	.....2/1.....	—,, 16,, 3
6 lb Coffee	.....1/6.....	—,, 9,, —
		<hr/>
		1,, 5,, 3

Received the above in full

for Alex/r Tod

William A Tod

Funeral Expences

Alex Tod

M/r Tods Bill of Receipt

April 25/th 1792

April 30. 1792

Rec/d of Robert Frazer the sum two pounds five shillings in full for the hire of a Waggon and horses to carry the Corps of his father from Philadelphia to the Country.—

Michal Stricker

April 30/th 1792

£ 2 , , 5

Endorsed

Funeral Expences

Mick/l Stricker

Michael Stricker's

Receipt April 30/th 1792

April 25. 1792.

The Estate of Persifor Frazer Esq/r to Eastburn
& Lesley april 25/th 1792
april 25/th 1792

for a mehogany coffin with £ s d
plates for him self..... 8—10—0

Received payment in full

Eastburn & Lesley

£ 8—10—0

Funeral Expences
Mr Eastburn
M/r Eastburn acc/ts
& Receipt
June 13/th 1792

April—June 13. 1792

The Estate of Gen/l P. Frazer

To J. H. Gibbons D/r

April—To advice & attendance with

D/rs Duffield & Rush or himself.....Doll/s 8.

June 13/th Rec/d the am/t in full

J. H. Gibbons

D/r Gibbons' Acc/t
& Receipt
June 13/th 1792

1792 The Estate of Perfison Frazer D/r to
.....Benj/n Rush

May To attendance to himself in consultation with D/r
Duffield & D/r gibbons.

£ 3—0—0

1792 June 25 Rec/d of M/r Rob/t Frazer the above sum in full—
Benj/n Rush

September 25. 1792 Ap/l 25/th 1792

The Estate of M/r Percifer Frazier to Ann Carswell D/r

To 6 yards muslin att 5/6.....£ 1: 13: 0

To one pair white Gloves..... 0: 3: 0

To one pound Saltpetre to put in Coffin..... 0: 1: 6

To Making a Shroud & Dressing his Corpes. 1: 15: 0

3: 12: 6

Ap/l 25/th

Sep/tr 25 1792 Rec/d the above Account
in full from M/r Rob/t Frazier

Ann Carswell

Endorsed

Funeral expences

Mrs Carswell

M/rs Carswell's
account & Receipt

April 25 1792

£ 3,, 12,, 6

General Frazer's Will.

I Persifor Frazer of West Town Township in the county of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form—following. that is to say—

First—I do empower order and direct my executors or the survivor or survivors of them as soon as conveniently may be, after my decease to sell at either public or private sale, for the best price or prices that can be had, and convey by Deed to the purchaser or purchasers in fee simple the following plantations or tracts of Land, to wit—

The plantation and tract of Land whereon I now live, situate in West Town Township, in said county of Chester, containing about one hundred and twenty seven acres of Land—One other tract situate in East Whiteland Township, containing about forty nine acres of Land—One other tract of Land, called "Bucks Forrest", situate on a branch of Harman's Run in Washington County in the State aforesaid, containing Three Hundred and four acres and a half and allowance of six acres p/r cent for Roads—one other tract of Land called "Smyrna", situate on a branch of Harman's Run, in Washington County aforesaid, containing Three hundred and fifty three acres and three quarters of an acre, and allowance of six acres p/r cent for Roads—and one other tract for which I have a Warrant Right, situate on Tomlinson Run in Washington County aforesaid containing Three hundred acres of Land be the same more or less.—

I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Worrell Frazer two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, also the term of service of my negro boy Sam, and my mulatto Boy Mark and it is my will, if my negro and mulatto boys shall behave themselves soberly and be obedient to their mistress, that then Sam, shall be free. two years before the expiration of the term mentioned in his Indenture; and Mark shall be free two years and a half before the expiration of the term mentioned in his Indenture.—Also I give unto my said wife

all the goods and household furniture, which were given to her by her Grand Mother Sarah Worrall, and also the Silver or plate which I have, and which formerly belonged to the Taylor family. The residue of my silver or plate, I give to my daughters, to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my wife—

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Frazer two hundred pounds, lawful money aforesaid, to be paid unto him, when he arrives at the age of Twenty one years—Also I give to my son Robert my case of pistols and hanger, with their furniture And further I do give him, all the books, which he has collected from among my books, and laid up for his use.—

I give and devise to my son Persifor Frazer one messuage, saw mill and tract of Land eighteen acres of Land be the same more or less situate on Chester Creek in Delaware County, bounded by Lands of John Edwards, lands late of Abel Green Richard Cheyney and by the Road leading from said Cheyney's saw mill, until it intersects the line of John Edwards' land, to hold the same land to him my said son Persifor Frazer his heirs and assigns. I also give and bequeath to my son Persifor four hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, to be paid to him within two years after my decease: Also I give him all my wearing apparel, my family Bible, and my fusce, and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my daughters Sarah Frazer and Mary Ann Frazer Two hundred pounds each, lawful money of Pennsylvania to be paid unto each of them within two years after my decease.—

I give and bequeath to my daughters Mary Frazer, Martha Frazer and Eliza Frazer two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania each to be paid unto each of them within two years after my decease.

I give to my sisters Sarah Hughes and Ann Vernon, one dozen of China plates, formerly belonging to their mother, to be equally divided between them.

It is my will, and I do order and direct, that the necessary support of my sons Robert and Persifor shall be paid out of my estate.

I Give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Frazer one messuage and tract of Land situate in Thornbury Township, in Delaware County, containing about one hundred and sixty acres, and bounded by the land aforesaid devised to my son Persifor, by lands late of Richard Cheyney deceased, lands late of John Hannum deceased and others, to hold the same to her my said wife during her natural life, subject to the maintenance and education of my three daughters Mary, Martha and Eliza.—

And I do empower and direct that as soon as conveniently can be after the my decease of my said wife, that the Lands devised, to her as aforesaid, shall be sold, by my executors or the survivor or survivors of them, either by public or by private sale for the best price, that can

be had for the same, and I do empower my executors, or the survivor or survivors of them, to convey the same by deed to the purchaser or purchasers in fee simple. And I do give and bequeath the money arising from the sale of said Tract of land to be equally divided, amongst all my children, or their representatives, share and share alike: and the shares that shall happen to my daughters or their representatives, in such manner and at such time as my beloved wife shall by her last will and Testament order and direct.—

And it is my will that the gifts aforesaid to my beloved wife, shall be in lieu of and full satisfaction of her dower, or right to dower of my Estate.—

Further I do order and direct that my wife shall have the interest arising from the Legacies to my three daughters Mary Martha and Eliza untill they shall severally arrive at the age of eighteen years, or marriage towards educating and maintaining them.—

All the rest and residue of my estate of what kind or nature soever I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among all my children, or their representatives, share and share alike.—

And further it is my will and intention, and desire that all my daughters live on the plantation devised to my wife with her, and that the services of the aforesaid negro and mulatto Boys, bequeathed to my wife, may go toward their mutual support whilst my said daughters remain unmarried.—

And lastly—I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Worrall Frazer and my son Robert Frazer, executors of this my last will and testament and my son Persifor Frazer executor of this will, with my aforesaid executors, when and immediately after, he arrives to the age of twenty one years.—Hereby revoking all former wills by me made.— In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

Pers/r Frazer [L. S]

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Persifor Frazer to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us

Caleb James

Mary James

Abner Hoopes.

Died 24/th April A.D. 1792

Will proved 5/t May A.D. 1792

Endorsed

Persifor Frazer
Philad/a

West Town May the 5/th 1792 *Then* personally appeared Caleb James and Abnor Hoopes, and on their solemn Affirmations according to law, did Affirm, declare, and say, that they were present and did see and hear Persifor Frazer Esquire, the Testator above named, Sign, Seal, publish, pronounce and declare the above and foregoing instrument of writing as and for his last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound and well disposing Mind and Memory to the best of their Understandings—Affirmed Coram

Ge: Worrall Regis/r

On Tuesday Evening 24/th April 1792. M/r Frazer by a nuncupative will made in the presence of D/r Duffield, Isaac Taylor and George Duffield J/r bequeathed his light Waggon and pair of bay Horses, together with the side saddles to M/rs Frazer for the use of herself and daughters—

And also his Gold Studs to George Worrall—And desired that the same might be taken notice of as his Will Apr/1 24/th 1792—

Endorsed

Copy and letters Testam/y.
Persifor Frazer Esquires
Will

Chester County, Ss.

By the tenor of these Presents, I *Stephen Moylan* Esq. Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, in and for the County of *Chester*, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

DO MAKE KNOWN unto all Men, That on the day of the date hereof, at *West-Chester*, was proved and approved the last Will and Testament of Persifor Frazer Esquire late of West Town deceased (a true copy whereof is to these presents annexed) having whilst he lived, and at the time of his death, divers goods, chattels, rights and credits within the said Commonwealth; by reason whereof the approbation and insinuation in the said last Will and Testament, and the committing the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration, and a final dismissal from the same, to me are manifestly known to belong; and that administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, any way concerning his last Will and Testament, was committed to Mary Worrall Frazer and

Robert Frazer /the other, to wit, Persifor Frazer being under the age of twenty one years/ whole Executors—————in the said Testament named; they having first been duly Affirmed and Sworn well and truly to administer the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and make a true and perfect Inventory thereof, and exhibit the same into the Register's Office, at *West-Chester*, on or before the fifth——day of June——next, and to render a true and just account, calculation and reckoning of the said administration, on or before the fifth——day of May——1793, or when thereunto lawfully required.—————

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of said Office to be hereunto affixed, at *West-Chester*, the Fifth——day of May—— in the year of our Lord, one thousand Seven hundred and ninety-two—

Stephen Moylan Reg/r

Received Oct January 22/nd 1793 of Mary Worrall Frazer one of the executors of the last Will of my deceased Brother Persifor Frazer six china plates bequeathed to me in his Will

Sarah Huese

Received March 22 1793 of Mary Worrall Frazer one of the executors of the last will of my deceased brother Pers/r Frazer, six China plates bequeathed to me by his Will

Ann Vernon

The silver snuff box, which is interesting as specimen of the silversmith's work in Philadelphia in the latter part of the XVIII/th Century, was owned by Sarah Frazer, daughter of General Frazer, and bears her initials. Whether or not she ever made of it the use for which it was designed is not known.

It came into the writer's possession through Samuel Frazer Hewes, a grand nephew of Gen. Frazer who, as a young boy, was a favorite of his second cousin the owner, who gave it to him with the remark that he had only to add the letter "H" to the initials on the lid to make them applicable to himself.

It weighs a little less than 2½ ounces and is represented in its actual size in the illustration.

**Notes of families connected with Persifor Frazer's Descendants,
from various papers in the possession of Dr. I. W. Riley.**

The authors of these notes are not known but the notes were evidently made very long ago, as Mary James, living in 1708, is said to have a daughter now surviving.

About the year 1708 Thomas and Elizabeth Goodwin arrived in Pennsylvania from North Wales with their four Children, to wit. Mary their eldest Daughter afterwards Mary James who it is believed had one Daughter, namely Elizabeth Batten, living in Redstone settlement near the Ohio River—Their second Daughter Elizabeth afterwards Eliza Thomas had one Son James Thomas living in York County Pennsylvania. Their Daughter Sarah Goodwin (afterwards Worrell) Deceased in Cork in Ireland, had one son Thomas Worrall in Middletown Delaware County Pennsylvania. Their Son Thomas Goodwin had three Children, to wit: Richard Goodwin, Jane Massey a Widow, and Isaac Goodwin, all formerly living in Chester County and near Goshen—

30th of 9 mo 1696 At a meeting at John Edggs Daniel Hoops & Jean Worrallow received permission to be married,—

25th of 2nd mo 1709 Joseph' Baker & Mary Worrallow recivd permission to marry—

1713 Ann Worrallow's name appears as oversears of Middletown Meeting

1714 x John Worrell & Sarah Goodwin were marred at Middletown Meeting Peter Yarnell & Alice Worrallow were marred in 1715 do

1726 Jean Worrallow married a Whip o (sic) not by meeting, [Possibly Whips. Ed.]

1731 John Salkeld marred Eliza Worrell

1731 John Worrell marred Priscilla Lewis

1743 Sarah Worrell Marris Taylor

1764 Mary Worrallow marris James Reed

1765 Mary Worrell mared Robert Thompson

1765 Eliza Worrell marred Abram Hoops

1753 Sarah Worrell wife of John went to England on a religious visit and died while there

This Sarah Worrell if born Sarah Goodwin was the grandmother of Mary Worrall Frazer, and according to notes in the Editor's possession died in Cork 1755.

**Extracts from an unpublished memoir of Gen. Frazer, printed here
by permission of its author, Mr. Joseph S. Harris.**

“The provincial authorities (at the close of 1775) were very active in pushing forward military organizations as General Washington kept urging Congress to fill his army then besieging Boston with fresh men to take the place of such of his troops as were nearing the end of their period of enlistment. December 9, 1775, Congress directed that four battalions should be raised in Pennsylvania, and December 15, asked the Committee of Safety to recommend proper persons as field officers. January 5, 1776, the Committee having previously recommended Antony Wayne as Colonel, Francis Johnston as Lieutenant-Colonel, and Nicholas Hausecker, of Lancaster County, as Major of the Fourth Battalion, which recommendations were probably confirmed by Congress, proceeded to appoint eight Captains for the several companies, of which Persifor Frazer was named first. On the list of 31 Captains appointed at that time, he stood 8th. He was in April assigned to the command of the 1st company of the 4th Regiment. His company had 86 privates on the roll, and numbered in all 104 persons.”

“The battalion rendezvoused at Chester, Delaware County, on February 9, and on February 17, Col. Wayne reported that he had in camp five hundred and sixty men and officers, and that the officers who were absent on recruiting service had secured support, as he believed, to make the battalion complete. Three companies reported at New York under Major Hausecker on January 28. Col. Wayne took command of the regiment April 26, and despatched Major Hausecker to Philadelphia to bring up the remaining five companies of which Captain Frazer's was one. He went to Long Island in May, 1776, and was transferred with his command to General Gates' army of the North in July, before the battle of Long Island, which occurred August 27, as we find letters addressed to him “near Albany” as early as August 6. He remained in this vicinity till the latter part of November, taking an active part in the campaign. He was appointed Major by General Gates at Ticonderoga, September 4, 1776, vice Hausecker promoted. This appointment was made subject to the approval of Congress, as the regiment was in the Continental service. His commission as Major is dated October 1 or 3, 1776. In October, 1776, the Pennsylvania Battalions near New York were notified that two of them would be taken into the Continental service to serve till January 1, 1778, unless sooner discharged. Persifor Frazer doubtless enlisted under this call, though he was not at New York, but at Saratoga” [Ticonderoga. P. F.] “at that time.” * * *

“He enclosed a very good topographical military sketch showing the

fortifications at that point, and describes what has been done to make them strong." [in a letter dated Ticonderoga, July 31st, 1776. P. F.]

"He had a sharp spell of illness in August, but had quite recovered by the end of September. His wife tells him in October—"No person can be in greater esteem than you are, both with Whig and Tory. Your letters are often called for to decide disputes." "

"He was on recruiting service during the winter of 1776-7, and February 6, 1777, \$1,000 was appropriated for that service and put in his hands."

"He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Fifth Pennsylvania Battalion [Regiment. P. F.] March 12, 1777, which was organized with Francis Johnston as Colonel. This appointment was not confirmed till November 12, 1777, when Congress, sitting at York, Pennsylvania, authorized it to date from October 1, 1776. He was with the army in New Jersey during the summer of 1777. He was at Morristown, New Jersey, as late as the beginning of July, but the concentration of troops for the defense of Philadelphia against an attack by General Howe brought him back to Pennsylvania about the end in August."

"In the movements preliminary to the battle of Brandywine, the entire baggage belonging to the officers of Wayne's division was sent back from the advanced position held by the Americans on the South side of the Brandywine, and stored at Colonel Frazer's house, where it was taken September."

"The Brandywine battle consisted of two separate engagements, the first one about Birmingham meeting house, where Lord Cornwallis defeated Generals Stirling and Sullivan, and the other near Chadds Ford on the Brandywine, where General Knyphausen defeated General Wayne. The former conflict was about five miles west of Col. Frazer's house, and the latter, in which he was an actor, was about the same distance southwest of his home. The firing which was heard by his daughter Sarah Frazer's school teacher on the morning of September 11, and by Mrs. Frazer herself, must have been that between Knyphausen, who was making a strong feint at Chadds Ford to occupy the Americans and direct their attention from the movement of the main body of the army under Cornwallis. * * * He seems to have been on special duty and not acting with his regiment."

"The American army after the defeat, retreated on Chester, twelve miles distant, which they reached that night. The most considerable portions of General Howe's army remained for five days at Dilworthtown, about two miles northeast of Chadds Ford, his own headquarters remaining there. This was only about four miles from Col. Frazer's house, and it is doubtless from this position that the body of British troops was detached which plundered Colonel Frazer's house on Saturday, September 13."

"He had been ordered to observe the movements of the enemy, and left home early that morning to go to the Blue Ball tavern on the Chester road for that purpose."

"We can trace Colonel Frazer's movements for several days about this time by his wife's narrative of the plundering of their home, and by his own statements. She says that he staid on the field of battle till evening, and then moved, probably with the rear guard, to the Seven Stars tavern, now the hamlet known as Village Green, about nine miles East of Chadds Ford, and four miles Northwest of Chester, to which point the American army had retreated. Late that night, having apparently been selected as familiar with the ground, he returned to his home, about five miles from Village Green. The next day a party of American Riflemen, who were also apparently on duty as a corps of observation, called at his house and advised him to keep away from his home, as the baggage of ten regiments was stored there, of which fact some of his Tory neighbors would probably inform the British, who would come to seize it, and might take him prisoner. He made light of the danger, and started the next morning early to the Blue Ball tavern on the Chester road, *about half way between his house and Village Green*,* Major John Harper, innkeeper of Turk's Head, and his and Harper's brother-in-law, Jacob Vernon, joining him there. While absent on this duty, his house was plundered, and the baggage of the officers of his division was taken, although the arms and ammunition which had been there, and which were the chief object of the British raid, had been removed some time before."

"In spite of the defeat of the American Army at the Brandywine, General Washington thought it necessary to risk another battle for the defence of Philadelphia, then the chief city of the young republic, and ordinarily the seat of Government. He had some hope of a favorable result, as he found the spirit of the army unimpaired by their late disaster. He, therefore, after retreating on Chester, moved around by Philadelphia and Germantown, and marched westward up the Lancaster road, reaching the White Horse tavern on the 15th of September, his army stretching along that road from the White Horse tavern to a point near the Admiral Warren tavern."

"As soon as this movement became known to General Howe he moved that portion of his army under the command of Lord Cornwallis, which had been halted at Village Green, for a few days, to the northward to become the right wing of his army, the remainder of the army which had been posted at Dilworthtown, moving also northward on parallel lines to form the left wing."

"Cornwallis' movement which was commenced on the morning of

*Italics by the Editor.

Tuesday, September 16, caught Colonel Frazer, Major Harper and Jacob Vernon, who were again out on reconnoissance at the Blue Ball. Vernon, who was a civilian, escaped, but the two officers were made prisoners, and forced to fall in with the northward march of their captors. The two armies met that day on the high ground just south of the summit of the South Valley hill, about a mile south of Frazer station on the Pennsylvania Railroad. A skirmish opened the battle, but had not proceeded far when a heavy rain came up and so wetted the insufficiently protected ammunition of the Americans that they withdrew to their original position near the White Horse tavern in East Whiteland township, and the next day moved northward by way of Yellow Springs, crossing a few days later the Schuylkill river about five miles above Phoenixville. It was the rain alone which prevented a general engagement which could hardly have failed to result in great disaster to the American cause. Our army was inferior in numbers, in equipment, in discipline, and in morale, having just suffered defeat at Brandywine, so that it was of great value to the liberties of America that the battle was not fairly joined."

"Just after the American army in retreat crossed the Schuylkill at Swedes Ford, the British who were in pursuit reached the ford, but the rains of several days had by that time so swollen the river that they could not ford it. The family it is said always spoke of this as a special interposition of Providence for the rescue of the American army, as a battle in their then condition would have been certain destruction. It was also said that General Washington took a similar view."

"While the tradition may have been correct concerning some detached body of troops, it is not true as to the main army, with which General Washington took no such risk, but crossed some twenty miles further up stream."

"The British army remained during the storm, which lasted several days, encamped on the South Valley hill, a portion of them on fields which afterward belonged to the farm of Joseph Smith, my grandfather, who married Persifor Frazer's daughter Mary. The British had not found since they had been in America so rich a country as the one they were then in, and they plundered it without mercy. My great-grandfather, Thomas Harris, whose farm lay a mile or two to the northward, was one of the sufferers by these depredations, and, with other citizens, made claim in 1782 for remuneration. The party who captured Frazer and Harper was the advance guard of a considerable body of British troops, commanded by General Grant. The prisoners were deprived of their horses and their sword, and were obliged to tramp along on foot. General Grant riding near Col. Frazer, entered into conversation with him, and asked him his name. He replied—"Persifor Frazer." "That is a Scotch name", said Grant,

"and should not belong to a rebel." "England has called other men rebels who have resisted her Government besides those who resist it in America", retorted Frazer. "For that answer you shall have your horse", said General Grant, whose family had taken the Pretenders part in the rising of 1745 in Scotland; and when the horse was brought, he restored Frazer's sword also."

"In the course of their conversation they discovered that they were cousins—General Grant's mother, whose name was Frazer, being a cousin of John Frazer XV 5. This conversation took place as they were passing the Goslien Friends meeting house on the Chester road in East Goslien township, and just before they joined the main body of the British army."

"Thanks probably to General Grant's interest in him, Col. Frazer says that while they remained under the guard of the Fourth and Sixty-fourth regiments he and Major Harper were well treated, but on the third day after their capture on the march of the troops from the White Horse, familiar ground to Frazer, as it was here that he had kept store, perhaps, fifteen years before, they were turned over to the Provost Guard and remained in their custody till they reached Germantown, about a week after their capture."

"The Commander of the Provost Guard was Major Proctor, whose brutality Col. Frazer and many other Americans had frequent opportunities to experience afterward."

"The narrative by himself of Col. Frazer's capture given elsewhere which ends abruptly and was probably written as justification for his escape from prison. Whether the statement was never finished, or whether this is an imperfect draft of it, is not known. He held and maintained successfully before a Court of Inquiry* that the British administration in confining in a jail officers who should not have been subjected to such an indignity, and in depriving them of privileges to which they were entitled, had, itself, violated the terms of the parole, and had thereby absolved the imprisoned officers from its obligations."

"He had addressed a communication, relative to the sufferings of the prisoners in Philadelphia, and to the subject of exchanges, to General Washington on the 9th of October, which, with some of the mouldy bread served to the soldiers, was carried by his wife to headquarters at White Marsh, eliciting a reply from Washington on the 4th of November, in which he speaks of the efforts he is making to bring about exchanges on a proper basis, and deploras the distress of the prisoners. His granddaughter E. W. Smith, says that during the winter of

*The editor cannot find evidence of this court of inquiry though it is inherently likely. The judgment of the Commander-in-Chief is sufficiently evident by his assigning Col Frazer immediately to duty with his rank. P. F.

1777-8, jail fever broke out among the American prisoners, and the prisoners were taken out of the jail and lodged in different parts of the City. Col. Frazer, Major Harper and Col. Hannum, who was a neighbor, and a friend of the other two, a civilian, a zealous whig, a relative of Squire Cheyney who lived in West Bradford township, where the town of Marshallton now is, were lodged at the †White Swan tavern on Third street above Market street. Notwithstanding the promises of liberty within City limits in return for their paroles, the doors of their sitting room and bed rooms were kept locked, their windows were barred, and a guard was placed over them. They considered these restrictions indefensible by military law, and felt themselves, therefore, released from their parole, and at liberty to escape if they could. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1778, when the Guard, who were Irishmen, got patriotically drunk, they escaped from their rooms and clambering over a stone wall in the rear of the house went, some, to the house of a Mr. Frazer,* who was a distant relative of Col. Frazer, living in Front street near Pine street, and others to the house of Mr. Blackstone, who lived in the same neighborhood."

"Vigorous efforts were made to find the escaped prisoners; all the avenues leading from the City were closely watched, and many of the houses searched. On one occasion when some of the party were hidden in a deep closet behind shelves, on which china was so arranged as to conceal them, the house was entered and the closet searched without discovering the fugitives."

"Their escape was aided by the indiscretion of some young British officers, who, calling on a lady of their acquaintance immediately after the jail delivery, told them of it, which news they received with apparent surprise. The officers said that while the prisoners had disappeared for the moment they could not get out of the City, and proceeded to speak of the plans for their recapture. Being encouraged, they talked freely, and as the escaped prisoners knew what traps were set for them, they took good care not to spring them."

"They remained in the City several days till the ardor of the chase had somewhat abated, when Mr. Blackstone procured a boat on which they crossed the Delaware, passing through the British fleet, and landed in New Jersey, and in a short time rejoined the army."

†Wm Serrett, Asst Commissary of prisoners of the British Army, calls this the "Swan tavern." and W. H. Ferguson the "Golden Swan" in his affidavit. Col Frazer in his statement calls it the "Golden Swan." (See pp. 177 & 178 which have been newly verified by an inspection of the original papers. P. F.

*The editor cannot ascertain who this Mr. Frazer was. Probably a relation of the "Mr Frazer" whom the original Persifer in the letter to his son John of Jan 3, 1737, prays God may reward for his kindness to the original immigrant. (See Vol. I. p. 21.)

"The British (at first) thought the officers had broken their parole, and General Howe demanded their return from General Washington, but on investigation of the circumstances, the court of inquiry† held that they were justified, and the demand was withdrawn."

"The prisoners, while doubtless suffering many inconveniences, some privations and some annoyances, do not seem, on the whole, to have been badly treated. Mrs. Frazer having credentials from General Washington was allowed several times to see her husband, and Mrs. Gibbons, who was a sister to Col. Hannum, and a neighbor of Mrs. Frazer, sometimes accompanied her. They were allowed, sometimes, to supply them and their friends with food and other necessaries, and though those, at times, failed to reach their proper destination, they did much to ameliorate their condition."

"He was at Valley Forge for a time, his name being signed June 4, 1778, as Lieutenant-Colonel, Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, to an address from the officers to the Supreme Executive Council on the want of clothing for their troops."

"His command took part in the operations in New Jersey and New York in the summer of 1778, and he is said to have commanded his regiment at the battle of Monmouth Court House, June 28, 1778, Col. Johnston being absent from some cause."

"There had been much dissatisfaction in the army on account of the action of Congress in promoting junior officers over the heads of those who had suffered imprisonment, who held that their sacrifices entitled them to continue to hold their relative ranks. It was, perhaps, in recognition of this claim, that Congress had confirmed Colonel Frazer as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, but for some reason he was not wholly satisfied. He and his wife had made many pecuniary sacrifices for the army, had sold a considerable part of their property to aid it, and his affairs had fallen into some disorder at home, the iron works were not running satisfactorily, and his wife, whose health had not recovered from the trials and exertions of the fall and winter of 1777, (which were responsible for the loss of the child who was born in May, 1778, and who died before it reached the age of two months), and whose brave spirit was temporarily broken, was greatly mourning his absence. At this time, the appointment of his junior, Walter Stewart to the command of the Regiment, seems to have made his cup overflow, and he resigned from the service on the 9th of October, probably about the time he received the letter from his wife which has been quoted."

"A number of officers who felt that Congress was not acting to them in good faith, or in accordance with the promises made to them, left the service about this time."

†See a preceding note.

"After his resignation from the army, Col. Frazer returned to his farm at Thornbury, and took up again the work which had suffered from the absence of the master's hand for two years."

"He was not allowed, however, to lay down his army duties. In the summer of 1779, from January 8 till October 22, 1779, he was Commissary General accompanying General James Sullivan in his campaign against the Seneca Indians in Western New York." [Dep. Com. Gen. This is not certain. See discussion in preface. P. F.]

"April 1, 1780, he was elected by the General Assembly Commissioner of Purchases for Chester County, and on April 5, 1780, he was appointed by Quartermaster General Nathaniel Greene as his deputy, but on April 29 he declined to serve further in that capacity, thinking the pay inadequate and the service unattractive."

"March 22, 1781, he was appointed County Treasurer, but was not reappointed the next year, probably, because he had then been elected to the Legislature."

"He was elected to represent Chester County in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, October 15 1781, and October 12, 1782, and again October 21, 1784. At this time, and until the adoption of a new constitution in 1790, the Legislature consisted of but one House."

"May 25, 1782, he was elected Brigadier General of Pennsylvania Militia, to rank second among the Brigadiers."

"January, 1783, he was on a committee of the Assembly to meet President Dickinson, and was appointed January 21 in the same month on a committee to make representation to Congress about certain seizures of property. Persifor Frazer, John Hannum and Joseph Gardner reported to Congress that great abuses had been attempted in smuggling British goods from the ship Amazon under cover of a pass to bring in clothing for British and German prisoners, and Congress resolved, January 24, to have the goods which had not been delivered to the prisoners examined."

"In an account which was made up June 1, 1784, the Comptroller General of the State of Pennsylvania admits that it is indebted to Persifor Frazer, Lieutenant-Colonel Fifth Regiment in a sum which, with interest, amounted to £ 240 5s. 8d. and March 15, 1786, the same authority reports that there is a balance due him as Treasurer amounting, with interest, to £ 364 16s. 5d."

"In 1785 Colonels Bayard, Smith and Frazer were appointed by the Supreme Executive Council, under a resolution of the General Assembly of April 8, 1785, Commissioners to Wyoming where serious disturbances had been caused by the conflicting claims to jurisdiction made by the States of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, each claiming it as a part of its own territory."

"They left Philadelphia going by way of Bethlehem, and following probably what is now the Wilkesbarre and Easton turnpike, which for



Silver snuff box (of actual size) belonging to Sarah Frazer, daughter of General Frazer. Probably made by a Philadelphia silversmith in the latter part of the XVIIIth century.

many years was the principal avenue of approach to Wyoming Valley from the southward, avoiding the deep defile of the Lehigh and crossing the streams near their heads."

"They started on April 23rd, but were delayed by high water in the streams, and in awaiting the return of an expressman whom they had sent from Stroudsburg into the enemy's country. Notwithstanding they waited till the waters had fallen, Col. Frazer's horse stumbled at the crossing of the Lehigh, and threw him into the stream from which he emerged with a wetting and the loss of his hat. They reached Wyoming May 3rd. They had a conference with Colonel Butler and Mr. Meade, who represented the Connecticut claimants, but it does not appear from Col. Frazer's diary what progress they made toward a settlement."

"After remaining there about a week they returned down the Susquehanna River, reaching home May 17th."

"Col. Frazer was treasurer of the party whose expenses amounted to £ 36 10s. besides £ 18 17s. which Colonel Bayard spent mostly for the purchase of a horse. They seem to have advanced the money themselves, and May 18, 1785, the Comptroller General having approved their accounts, an order was drawn on the Treasurer for £ 57 to reimburse them."

"April 7, 1786, the General Assembly elected Persifor Frazer Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the County of Chester, to which offices he was reappointed September 4, 1790. He held these offices till his death."

"He was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council June 16, 1786, a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the term of seven years, which term he did not live to complete."

"He was also Prothonotary of Chester County, probably from 1786 till the division of the County in 1789, that office being frequently held by the same person who held the offices of Register and Recorder."

"It was noted that in 1784 the State acknowledged its indebtedness to Col. Frazer in the sum of £ 240 5s. 8d. for services during the Revolution. As the State was rich in lands but poor in money it proposed to discharge such indebtedness as this by permitting its creditors to take up unseated lands."

"In September—October 1785 he made a journey to Frankstown on the Little Juniata on this business, and probably took up lands there which his granddaughter, Anna Smith (XVIII), had possession of half a century later." [He owned lands there before the war. See his early papers. P. F.]

"In 1787 he appears as the owner of several tracts of land, each containing about 400 acres, on the waters of Harman's River in Washington County. These, or some of them, were the lands which his granddaughter Sarah Smith (XVIII) lived on near Kittaning."

"It is said that certain of these lands were forfeited as so many lands located on Revolutionary warrants were, his son allowing them to be sold for taxes, but the lands which went to these two granddaughters were rescued by Jonathan Smith, who was their father, and Persifor Frazer's son-in-law, the husband of his daughter Mary Anne (XVII 3.)"

"In 1782 he was possessed of 49 1/2 acres of land in East Whiteland township in the northwest angle formed by the roads leading to Lancaster (the old Colonial road) and to Yellow Springs. This tract Robert Frazer (XVII 2) who was his father's executor, sold to Joseph Smith who had married Robert's sister Mary (XVII 6.)"

"In 1789, upon the division of Chester County, Col. Frazer's home in Thornbury township being left in Delaware County, he removed to Westtown to a farm which he purchased there from Josiah Haines, that he might remain in Chester County, as he wished to continue to hold his offices of Justice and Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds."

"Later, the family tradition states, that he removed to Goshen township, near Sugartown, where his last years were spent."

"He followed a fashion of the time among military men—George Washington being the most illustrious example—in that he became a member of the Society of Free Masons. There is among his papers a call to a meeting at Norristown February 9, 1789."

"Persifor Frazer was one of the twelve charter members to whom, December 6, 1790, the Grand Lodge granted a charter to hold a lodge at the sign of the "White Horse", in East Whiteland, or at any place within five miles of it". It was Lodge No. 50, the first Lodge chartered in Chester County."

"Probably the last official paper in the collection which remains is a draft of a communication which he addressed to some person in authority, probably Governor Mifflin, containing a number of suggestions as to changes desirable in the laws relating to the registering of wills, and recording of deeds."

"It is of interest as it refers to the bad state of his health which for a considerable time had interfered with the discharge of the duties of his offices. It has no date nor address, and there is nothing to show that it was ever completed and sent." [It is like most of his letters to others, a rough draft kept for file, and very probably was sent to its destination. P. F.]

"Persifor Frazer had in his early life been a man of great endurance, though the record shows that he contracted ague while at Deep Creek Furnace. After his Revolutionary service, say from the age of forty years, he had, occasionally, attacks of sickness, of whose nature there is no record. No permanent menace to his health was known to exist till after May 13, 1788, when his youngest child Elizabeth, a baby of two years old, was drowned by falling into a well 6 feet deep, whose

water flowed over the top. Her father was several miles from home when word of the accident was brought to him. The day was a hot one. He made great haste to return, and the exertion, his grief at her loss, and self-reproach at not having better secured the well brought on a heart attack from which he never fully recovered."

"In April, 1792, he had occasion to go South—one account says to the Virginia Springs for his health, which, perhaps, is the correct account, though another account says to Deep Creek Furnace on business. His baggage was packed for the journey, as he intended to start the next day, when Sally Mattson, a cousin of his wife, a "public Friend," or Quaker preacher, visited the house for the purpose of dissuading him from the journey. She read to him the thirty-first chapter of the book of Isaiah, which begins—"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help", and warned him that the journey would not be for his health, would be attended with great inconvenience and privation of many comforts, and that it was deeply impressed on her mind that he should not go."

"He and his wife were accustomed to think highly of "Cousin Sally's" counsel, and spiritual discernment and the journey was given up."

"Soon after Col. Frazer went to Philadelphia to consult Dr. Duffield, who was a relative, and died there within a few days."

"Whether his death had any effect on Sally Mattson is not known, but she soon after fell into a melancholy, and terminated her own life by cutting her throat."

"In Dunlap's American Daily Advertiser, published in Philadelphia, appeared a notice of his career, which was written by Dr. Benjamin Rush." * * *

GENEALOGICAL TABLES

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Frazer Family.

Generation XIV.

In- dex No.	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Date of Death	Residence and Remarks
1	Persifor Frazer	about 1667	about 1700	Margaret Clayton or Cailton	about 1740	Tonyhannigin, County Monaghan, Ireland.

Generation XV.

The children of Persifor Frazer XIV-1 and Margaret Carlton.

1	Elizabeth Frazer	about 1701	about 1718	Alexander Smith	After 1766	Clanickny, County Monaghan, Ireland.
2	Persifor (?)	about 1703 (?)	—	—	bet. 1737 and 1755?	See footnote.
3	Rebecca	about 1705	unmarri'd	—	?	
4	a daughter	about 1707	?	—Speer	?	Chester, now Delaware Co., Pa.
5	John	Aug. 8 1709	June 16 1735	Mary Smith	Sep. 7 1765	Newtown, Del. Co., Pa.
6	Margaret	about 1711	about 1729	John Geiger	?	County Monaghan, Ireland. Later in America (?)
7	Sarah	about 1712	about 1735	John Price	?	County Monaghan, Ireland.

* There is some doubt about the existence of this son though it seems natural that the original Persifor should give his own name to his first son.

Frazer Family.

Generation XVI.

The children of John Frazer XV-5 and Mary Smith XV-5.

In- dex No.	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Date of Death	Residence and Remarks
1	Persifor	Aug. 9 1736	Oct. 2 1766	Mary Worrall Taylor	Apr. 24 1792	Pennsylvania
2	Robert	July 21 1738	—	—	1763	"
3	John	Oct. 9 1740	—	—	Aug. 30 1741	"
4	John (2d)	July 31 1742	—	—	Sep. 7 1742	"
5	Mary	Oct. 4 1744	—	—	July 25 1746	"
6	Elizabeth	July 9 1747	—	—	Oct. 9 1747	"
7	Thomas	Sep. 23 1748	—	—	Dec. 12 1749	"
8	Sarah	Oct. 18 1750	about 1772 about 1790	I Jacob Vernon II Samuel Hewes	June 17 1825	Aston township, Ches- ter, now Del., Co., Pa.
9	Mary	May 30 1753	—	—	Oct. 8 1754	"
10	Anne	Sep. 4 1755	Oct. 2 (?) 1776	Joshua Vernon	Aug. 18 1825	"

Frazer Family.

Generation XVII.

The children of Persifor Frazer (XVI-1) and Mary Worrall Taylor (XVI-1).

	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Date of Death	Residence and Remarks
1	Sarah	Jan. 11 1769	never married	—	Mar. 3 1841	
2	Robert	Aug. 30 1771	May 3 1798	Mary Ball b. Apl. 23, 1778	Jan. 20 1821	Mary B. died— June 21, 1800
			Oct. 15 1803	Elizab. Fries b. June 16, 1778		Eliz. F. died— June 19, 1815
			Feb. 11 1818	Alice Yarnall b. Aug. 28, 1778		Alice Y. died— March 23, 1830
3	Mary Ann	Feb. 17 1774	Oct. 16 1794	Jon th Smith	Feb. 19 1845	
4	Persifor	Feb. 26 1776	never married	—	Sept. 29 1798	
5	Martha	May 22 1778	"	—	July 20 1778	
6	Mary	Jan. 14 1780	Feb. 27 1800	Jos. Smith	May 23 1862	
7	John	Dec. 27 1781	never married	—	Aug. 3 1783	
8	Martha	Oct. 14 1783	Oct. 15 1818	W ^m Morris	Jan. 27 1867	
9	Elizabeth	May 17 1786	—	—	May 13 1788	
10	Elizabeth	Dec. 17 1788	Jan 9 1812	Henry Myers	Apl. 25 1857	

Frazer Family.

Generation XVIII.

The children of Robert Frazer XVII-2

By his first wife Mary Ball he had no children.

By his second wife Elizabeth Fries he had:

	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Date of Death	Residence and Remarks
1	John Persifor	Dec. 20 1804	never married	—	Mch. 14 1805	
2	Jacob Taylor	Apl. 8 1806	"	—	Apl. 10 1806	
3	Anne Fries	July 7 1807	Dec. 28 1825	Dr. John Rhea Barton	Nov. 13 1837	Philadelphia.
4	Persifor	June 19 1809	never married	—	Apl. 11 1880	Died in Rome, Italy.
5	John Fries	July 8 1812	Sept. 1 1838	Charlotte (Jeffers) Cave	Oct. 12 1872	
6	Mary Worrall	Jan. 15 1814	never married	—	June 11 1814	

By his third wife Alice (Pennell) Yarnall he had:

7	Joseph Pennell Afterwards named Robert	Dec. 29 1818	May 26 1845	Jane Biddle Wood	May 4 1878	Philadelphia.
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Generation XIX.

The children of John Fries Frazer (XVIII-5) and Charlotte (Jeffers) Cave (XVIII-1).

	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Name of Spouse	Date of Death	Residence and Remarks
1	Anne	July 24 1839	May 10 1882	Rev. Thos. K. Conrad		Dr. Conrad b. Jan. 19, 1836. d. May 28, 1893.
2	Sarah	Feb. 17 1841	May 30 1861	Richard Lewis Ashhurst		
3	Persifor	July 24 1844	Sept. 2 1871	Isabella Nevins Whelen		

Generation XX.

The children of Persifor Frazer (XIX-3) and Isabella Nevins Whelen (XIX-2).

1	Charlotte	Sept. 14 1872				
2	Persifor	July 3 1874	April 12 1898	Mary Newbold Welsh		See footnote.
3	Laurence	Feb. 11 1878	—	—	June 29 1881	Died at Buffalo Ridge Springs, Va.
4	John	Feb. 5 1882				Born 202 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, France.

* Children—Maria Newbold, b. Tunbridge Wells, Engl., Nov. 5, 1898; Persifor, b. Philadelphia, April 8, 1900; Isabel, b. Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1902.

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