

Albany Aug: 20. 1773

Dear Sir

Agreeable to Verbal Orders from Col: Holmes when in New York made all the Dispatch in my Power to this Place where I Arrived the 26.th Instant found Capt: Henry Livingston with 74 Men in a ^{with} 24 musquets without Blankets Shoes Stockings or Under cloths fit for service and no Cash but what he him self had advanced (the Cash I Paid Out to Capt: Woodard Winthrop & Palmer except about £50.0.0) About 8. O. Clock came up the following Company Capt: Herrick Capt: Morton & Mills ^{all} without Blankets (Under cloths a very few) Shoes Stocking Gans or any thing fit for a Soldier Except the Uniform Coat, Capt: Palmer is also Arrived with Blankets But no Arms — They are now on Board of the Sloops that brought them up have no Place for them to go into having No Tents what to Do with them I know not they begin to be Troublesome and Ask for Cash and better Lodging being crowded in Small Boats I have Applied to the Committee of Albany who will Do all in their Power to get Barrs or some other Place untill Tents and Blankets can be had I shall be much Obliged to the Honourable Congress to furnish us with the Necessaries Wanting we want to march up to Ticonderago and would gladly go this Day was we ready I can Boast of our Men to be as Stout Clever hardy young ^{sons} as any raised in the ^{country} and to see the other Battalions one of which is composed of men such as your Honour the Daily Struggling about the Streets Titled of and we Neglected and Obliged to by in

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Keap is nearly Disorganizing

Capt. Livingston has 72 men besides 3 Com: officers have 131
Capt. Morton — 70 - 80 — no blankets
Capt. Palmer — 50 - 80 — has blanket
Capt. Mills — 55 - 80 — none
Capt. Merrick — 72 - 80 — none

319 men —

122 have Blankets

197 Blankets wanting, and 2000

for the whole 319 men also Haversacks, Shoes &
Stockings many want Shirts & Under Cloths —

I hear ~~there is~~ that Capt. Beniduk is coming up
who is in the same situation having ~~about~~ 100 men
in a Covey East of this Province the ~~command~~
Command

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Political papers
Concerning the Army
Mills

Copy of a Letter
Sent the President
of the Congress