

**ORDERLY BOOK OF GEN. JOHN PETER GABRIEL
MUHLENBERG, MARCH 26-DECEMBER 20, 1777.**

Head Quarters November 28th 1777.

Such of the Troops as are not already Provided with cooked Provisions for Tomorrow are to Draw & Cook it this Night, at Day break a Cannon will be fired as a signal for the whole Army to Parade ready to March when the whole are Completely Formed. They are to Ground their Arms but be ready to take them up again at a Minutes Warning. If it should Rain or Snow the Men are not to Parade.

Head Quarters November 29th 1777.

A Gill of Rum or Whiskey to be issued to Day to each Officer, Soldier & Waggoner.

Head Quarters November 30th 1777.

Major General Greene

Brigadier Smallwood

Field Officers Col. Courtland Major Smith
Brigade Major . . . Learned's Brigade.

On the 25th November the Honorable Continental Congress passed the following Resolves Viz' Resolved that Gen 1

Washington be directed to Publish in Gen 1 Orders that Congress will speedily take into consideration the Merits of such Officers who have Distinguished themselves by their Interpidity and attention to the Health & Discipline of their Men, & adopt such regulations as shall tend to Introduce order & Good Discipline into the Army & to Render the situation of the Officers & Soldiery with respect to their clothing & other Necessarys more Eligible than it has hitherto been Forasmuch as it is the Indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligations to him for Benefits Received & to Implore such Future Blessings as they stand in need of, & it having pleased him in his Abundant Goodness & Mercy not only to Continue to us the Innumerable Bounties of his Common Providence but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a Just & Necessary War for the Defence of our Invaluable Rights & Liberties. It is therefore recommended by Congress that Thursday the 18th December next be set apart for Solemn Thanksgiving & Praise that at one Time & with one Voice the good People may Express the grateful Feelings of their Hearts & Consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor, & that together with their sincere acknowledgments & offerings they may join a Penitent Confession of their Sins, & supplications for such further Blessings they stand in need of. The Chaplains will properly Notice this Recommendation that day of Thanksgiving may be duly observed in the Army agreeable to the Intentions of Congress. The Regimental Pay Masters are to call upon the Pay Master Gen 1 Tomorrow & Receive Pay for the Month of September . Those who have acknowledged their abstracts for the Month of October may Receive for that month also.

Head Quarters December 1" 1777.

Major Gen 1 Tomorrow . . . L* Sterling

Brigadier Irvine

Field Officers Col. Wisson L* Colonel Stoddard
Brigade Maj' M°Gowen

Mr. Robert Duncan is appointed Pay Master to the 4th North Carolina & is to be respected as such. A Gen 1 Court Martial is to sit tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Tavern near Col" Biddies Quarters for the Trial of all Prisoners brought before them, Col. Ogden is appointed President of this Court Lt Col Sims, Maj' Wallace, Maj r North & a Cap' from the 1st & 2nd Pennsylv* Maxwells, Conways, Woodfords, Scotts, Powers, Pattersons, & Larnards Brigd are to be Members of this Court. The Officers are to make out their Muster Rolls to December the 1st . The Term of time which the Men Enlisted for is to be Inserted in every Muster Roll. The non Effectives is not to be Inserted a second time. Officers must pay strict attention to the Orders which have been Issued with Respect to this part of their Duty.

Head Quarters December 2nd 1777.

Maj r Gen' Tomorrow . . Baron de Kalb

Brigadier Muhlenberg

Field Officers . . Col. Bradford, Maj' Tho"
Brigade Major Hitchcock

Returns are to be made early Tomorrow morning of all Officers & Men in the sev 1 Brigades & Corps who have not had the Small Pox. Every officer Commanding Corps or Regiments is to make an Immediate Return to the Pay Master Gen 1 of every Pay Master that has belonged to or done Duty as such in any Regiment or Corps their place of abode & the Time when they left the Serv 08 .

After Orders.

"Whenever the alarm is given by the firing of 3 Cannon the whole Baggage & Provision of the Army (Tents included) is to be put into the Wagons and off the following Roads: The Right wing of Both Lines by the North Wales Road, & the road by Edgers Mill, & to proceed to the 24 Mile stone on those Roads, unless further Orders are Received. The left Wing of both Lines by the two Roads which lead to the Old York Road at the 13 & 15 Mile Stones & proceed on to the 24 Mile stone until further Orders. Whether the Alarm guns are fired or not the whole army is to be under arms at their Respective Posts at Day light Tomorrow Morning & the lines properly formed by the Maj' Gen' in their respective Commands.

D. O. Not more than one man to be sent with each Wagon & those the most unfit for duty among the Troops Each Regiment is to be told off into Grand and Sub divisions & the Officers posted as much amongst their own Men as Possible. Those men whose Ammunition is not Completed to 40 Rounds are to be furnished as early as possible in the morning after they are formed with that Quantity.

Head Quarters December 3rd 1777.

Major Gen 1 Tomorrow Sullivan

Brigadier Weedon

Field Officers . Col. Livingston's Major Wills
Brigade Major Mennis

A Gen 1 Court Martial whereof Col. Grayson was President held the 26th 27, 28, 29th November last Major Howard appeared before the Court charged 1st with wound 8 Capt" Lieut. Duffy with his sword, 2nd Abetting and Riot in Camp

3rd in front of his Men at his Request assemble attempting the Life of Capt n Duffy with a Loaded firelock & fixed Bayonet, being entirely subversive of Good order & Discipline. The Court having considered the charge & Evidence are of opinion that Major Howard did not intentionally wound Capt Duffy & therefore acquit him of the Charge upon the 2nd charge they are of opinion however justifiable the Motives were by which Major Howard was first actuated his conduct in that End was as such as tended rather to promote than suppress a Riot. They therefore sentence him to be reprimanded in Gen 1 Orders, with respect to the 3 d charge the Court are of opinion that it is not supported by Evidence & do therefore acquit him Capt Duffy appeared before the Court charged 1st with aiding & abetting a Riot, 2nd assaulting & abusing Major Howard in the Execution of his Office the Court having Considered the 1st charge & evidence are of opinion that Capt n Duffy behaved with Warmth that tended to provoke a riot & do sentence him to be reprimanded in Gen 1 Orders. Upon the 2nd charge they are of opinion that Major Howard when Capt" struck him had deviated from the Line of his Duty & consequently was not in the Execution of his office they do therefore acquit him of the 2 4 charge, the above opinions are approved by the Commander in Chief the sentences of Reprimand appear to be Pronounced with Great Justness on an Impropriety of Conduct unbecoming the Characters of Officers whose Duty it is to set Examples of Moderation, decency & order & to suppress all riots & Tumults. The officers & Men of the Company raised by the late Capt" Calderwood are to be annexed to Capt n Nevinis's Company in Col Malcolms Regiment.

Head Quarters December 4th 1777.

Major Gen 1 Tomorrow Greene

Brigadier Woodford

Field Officers . Col" Tupper Major Reed
Brigade Major Stoddard

The Troops are constantly to have one day Prov" on hand ready cook'd, the officers are to pay a Particular attention to this & consider it as a standing Rule that if they are suddenly called to Arms their men may not be distressed. Maj' Gen 1 Marquis De La Fayette is to take Command of the Division lately Commanded by Gen 1 Stephen.

Head Quarters December the 5 th 1777.
Maj r Gen 1 Tomorrow L d Sterling

Brigadier Maxwell

Field Officers L I Col Farmer, Major Howard
Brigade Maj' Claiborne

Head Quarters December 6th 1777.

Maj' Gen 1 Tomorrow De Kalb

Brigadier Huntington

Field Officers Col Wigglesworth L' Col° Nagle
Brigade Maj' Nunn

The Comry Gen 1 says he has put six Days Provision into the hands of the Division & Brigade Commissarys, if therefore the Troops want Provision it must be the fault of the Latter, & this want will be attending with such Pernicious Consequences that no Excuse will be admitted in behalf of any Commissary who fails of Daily Supplying his Division or Brigade but a severe Example will be made of him. The Troops are to Ground their Arms at their Alarm Posts & as soon as Possible draw & Cooke their Provisions for today & Tomorrow & Immediately sit about the Best Provision they can of Wood & Hutts for tonight the officers Commanding Brigades & Corps are again Call'd upon to bring back from the Baggage sent off* Yesterday every Man who has Cloathing and shoes suff to enable him to do Duty & to prevent the stroling & loss of Men the Commanding Officers of every Corps is to see that the Rolls are called every Thursdays & know where every man is. The Q. Major Gen 1 has Axes to supply such Brigades as want them the Brigade Quarter Masters of all to whom any are issued are to be accountable respectively to those of whome they receive them.

B. O. Those Regiments who have not Provision agreeable to G. O. are to draw & Cook it this night. The regiments are to form an abbette in their Fronts with Brush Immediately when this is done they may return to their Old ground & on any alarm to return to their posts with all Expedition.

Head Quarters December 9* 1777.

Major Gen 1 Tomorrow Lord Sterling

Brigadier Poor

Field Officers L' Col" Ramsey Major Stubblefield
Brigade Maj r Barber

The Tents are on the Sepack road & so many are to be sent for & Pitched as are necessary for Officers & men that have not Hutts, that will keep themselves & their Arms dry but the Gen 1 recommends that no more Tents be pitched than are necessary to shelter the Troops, neither Officers or men are to be absent from Camp on any Pretence whatsoever. A Gap" & 2 Subaltrans are wanting for the Corps of Invalids Commanded by Col Lewis Nichol as Officers disabled so as to be unfit for Field Duty who are desirous of Engaging in that service upon being Properly Recommended will receive Commissions thereof. The Gen 1 Court Martial of which Col Ogden is President is to sit at the usual place at 9 o'clock Tomorrow morning if any members are sick or absent the Brigade Major are to warn other officers of the same Ranks in their Room, an orderly Sergeant each Division is to attend the Court an orderly Sergeant from each Brigade is to attend constantly at Head Quarters, Brigade Returns are to be made to the Adjutant Gen 1 Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock all of the sick in Camp & at Private Houses about the Country & the number of Wagons necessary to Transport them to the Hospital, but the surgeons are to return none for "Wagons that are able to March when their packs are carried for them otherwise from the scarcity of wagons some of the sick will be left in Camp. Each Brigadier or Officer commanding a Brigade is to see that the surgeons duly comply with this Order when those Returns are made the surgeons will apply to Dr. M^r Knight at Col^o Biddies Quarters for Wagons one Careful Officer from each Brigade is to be sent with the sick to see them properly taken care of on their way to the Hospital three days provisions is to be sent with the sick. Each officer commanding a Brigade is to make a Return tomorrow at orderly time of their killed, wounded & missing since Gen 1 Howe's late march from Philadelphia & if any during that Time lost of that sense of Duty have Infamously deserted their names are to be added to the same Returns.

Head Quarters December 10th 1777.

Major Gen 1 Tomorrow De La Fayette

Brigadier Wayne

Field Officers Maj* Murray Maj' r Byard
Brigade Maj" Stoddard

Head Quarters December 12 th 1777.

Maj" Gen 1 Tomorrow . . . Sullivan

Brigadier Muhlenberg

Field Officers . Col. Lamb Major Scull
B. Major Williams

A careful subaltern from each Brigade to repair this day to the last Encamp" 1 ' of the Army to collect & take care of the sick & Conduct them to Reading. These officers are to apply to the Regimental Surgeons for Information where to find the sick of their Regiments every Motive of Duty & Humanity requires the most Exact attention to this order Dr Draper & Camel at Mr. Mitts will give assistance to this subalterns. The Commander in Chief with Pleasure expresses his approbation of the Behaviour of the Pennsylvania Militia yesterday under Gen 1 Potter. In the Vigorous opposition they Made to a Body of the Enemy on the other side Schuylkill. Daniel Climer is appointed Deputy Commissary of Prisoners to act in the absence of the Commissary of Prisoners.

Head Quarters December 13* 1777.

Maj'r Gen 1 Tomorrow Greene

Brigadier Weedon

Field Officers Col Ferberger Maj" Miller
Brigade Maj" McClure

The Field Officers are without delay to examine the Arms & accutremments of their Men & see that they are Put in Good Order Provisions for Tomorrow & next day are to be drawn & cooked. A gill of whiskey is to be served to each officer, soldier & wagoner. The "Weather being likely to be fair, the Tents are not to be Pitched but the Axes in the Wagon are to be sent for without delay that the men may make fires & Huts themselves for the ensuing night. The Army is to be in readiness to March at 4 o'clock Tomorrow Morning. An officer from each Regiment to be sent to the Encampment on the other side of Schuylkill to search that & the Houses & Bring in all Stragglers to their Corps. All the Wagons that are not yet over are to be sent for & got over as soon as Possible. Mr Archibald Read is appointed Paymaster to the 8* Pennsylvania Regiment & is to be Respected as such. The Guards to Parade at the Gulph Mill at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The "Weekly Returns to be given in at 8 o'clock Tomorrow morning & a List of the Commiss 4 Officers of each Regiment.

Head Quarters December 14 th 1777.

Maj" Gen 1 Tomorrow Lord Sterling

Brigad' Woodford

Field Officers Col" Biggelow L' Colonel Reed
Brigade Maj" McClintock

The Regiments of Horse are to draw Provision of any Com^d 7 lodging most Convenient to them upon proper Returns therefor, such of the Baggage as are not Absolutely Necessary for the Troops & all the Comm^d 7 & other stores are to remain on this side the Gulph.

Head Quarters December 15th 1777.

Maj^r Gen 1 Tomorrow . . . De La Fayette

Brigadier Maxwell

Field Officers Col^o Swift, L^t Colonel Weisempels
B. Major Larnard B.

A Field Officer from each Brigade is to inspect Immediately all the Men of his Brigade now with the Wagons & take to their Brigades every Man who is able to do Duty in the Line. Maj^r Shead is to take charge of the Men till further Orders. After this remaining with the Baggage Guards, & report any who are left with the Baggage contrary to this Order.

Head Quarters December the 16th 1777.

Maj^r Gen 1 Tomorrow De Kalb

Brigadier Varnum

Field Officers L Colonel Brooks Maj^r Gillilan
Brigade Major M^o Gowen

In aid of the supplies of clothing imported by Congress they earnestly Recommended to the Several States to Exert their utmost Endeavour to procure all kinds of clothing for the comfortable subsistence of the Officers & Soldiers of their Respective Battalions & to appoint one or more persons to Dispose of Articles to the Officers & soldiers at such reasonable prices as shall be assessed by the Clothier Gen 1 or his Deputy & be in just proportion to the "Wages of the Officers & Soldiers Charging the surplus of the Costs to the United States, Congress have also resolved that all the clothing hereafter to be supplied to the officers & soldiers of the Continental Army out of the Public Stores of the United States beyond the bounty already Granted shall be Charged at the like Prices the surplus to be defrayed by the United States.

Head Quarters December 17th 1777.

Maj^r Gen 1 Tomorrow Sullivan
Brigadier Huntington
Field Officers Col Chambers, L' Col Carleton
Brigade Mj^r r Day

The Commander in Chief with the Highest Satisfaction Expresses his thanks to the Officers & soldiers for the fortitude & Patience with which they have sustained the fatigues of the Campaign, altho' in some Instances we unfortunately failed yet upon the whole, Heaven hath smiled upon our Arms & Crown'd them with signal success & we may upon the Best Ground Conclude that by a Spirite Continuance of the Measures Necessary for our defence, we shall finally attain the end of our War for Independence, Liberty & Peace, these are Blessings worth the contending for, at every Haz d but we Hazard Nothing the Powers of America alone duly executed would have nothing to dread from the force of Britain but we stand not wholly up on our own Ground Prance yields every Aid we ask, & there are Reasons to believe the Period is not very distant when she will take a more active part by Declaring "War against the British

Crown, every Motive therefore urges nay Commands us to a Manly perseverance in our opposition to our Cruel Oppressors to slight difficultys endure Hardships & Contemn every Danger — the Gen' wishes it was in his Power to conduct the Troops into the Best Winter Quarters, but where are those to be found shou'd we retire into the Interior parts of the Country we shou'd find them Crowded with Virtuous Citizens who Sacrificing their All have left Philadelphia & fled Hither for Protection to this Distress Humanity forbids to add, this is not all we shou'd leave a Vast Extent of fertile Country to be despoiled & ravaged by the Enemy from which they would draw vast supplies & where Many of our firm friends wou'd be Exposed to all the Mercies of the Most Insulting & wanton depradation. A Train of Evils might be enumerated but these will suffice. These Considerations make it Indispensably Necessary for the Army to take such a Position as will Enable us most effectually to prevent distress & give the Most extencive security & in that Position we must make ourselves the Best shelter in our Power with Alacrity & Diligence. Huts may be erected that will be dry & warm in these the Troops will be complete, more secure against the surprise than if in a divided situation, & at hand to Protect the Country. These cogent Reasons have determind the Gen 1 to take a Post in the Neighborhood of this Camp & Influenced by them he Persuades himself that the Officers & Soldiers with one Heart & one mind will Resolve to Surmount every difficulty with a fortitude of Patience becoming their P'session & the Sacred cause in which they are engaged, he Himself will share in the Hardships & partake of every Inconvenience.

Tomorrow being the Day set apart by the Honorable Congress for Publick Thanksgiving & Praise & Duty Calls us Devoutly to Express our grateful Acknowledgements to God for the Manifest Blessings he has Granted us the Gen 1 Directs that the Army remains in its present Quarters & that the Chaplains perform Divine Service in their Sev 1 Corps and Brigades & Earnestly Exhort those whose absence is not Indispensible Necessary for to attend with Reverence the Solemnities of the Day.

Head Quarters December 18th 1777.

Maj r Gen 1 Tomorrow Greene

Brigadier Smallwood

F. O. ... Colⁿ Conner L' Col Sproat
Brigade Maj r Hitchcock

Persons having Passes from Maj r Clarke is to pass the Guards. The Commd' in chief approves the following sentences of a Gen 1 Court Martial held 22 d Nov^r of which Major North was President Viz* Adj' Ealston 1ⁿ Penna. Charged with making a false Return, with ungenteel, unmanlike Behaviour, with disobedience of Orders & leaving his arrest he was by the Unanimous Oppinion of the Court found Guilty of making a false return & sentenced to be cashiered. The Majors Gen 1 & Officers Commanding Divisions are to appoint an active Field Officer in & for each of their Respective Brigades to superintend the Business of Hutting agreeable to the Directions he shall receive & in addition to these the Commanding Officers of each Reg^t is to appoint an officer to oversee the Building of Huts for their own Regts Such officers is to take his orders from the F. Officers of the Brigade he belong* to who is to lay out the Precise spot

that every Hut for Officers & soldiers is to be placed on. That Uniform & order may be performed & Exact return of all the Tools now in the Hands of Every Reg' is to be made Immediately to the Q r M r Gen 1 who with the adjutant Gen 1 is to see that they Together with those in store are duly allotted to the Reg' 1 overseers of the "Work who are to keep an Exact account of the Mens Names into Hands they are Placed that they may be accountable for them. The superintendants & overseers are to be exempt from all other Duty, & will be moreover allowed for their Trouble. The Col 08 or Officers Commanding Reg'" with their Captains are Immediately to cause their Men to be divided into Squads of 12 & see that each squad have their Proportion of Tools & set about a Hutt for themselves. And as An Incentive for Industry & Art the Gen 1 Promises to reward the Party in each Reg' who finishes their Huts in the most Mcest & most "Workmanshiplike Manner with 12 Dollars & as there is reason to believe that Boards fore covering may be found scarce & difficult to be got he offers 100 Dollars to any Officer or Soldier who in the Opinion of three Genl 8 he shall appoint as Judges shall substitute some other covering that may be cheaper & Quicker made & will in every Respect answer the End. The Soldiers Huts are to be of the following Dimensions Viz' 14 by 16, each sides Ends & Root made with last & the Roof made tight with split Slabs or some other way, sides made tight with Clay fire Places made with Wood & secured with Clay on the inside 18 inches thick. The fire Place to be in the Rear of the Hut the Door to be in the End next the street to be made with split Oak slabs unless Boards can be Procured the side walls to be 6J feet high. The Officers Huts to be in the side Rear of the Troops, one Hutt to be allowed to every F. O., one to the staff of Each Division, one to the staff of each Brigade, one to F. O. of each Reg', one to the Commiss a Officers of two Companies & one to Every 12 non-Comms d Officers & Soldiers.

Head Quarters 20 th Dec' 1777.

Maj r Gen' Lord Sterling

Brigadier Weedon

F. O. Lieutenant Col Butler, L' Col Davis N. C.

Brigade Maj r Mennis

The Guards to parade at J past 3 o'clock this afternoon near the Park. The Maj' r Gen 1 accompanied by the Engineers are to View the ground attentively & fix upon the proper spot for Hutting so as to Render the Camp as strong as Possible; the Engineers after this is to Mark the Ground & Direct the Field Officers appointed to superintend the Buildings of each Brigade where ever they are to be placed. The Soldiers are in Cutting their firewood to save such part of each tree as will do for Building 16 or 18 feet of the Trunk for loggs to rear their Huts, in doing this each Regem' will reap the Benefit of their Labour. All those who have in consequence of the Orders of the 18 th Ins' Turned their thoughts to an easy & Expeditious Method of Covering the Huts are requested to communicate their Plans to Maj r Gen 1 Sullivan, Green or Lord Sterling who will cause Experiments to be & assign the proper Reward to the Best Protection. The Q r M r Gen 1 is to delay no Time but use their utmost Exertions to Procure large Quantitya of straw either for covering the Huts if found necessary or for Beds for the Soldiers, he is to assure the Farmers that unless they get their Grain out Immed" y the straw will be taken with the Grain in it & Paid for as straw only.

The Q r M r Gen 1 is to Collect as so®n as possible all the Tents not now used by the Troops & as soon as they are Huted all the Residue of the Tents & have them "Washed & well dried & then laid up in store such as are good for the next Campaign the others for the Uses as shall be directed, the whole are to be carefully preserved. The Col 08 & Officers Commanding Regiments are forthwith to make Returns to the Q r M r Gen 1 of all the Tents belonging to their Corps. The Army being now come to a fixed station the Brigadiers or Officers Commanding Brigades are Immediately to take Effectual Measures to Collect & Bring to Camp all the Officers & Soldiers at Present scattered about the Country all Officers are enjoined to see that their men do not "Wantonly or needlessly Burn or Destroy Rails & never fire their Hutts or shades when they leave them.