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DIARY OF DAVID HOW,

A PRIVATE IN COLONEL PAUL DUDLEY SARGENT'S
REGIMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LINE,
IN THE ARMY OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION.

From the Original Manuscript.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

AMONG the "materials for history," so called, there is little which possesses more real value, notwithstanding the uncouth form in which they often appear, than Diaries which were written only for the private use of their authors, and at the time to which they refer. There is less Art in all such productions, and more Nature; there is more outspoken honesty, even in their misstatements, and in their erroneous conclusions, than in writings which were originally intended for the public eye, or expected to fall into other hands than those of the writers; and for this reason, in the hands of an historical student, they possess great value. To the author of *fiction* of all classes they are entirely valueless, except as disguises with which to mask the deceitfulness of all such creatures, and to give an appearance of merit to those works which really possess none.

The following pages contain such a Diary, now first printed from the original manuscript; and the story which it tells will be found to possess both interest and value.

It is the work of a plain, unassuming country boy who responded to the call of his country in the days of her greatest trouble; and the picture which it presents of the routine of camp-life in the earlier period of the War of the Revolution,—its "dickerings in trade" and its social visits, its "fatigue" and its escort duties, its sermons and its penalties, its rumors and its realities,—will afford to the careful and intelligent reader both amusement and instruction.

It was found and kindly placed in my hands for the purpose of this publication by GEORGE WINGATE CHASE, Esq., the esteemed author of *The History of Haverhill, Massachusetts*; and the same well-known gentleman, at my request, has increased the value of the volume by preparing for it a Biographical Sketch of its author. To him, among those from whom assistance has been received in the preparation of this work for the press, my thanks are eminently due; to all, they are respectfully tendered.

HENRY B. DAWSON.

Morrisania, N. Y., February 1, 1865.

DIARY.

Dec^{mb} 27^d 1775 This Day I Listed With Serg^t BARKER for one year —

28^d There went a bought 12 Hundred men Down to Cobble Hill In the Night In order To go over to Bunker Hill, but The Ice want Strong a nuf.*

29 I went to for teage † to Litch mors point ‡

30 I Sold JACOB OSGOOD Blanket For two Dollars

THOMAS CLARK paid me ¼ for a [—] of osgoods.

This Day we paraded and had our guns took from By the Major to prise them §

B 31 This Day we have ben In an uprore about

* A different reason for the failure of this expedition has been assigned by some writers, thus: "An unsuccessful attempt was made, on the 28th at night, to surprise the British outposts on Charlestown Neck. The party attempted to cross on the ice from Cobble Hill, but, on reaching the channel of the river, one of the men slipped down, and his piece went off. This alarmed the British, and the detachment returned." — FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 272.

† "to for teage" — on fatigue.

‡ Lechmere's Point, now within the city of Cambridge, where, one hundred yards from the West Boston Bridge, a strong redoubt had been commenced on the eleventh of December preceding.

§ The appraisement of the fire-arms which the men had brought into the field, and the subsequent seizure of them by the Continent, were fruitful sources of discontent in the army immediately afterwards. HEATH's *Memoirs*, January 1, 1776.

packun our Things up In order To go hom a monday morning as Soon as we Can *

Jan 1776 Sergeant BARKER paid me $\frac{1}{2}$ d for JACOB OSGOOD

We have Ben all Day A pecking up our Things For to go home

2^d we all Left Cambridg this morning I went to mr GRANGER and staid all night

3^d I went to methuen

5^d I went to Haverhill to by some Leather for Bretches

6 day I come to andover and Staid at Mr osgoods

B 7 day I Come to Cambridge about Six a Clock at Night.

Jan^y th 8 1776 This Day I Began Work with Mr WATSON.† this Night our Soldiers wint over into Charlestown and Burnt up Eleven houses. took Six Prisoners. None killed ‡

9 day Nothing Happened this Day New.

* "January 1, 1776, presented a great change in the American army. The officers and men of the old regiments were going home by hundreds and by thousands; those of the new regiments were joining their respective corps."—HEATH'S *Memoirs*, January 1, 1776.

On this day the Continental army began to exist, and the terms of enlistment of the several State regiments expired.

† It will be observed that How had not returned to the service, after his discharge under the change from State to Continental authority; and he worked with Mr. WATSON two weeks, receiving his pay (£6 5s.) on the twenty-ninth of February.

‡ Referring to an expedition, under Major THOMAS KNOLTON, which was sent out for the purpose of depriving the enemy of some houses in Charlestown, which had escaped the conflagration of the seventeenth of June. It moved from Cobble Hill about nine o'clock, crossed on the mill-dam, and accomplished the object, capturing several prisoners, and filling Boston with alarm, without the loss of a man belonging to the expedition. HEATH'S *Memoirs*, January 8, 1776; FROTHINGHAM'S *Siege of Boston*, 287, 288; General WASHINGTON to J. REED, January 14; *Diary of Colonel SAMUEL PIERCE of Dorchester*.

B Jan 14 1776 This Day* I went to Cobble Hill† and to Litchmore point and to prospect hill‡ & So Home again. Nothing New.

18^d I went to Lexonton to Cutting Wood & Brought home a Load.

19^d I went to Lexenton after a Load of wood and got home before Night

B 21 day I went to prospect hill

22 *day* I Listed§ with Leut DAVID CHANDLER in Coln. SERGANT Regiment ||

23^d I Cooked This Day

I Received one months pay of the Coln. and Twelve Shiling For a blanket

* This being Sunday, and How no longer in the service, he appears to have "taken a walk" among the works around the town.

† Cobble Hill, in the town of Somerville, now the site of the McLean Asylum, on which a "fort" had been erected by Generals PUTNAM and HEATH.

‡ Prospect Hill, also in the town of Somerville, had two eminences, both of which were strongly fortified, and connected by a rampart and fosse. It was sometimes called Putnam's Post and Mount Pisgah; and so much labor was spent in throwing up its defences that by many it was considered impregnable. FROTHINGHAM, *Siege of Boston*, 211.

§ How reëntered the service at this time.

|| Colonel PAUL DUDLEY SARGENT, son of Colonel EFES SARGENT and CATHARINE (DUDLEY) his wife, was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1745. His father, soon afterward, removed to Salem; and PAUL DUDLEY appears to have passed his youth and early manhood in that town.

He entered the army at an early period of the war; and his regiment, as early as November, 1775, was known as the Sixteenth Massachusetts. He served in the siege of Boston; and some months after the enemy had evacuated that town, in March, 1776, as this Diary shows, he marched with the army to New York.

During the summer of 1776, he acted as Brigadier-General; and his services in Westchester County, New York, in the latter part of that year, were highly creditable to him and useful to his country.

It is not known at what time he retired from active service, nor for what cause.

He subsequently resided on a farm at Sullivan, Maine; and there he died in 1827, his widow, LUCY SANDERS, — a grand-daughter of the well-known Reverend THOMAS SMITH, of Falmouth, now Portland, — and two children surviving him.

24 day I Cook this Day & Bought 3 Barrels of Cyder for $\frac{9}{10}$ per Barrel*

25 day I Bought 7 Bushels of Chesnuts & give 4 pisterens per bushel*

Jan 26 Colonel BRICKET paid me Eight Dolars for my gun. I Sent home Sixteen Dollars by JAMES SILVER In a leter to methuen

27 We bought a wild Turcy† that Weight $17\frac{1}{2}$ lb and had it for Supper.

B 28 JONATHAN HOW‡ come here to see me from Roxbury

29 Died at Roxbury STEPHAN PHARINGTON with a feavour

30 I went to the Hospettal to See STEPHEN BARKER, he is Sick of a feavour.—We have Sold Nuts and Cyder Every Day This weak.§

31 I Bought 4 Bushels of Apels and gave 12s. pr Bushel for them.

february 1. We moved in to the old Collage|| this day.

2 We made Cartereges this Day.

3 I Drawd a pare of Bretches out of the Stores price $\frac{2}{3}$

B 4 Doc LANGDON¶ preached this fore part of the Day in Mica the forth Chap^{ter} & Fifth Verce**

* Curious instances of the speculative turn of How's character, as well as of the looseness of the discipline in the camp.

† "a wild Turcy" — a wild turkey.

‡ Probably his eldest brother, who bore this name.

§ Vide above, note * (January 24 and 25).

|| Harvard College.

¶ SAMUEL LANGDON, D. D., was a native of Boston, and graduated at Harvard in 1740. He was ordained February 4, 1747, and succeeded Mr. LOCKE as Presi-

** "For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever." — *Mica* iv. 5.

In the after part of the Day in Isaiah 26 Chap^{ter} 11
Verge *

5 WILLIAM PARKER Listed Hear with Leiu^t CHANDLER.

6 I Let DAVID CHANDLER Have my Breaches that I
drawd out of the Stors. I Have ben a Running Ball all
Day.

7 This Day two men In Cambridge got a bantering
Who wodd Drink the most and they Drinkd So much
That one of them Died In About one houre or two after

8 I went to prospeck hill After I had done my Steant
Running ball. In the Evening our men went Over to
Charlestown & Burnt a mill there †

9 I have ben a makeing Cateredges This forenoon
JONATHAN How come Here See me from Winther Hill.‡

10 There was two women Drumd out of Camp This
fore noon

That man was Buried that killed himself Drinking §

B 11 I went to meting this afternoon and Mr NOBLE

dent of Harvard University, October 14, 1774. He was a warm Whig, and frequently preached in the camp at Cambridge. It was he who offered prayer with the detachment, under Colonel PRESCOTT, which had been ordered to Breed's Hill on the evening before the Battle of Bunker's Hill. In August, 1780, he resigned the Presidency, and became the pastor of the church at Hampton Falls, N. H., and died on the twenty-ninth of November, 1797, aged seventy-four years.

* "Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them." — *Isaiah* xxvi. 11.

† The enemy began to tear down the old tide-mills at Charlestown, on the first of February, but were dispersed by a few shot from Cobble Hill; and on the eighth a party went over from Winter Hill and burned them. FROTHINGHAM'S *Siege of Boston*, 289; HEATH'S *Memoirs*, February 8.

‡ Winter Hill was fortified by the New Hampshire troops; and its defences are said to have been larger, and the intrenchments more numerous, than those of any other of the positions which were occupied by the army. FROTHINGHAM'S *Siege of Boston*, 211, 411.

§ *Vide* February 7.

of Newburyport * Preached From Revelations the 19th 5th
VI.† NATHAN INGALLS & JOHN WILLSON come here to
Meting This afternoon.

12 There was a man found Dead in a room with A.
Woman this morning. It is not known what killed him.

13 I Bought a gun & Bayonet & Cateridge Box of
JOSEPH JACKSON and gave $\frac{2}{3}$ Lawful Money for the
Whole. I have ben Makeing Cateridges this Day.

14 This morning A Bout 4 Clock the Troops at Bos-
ton Landed At Docester hill and Burnt 4 or 5 Houses &
Took one old man that Be long in them. Our people
ware Soon A Larm^d & went Down And Drove them
Back As fast a gin as they come.‡

15 I went to Mr WATSON § after some Rowndings.

17 Lie^t CHANDLER Broke out with the Small pox and
was sent To the pest house this afterNoon

B 18 Mrs. CHANDLER Come here this Morning. I
went to temple House || to see JONATHAN How. and from
there to Litchmors point And got home before Night.

* Reverend OLIVER NOBLE was born in Hebron, Conn., in 1736; graduated at Yale in 1757; ordained at Coventry in 1759; pastor at Newburyport from 1762 to 1783, and at Newcastle, N. H., from 1784 to 1792. He died at the latter place in 1792, aged fifty-six years.

† "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great." — *Revelation* xix. 5.

‡ "In the morning, a party of British troops from the Castle, and another from Boston, crossed over to Dorchester Neck, with intent to surprise the American guard, which they came well-nigh effecting; the guard but just escaping. There was but one musket fired on the side of the Americans. An old inhabitant and his son were taken prisoners. The British burnt the houses on the point, and then returned." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, February 14. See also *Diary of Colonel SAMUEL PIERCE of Dorchester*, February 13, 1776.

§ By referring to the entry of the eighth of January, it will be seen that Mr. WATSON was the person by whom How was employed after he left the army, on the preceding New-Year's Day.

|| "The Ten Hills Farm," near Winter Hill, in one of the pastures of which was

19 I went to guard Some powder to the powder House at Mistick. I Sent a Leter Home to Methuen.

20 I Bought a frock & Trousers of PARLEY MACINTIRE and give $\frac{6}{8}$ Law.

21 Leu^t CHANDLER Died with the Small pox At the pest house About one a Clock in the Day ██████████ *

22 PETER GAGE Staid Hear Last Night and I Bought 3 pare of Shoes of him @ $\frac{5}{8}$ per pare. I Bought apare of Stocking And give $\frac{5}{8}$ for them.

23 I Sold a pare of Shoes for $\frac{5}{8}$

24 I have Ben makeing Cateredge this Day

B 25 JOHN WELCH got discharged From the army and Is gone Home. JONATHAN BARKER of Methuen Has Ben here to Day. Our Men have carried Four peice of Cannon To Litchmors point this Night.†

26 I Sold my Cateridge box For $\frac{1}{8}$ Lawfull money. TIMOTHY CHELLIS Listed Hear with Serg^t NOYCE.

27 DANIEL CHANDLER paid me $\frac{1}{12}$ Lawfull money that Lieut. CHANDLER owd me.

28 I went to prospeck hill And cap^t FARNUM Paid Eight pound Seventeen Shiling & Seven Pence Lawfull money that was due to me for My Service Last year JAMES How come here And Staid this Night.

29 I went to Mr WATSON and Settled with him and Due to me Six pound five Shill. old tenner.‡

March 1. JAMES SILVER Staid here Last Night

erected a strong redoubt which commanded the Mystic River. A private letter, dated July 10, quoted by Mr. FROTHINGHAM.

* This mark of mourning generally appears in the original, when a death is referred to.

† "Some heavy cannon were mounted on the works at Lechmere's Point." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, February 25.

‡ *Vide* January 8, 1776.

2. I got my gun Lock mended price $\frac{1}{6}$ Our people have bin carrying Some Morters Down to Litchmors point*

B 3 Last Night there was Firiing Amost all Night on both Sides† Two of our morters Splet in pices at Litchmors point;‡ there Was a Shell Sent from Bosten to prospeck hill This morning and fell on a platform in the Fort.§ I went to Litchmors point and Prospeck hill & winters hill To see JONATHAN How. Our people are carrying Cannon to Roxbury & to Litchmors point

4 Last Night there was Afireing all Night with Cannan and morters on both Sides;|| our people Splet *The Congress* the Third Time that they fired it.¶ Three Regments went From Cambridge to Roxbury & carried Some Field Pieces with them.** The milisher from Several towns are Called In to Stay 3 Days.††

* The mortar-battery on Lechmere's Point was completed and its fire opened on the night of the second of March. HEATH's *Memoirs*, March 2, 1776; FROTHINGHAM, *Siege of Boston*, 297.

† See, also, General WASHINGTON's letter to Congress, March 7, 1776; HEATH's *Memoirs*, March 2, 1776; and FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 297.

‡ General HEATH (*Memoirs*, March 2) speaks of these mortars bursting; and General WASHINGTON (*Letter to Congress*, March 1) speaks of *fwes*. See, also, FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 297.

§ "The British returned the fire, and threw out a number of shells; one of which, of 13 inches, reached Prospect Hill." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, March 2. See, also, FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 297.

|| See HEATH's *Memoirs*, March 4; and FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 297.

¶ See FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 297.

** Referring to the expedition, under General THOMAS, which occupied Dorchester Heights on the night of the fourth of March, 1776.

†† "It having been the general opinion that the enemy would attempt to dislodge our people from the hills, and force their works as soon as they were discovered, which probably might have brought on a general engagement, it was thought advisable that the honorable Council should be applied to, to order in the Militia from the neighboring and adjacent towns." — General WASHINGTON to the President of Congress, March 1.

5 our people went to Dodgster hill* Last Night and built a fort there.† There was afireing of Bums all Night, and they killed one man at Litchmors point with A Bum. They have ben fireing At Dogester amost all Day.

6 Last Night JAMES How Staid hear. I went to Cobble hill And prospeck hill with JAMES How & from there To Mr. WATSON & Bought a Soyloin and give £2. 12. 6. I sent home Eight pound one Shiling by JAMES How.

7 *Fast Day* ‡ Last Night a man on Winters hill fell into a Fire and Burnt to Death. We made Cateridge this fore Noon I went meting this After Noon. JACOB How § Has ben hear to Day

8 I Drawd A pair of Stockings out of the Stoars price
/u. Law

9 JACOB TYLER mended my gun

B 10 Last Night our people Went to Dodesther neck ||

* Dorchester Heights.

† Referring to the celebrated occupation of Dorchester Heights, by General THOMAS, on the night of the fourth of March, 1776, which compelled the enemy to evacuate Boston, on the seventeenth of the same month.

‡ *Extract from General Orders.*

" *Headquarters, Cambridge, March 6, 1776.*

" (Parole, *Lechmore.*)

(Countersign, *Putnam.*)

" Thursday, the 7th instant, being set apart by the honourable the Legislature of this Province, as a Day of fasting, prayer, and humiliation, 'to implore the Lord and Giver of all victory, to pardon our manifold sins and wickednesses, and that it would please him to bless the Continental arms with his divine favour and protection,' all officers and soldiers are strictly enjoined to pay all due reverence and attention on that day to the sacred duties to the Lord of hosts for his mercies already received, and for those blessings which our holiness and uprightness of life can alone encourage us to hope through his mercy to obtain."

§ DAVID's younger brother.

|| "The Americans at Dorchester Neck opened a battery, with the intent to annoy the British shipping." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, March 9.

25 I went to for teag @ fort Hill* this Day † There was Several of the King's Ships Sailed Out of the Harbour This Day.

26 I Cooched this Day. I have ben up to bacon Hill ‡ this Day.

27 There was four of Capt WILLEY men Whept the first fifteen Stripes for deniing his Deuty the 2^d 39 Stripes For Stealing & Deserting 3^d 10 Lashes for geting Drunk & Dening Duty 4^d 20 Lashes Deniing his Duty & geting Drunk.

A most all the kings Ships Sailed off this After noon.§

28 I have ben to for teag At fort Hill ||

29 I went to Cambridge And to the Hills & Came back by Bunker hill to See JONATHAN How and I Received a Leter from JAMES How jun^r ¶ Dated March th 15. He said that father And all Relations ware Well then.

30 I went to for teag at fort hill This Day.

B 31 JONATHAN HOW & JACOB HOW And TIMOTHY How has ben Hear to Day.

I Sent a Leter to Fathers by JONATHAN How I Sent a leter to JACOB OSGOOD By TIMOTHY JOHNSEN.

April 1 STEPHEN BARKER & I went on the Quarter guard this day Counter Sign *Ohio*.

2 This morning one of Capt. PHARINTON's men was Whept 30 Lashes for Stealing A cheese.

* Within the town of Boston.

† "I am fortifying Fort Hill in Boston." — General WASHINGTON to J. REED, March 25, 1776.

‡ Beacon Hill, the site of the State House at Boston.

§ "On the twenty-seventh of March the greater part of the fleet sailed for Halifax." — FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 312.

|| Note *, *supra*.

¶ DAVID's elder brother, his father's second son.

Our Regiment all marched over to Bunker Hill and Staid there this Night In the Fort.*

3 We went after our Things over to Boston This afternoon we had Orders for a Serg^{nt} & 6 Men for to go to Cambridge to pack Some Cateridge

4 We have ben packing Cateridge this Day.

5 We have ben packing Some Cateridge

6 DANIEL JENING & NATHAN PEOPODY are gone to Roxbury to packing Cateridge I went to Bunker hill

B 7. I went to meting this Day & heard A Sermon Preached in proverbs the 22^d Chap & 1 Verse †

8 We went to the powder House after Some Cateridges For to go to New York.

9 We went to prospeck hill For to Load Some Cateridge & Buck Shot and Brout It to Cambridge

I went to Bunker hill

10 We have ben packing Powder Horns in Hoghead For to Cary to Newyork.

11 We have ben aloading Teams with Horns & Lead Ball to go to the New york.

12 We have ben to Bunker hill after our Things.

13 DUDLEY NOYCE paid me 24 Shilings that Capt. KEITH Lit him have of my Wages.

This after We set out with 8 wagons And 8 Carts Loaded with powder for Norwick And got to watertown this Night & put up there ‡

B 14 This morning after breakfast We Set out and

* After the battle of the seventeenth of June, 1775, the enemy erected a strong work on the summit of Bunker's Hill; and it is probable this work was the "fort" referred to.

† "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." — *Proverbs* xxii. 1.

‡ Nine miles from Boston. STEARNS'S *North-American's Almanack* for 1776.

come to Needom* and Stopt and Refreshed our Selves and Horses. then we come to Shearburn† and put up And Staid at Night.

I went on guard this Night over the Aminithon

15 This morning we set Out and come to Holliston‡ And Stopt & refresh^d our Cattle. we got to mendom§ This night and put up our Cattle.

16 This Day it rained So that We ware oblige^d to press Oxon for to help. our teams.

17 This morning we set out Very arely and. got to Duglis|| whare we stopt For to refresh our cattle And we Come to tomson¶ And put up and Staid at Night.

18 We Set out and come to Killinsly** whare we Stopt at night

19 This morning we Set Out & come to Pomphret†† And put up at Gnrael PUTNAMS house & Staid at Night.‡‡

* Needham, five miles from Watertown, a very level road. — *President WASHINGTON's Diary*, November 6, 1789.

† Fourteen miles from Watertown, also a level road. — *Ibid.*

‡ Five miles from Sherburne, a hilly and rocky country. — *Ibid.*

§ President WASHINGTON (*Diary*, November 6, 1789) said Mendon was *ten* miles from Holliston; while STEARNS's *North-American's Almanack for 1776* describes it as *seven*.

|| Eleven miles from Mendon. STEARNS's *North-American's Almanack for 1776*.

¶ Thompson, the most northeastern town in Connecticut, is bounded on the north by Massachusetts, on the east by Rhode Island, on the south by Killingly, and on the west by Pomfret and Woodstock. President WASHINGTON (*Diary*, November 6 and 7, 1789) described Thompson as nineteen miles from Mendon, and the road as "intolerable bad."

** Killingly joins Thompson, being the first town south of it.

†† Pomfret is the first town west from Killingly.

‡‡ General PUTNAM, previous to the opening of the war, had kept a tavern — "The General Wolfe" — in Pomfret, and, after the manner of those times, furnished "entertainment for man and beast." At the period in question it is not improbable that the tavern was kept by one GROSVENOR, (STEARNS's *North-Amer-*

20 This morning we set off and come to Cantubary* And Stopt and give our Cattle Some hay And come to Norwick And put up at night

B 21 This morning we Set out And come to Norwick Landing† and on Loaded our Teams and Staid there At Night

22 We put our packs into THOMAS REEDS wagon For to Bring to Cambridge This after noon we Set out for Bunker hill And come to the uper part of Norwick Stopt at Night there.

23 We set out and come through Canterbury and come to Pomphret and Staid at Night.

24 This morning we set Out and come through Killigly and come to Thomson and Staid at Night

25 We Set out and come to The Liberty Coffee house And got a braxfust there Then we Set off and come through Duglis and through Uxbridge‡ & come to mendom§ and Staid at night there.

26 This morning we Set Out and come through Holliston, Shearburn¶, Natick,|| & Come to needom and Staid at night.

27 This morning we Set Out and come through Newtown and got to Watertown before noon We come through cambridge And got to Bunker hill At Night

ican's Almanack for 1776,) who was a connection of PUTNAM, and one of those who were used, subsequently, to bolster up the fictitious fame of that officer.

* Canterbury, at the period referred to, joined Pomfret on its southern border. Brooklyn, which was organized in 1786, now intervenes.

† Norwich, in 1776, joined Canterbury on its southern border. Lisbon and Franklin were incorporated in 1786.

‡ Uxbridge is one of the southern tier of towns in Worcester County, and its central village is thirty-eight miles from Boston.

§ Note §, *ante*, p. 14.

|| Natick is sixteen miles from Boston.

B 28 I went to cambridge after my pack * and got back At night

29 This morning there Was five of Cap^t PHARINGTONS Men whipt 20 Lashes Apeace for Deserting Capt. KEITH paid me 14 Shilings. I went on guard in the Fort C. Sign: *Received*

30 I went to cambridge to mr WATSON † & bought soylein & give 8 shilings for it.

May 1 I went to Boston this Fore noon and got measured For a coat.

Leiu^t THOMAS come home 10 men that he Listed one of Cap^t PHARINTON's men Was whipt 20 Lashes for Being absent at rool Call With out Leave.

I Sent A leter to methuen By STEPHEN BARKER.

2 I have ben to for teag Att the point ‡ all Day

3 I went to for teag this fore noon This after noon I washed my Shirt and Stockings

There went about 200 men from Boston to Nottels Isl- and for to Build a fort there.§

4 I went to Boston after Provitions — our Regme^t Went to for teag att Nottels Island this Day || I Bought Cyphering Book At Boston price 2/

* While at Norwich Landing, the "packs" had been put into THOMAS REED's wagon "For to Bring to Cambridge." — *Diary*, April 22, *ante*, p. 15.

† The former employer of How. *Diary*, January 8, *ante*, p. 2.

‡ In a letter to General WASHINGTON, dated Boston, May 9, 1776, General WARD said, "Six companies of Colonel SARGENT's regiment have been employed in demolishing the enemy's works on Bunker's Hill, and *building the fort on Charlestown Point*, until these were nearly completed: since, the greatest part of them have been at work on Noddle's Island." It is probable, therefore, that "the point" referred to in the text was "Charlestown Point."

§ Noddle's Island, now East Boston, on which a work was then in course of construction under the direction of the veteran engineer, GRIDLEY. General WARD to General WASHINGTON, May 4 and 9, 1776.

|| See General WARD's letter to General WASHINGTON, May 9, 1776, which was quoted in note ‡, *supra*.

B 5 I went on guard In the Fort C: Sign *Virtue*
Our Reg^t went to for Teag at Nottel's Island

6 I went to Boston this After noon

7 I went to for teag at Nottel's Island and It Rained
So we ware Obliged to come back at Noon.

8 I went to for teag at nottels Island this fore noon.

9 I went to for teag att Nottels Island this Day .

10 I went to Cambridge this fore noon—this after-
noon I went to Boston and got Back Before night

SAMUEL PERISH Serg^t & SIMEON DORGET got Dismised
from the army And Are gone home This Day.

11 Our Compny Capt WILEYS And Capt PHARINTONS
Had orders to go to the Castle Island.* & we got Hear
with all our things Before Night

B 12 There was one two of The Kings Ships come
in Sight & was 24 guns fired from the Ships

May 13 This after Noon went Down to Long Island †
with Two boats and the kings Ship fireed three guns at
Us as we come a crost From Long Island to Pudden
point ‡ from pudden point we come to the Castle.

14 I went on guard att the Castle this C: Sign *Thomas*

15 I Bought a Jacket and give $\frac{1}{8}$ for it I washed my
Shirts and Stockings this Day.

16 I went to Boston after Bread this morning. I went
to Boston with JOSEPH JACKSON & PHINIHAS MACKINTIER
to the hospital

17 It Being Fast Day.§ This morning Capt. MUCK-

* In Boston Harbor, — now occupied by Fort Independence.

† Long Island, between Rainsford and Spectacle Islands, in Boston Harbor, is
four and three quarters miles from the Long Wharf.

‡ Pulling Point, in the town of Chelsea.

§ This Fast was recommended by the Congress of the United States, by reso-
lution adopted in that body on Saturday, the sixteenth of May, 1776. *Journals of*
the Congress, March 16, 1776, (edit. Yorktown, 1778, ii. 93, 94).

FORD of Marblehead In a private tear Took Large Ship from Cork Bound to Boston and brought It in here She had on board 1500 Barrels of Powder 1000 Carbines with a Cuterments all fixed Besides valuable Loading *

I went down to an Island called half moon.†

18 This morning one of Capt. PHARINTON's men was Whipt 39 Stripes for Deserting

I went on guard this Day Counter Sign *Sergeant*

B 19 I went with ANDREW THOMSON to Boston hospital And Left him there for he Sick.

I went from Boston to Bunker hill after major AUSTIN's things and got Back to the castle before Sundown

About 9 of the clock 14 or 15 Boats come from the enemys Ships up To pudden point in order To take capt MUGFORDS & private tear the private Tear fired upon them & Sunk 2 or 3 Boats and Its thought killed and Drowned a grate many of Them.

They killed Cap^t MUGFORD only and ware obliged to go off A Shamed ‡

20 I went on for teag on the Fort. This after Noon there was a man Fell out of a lighter and Drowned He was taken up Soon after & carred to Boston.

May 21 I Helped load a lighter With Stones to carry to Nottels Island this fore Noon — This after Noon we have ben Drawing up A large cannon Into the fort.

* The capture of the transport *Hope*, by the *Franklin*, Captain JAMES MUGFORD, was one of the most important events in the history of the Revolutionary navy.

† A small island, southwest from Moon Island, — near Squantum Beach, — in Boston Harbor, and five and one third miles from the Long Wharf.

‡ This was one of the most desperate conflicts of the war, and was undertaken, probably, to retaliate the loss of the *Hope*, which Captain MUGFORD had taken. For details of the affair, see FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 313; COOPER's *Naval History*, i.

22 I cock^d & washed* this Day. This Night I went on the Boat guard C: Sign *canada*

23 I went to Boston With Cap^t KEETH and Got Back at sunset

24 I went over to Dogester Hill † this Day I went on the Boat Guard with Ensign EDEE this Night. C: Sign *Boston*

25 The Soldiers from Boston and Dogestter Have Ben hear to help Build a fort all most Every Day since we come Heare

B 26 I went to for teag this Day. This Night MICAL BARY of Cap^t PHAR^t Compny Was Whipt 39 Stripes for being absent at rool Call.

27 I went to Boston to Get my gun mended this After Noon and Left it there. WILLIAM PARKER made me apare of Shoes. ‡

28 I have ben unloading of Timber out of a Sloop This Day.

29 It Being the Gnrael Elextion our privite ters All fired at one a clock In Boston harbour

This Night I went On the Boat Guard C: Sign *Lee*

30 I washed this Day

31 There come a Company of Artillery men hear From Boston — I went To for teag this Day

1 *June th* 1 1776

I went to Boston after Provisions & from There I went to Cambridge and got Back To the castle before Night.

I went with the Visiting Rounds this Night C: Sign. *Rgm^t*

* "Cock^d & washed" — cooked and washed.

† Dorchester Heights.

‡ As WILLIAM PARKER was a private in the same company with How, it will be seen that the soldiers of those times added to their income by working at their trades, as well as in trading in nuts, apples, and cider.

B 2 It has bin raining this Day

3 I went on for teag at the fort

The Miletia from Several Towns come hear to The Castle for to Help build a fort here. I went on the boat guard C: Sign *mifflin*.

4 June Capt KEITH Broke Out with the Small pox And went to the hospetal I had Leter from Brth. JAMES How at Rochester I Rece^d aleter from Brth ISAAC How at andover.

5 I Sent leter to Brth JAMES How att Rochester This Day at 10 aclock I Set out from the Castle To go to methuen and got There about 11 at Night

7 This Day I went to Andover and come back At Night

B 9 I went to meting and Went to mr. CHICKERING To Diner.

11 This Day I come to Andover & went to mr. PETERS POORS and he Paid me 8 Shilling For coming Down att Concord fight. I went to mr GRANGERS And Staid at Night

12 This morning I Set Out for the castle and Got here at Night

This Night we all Turned out for an Alarm o cationed by Aboat.*

13 We all paraded and had Our arms vewed. I went to Boston after my gun and got Back at night. This Night there was Alarge Party of men from Boston went Down to Long Island to Build afort There †

14 This morning they Fixed the cannon to Play upon the Ships at Long Islend and kept up a brisk fireing Up

* "o cationed by Aboat" — occasioned by a boat.

† "On the thirteenth the people of Boston were notified, by beat of drum, that an enterprise was to be undertaken against the British at Nantasket, and to build fortifications in the lower harbor." "A detachment of the army, under Col. WHITCOMB, took post at Long Island." — FROTHINGHAM'S *Siege of Boston*, 314.

on them so that They ware glad to cut there cables and Leave the harbour Immediately * And at Night our people Come back & at there Return there were 5 of the Two and forty pdr fired Besides a grate many Small arms I have been on guard at the Fort C: Sign *adams*.

15 This Day 30 of our Regiment went Down To Long Island to Keep guard there.

B 16 This morning our Privitesters Spy a Large & Brig Bound from Scotland to Boston & they chased Them all Day and at Night they had a Smart fight & Took them — only 4 wounded on our Side & None killed. The enemy Lost their Mayjor & 17 of there hands.†

17 This Day the Prisoners Ware brought to Boston There being upwards of 200 Hilanders Besides other valuable Loading.

18 This fore noon I went to Boston after Provisions This afternoon I went to Boston to the Bariing of that mayjor That was killed on board The Ship ‡ — & got Back to the castle at Night

19 This morning our Priviteteres took a Ship & Brought in Hear She had on board 112 Hilanders with a Cuterments all fixed For war§ Capt KEITH got back

* "Owing to a calm, the troops did not gain their stations until the morning of the fourteenth. Shot were first discharged at the fleet from Long Island. Commodore BANKS returned the fire with spirit until a shot pierced the upper works of his ship, when he made signals for the fleet to get under way, and after blowing up the light-house, went to sea." — FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 315.

† These vessels were the *George* and the *Annabella*, on board of which were Colonel ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL and about three hundred Highlanders. Major MENZIES was killed, and his body was brought to Boston and buried with the honors of war, on the eighteenth of June. Colonel CAMPBELL to General HOWE, June 19, 1776; Captain HARDING to Governor TRUMBULL, same day.

‡ Major MENZIES, of the Seventy-first Regiment — Highlanders.

§ "On *Tuesday* last another *Scotch* transport-ship, with one hundred and twelve Highlanders on board, was brought into *Nantasket* by our Privateers. She was

from the Small pox Hospetal. I have Ben on guard —
C: S: gⁿ: *Quebeck.*

20 I washed this Day

21 I went on for teag Drawing Cannon and puting
them On board a boat to carry To Charlestown.

22 I made me a Chest This Day.

B 23 This Day there went 200 men from Boston Down
to Long Island *

24 Capt. KEITH Paid me Forty Shillings of my Wa-
ges This Day I have Ben on guard. C: S: gⁿ *Lee*

25 There Has ben Several of The King's Ships In
Sight

26 I Sent a leter to JACOB Osgood of andover by WIL-
LIAM PARKER

27 I went on for teag this Day

28 I went to Cambridge to Mr WATSONS & got Back
at Night

29 I went to for teag this Day I Bought a pare of
trouses of Sergt CAMBLE price 9/ I Sold A pare of Trousers
To NATHAN PEABODY price 10/

B 30 This Night there was Two Field pices fired at
a Sloop To Bring hir twoo.

1 *July* 1776 I went to Boston with Sergt WIL^m. CAMBLE

2 There has ben several Smart Showers This Day

3 I have ben on for teag Drawing Cannon & Whell-
ing Bricks

Yesterday & to Day 4 Company of our Regm^t Come
hear to the castle

4 *July* 1776 I have ben on guard this Day C: Sign
yew york

taken a small distance from the Light-House, and made no resistance." — Boston
papers, Thursday, June 20, cited by General PETER FORCE.

* *Vide* Note †, p. 17.

5 Its has ben Showery This Day — I washed this day

6 This Day I have ben to Charlestown to see JACOB
os good & he paid Me $\frac{1}{2}$ that was Due for A calf sin.

B 7 PETER BARKER STEPHAN BARKER & MICAL PITS
Went with me to Brook Line to the Small pox Hospetal
and got Back to the Castle all Night

8 I went to fa teag this Day

9 I went to Boston after Some Molases & Vinegar
& Bisket and got back att noon.

Our priviteterurs took 2 Large Ships and brought them
in Hear the ware loaded with West India goods*

10 I Had a leter from Brth FARNUM How † this Day

11 I Bought a pare of Trousers price $\frac{1}{2}$

12 I have ben on guard this Day C : Sign *Holden*. —
Two of Capt PHARINTONS Men was whipt 39 Lashes
Apice for Braking open A house and Stealing Att Bos-
ton

13 TIMOTHY CHELLIS Come Hear from the Small Pox
Hospetal this Day

B 14 Ist has ben rainny This Day

15 This Day our Reg^t Had orders to march to New
York

16 They all have ben a fixing For the march

17 I went to the Small Pox hospetal Suals Point ‡

18 Our Regm^t marchd of this Day for New york §

* Referring, probably, to the capture, by the privateer sloop *Yankee*, of the ship *Creighton*, Captain Ross, from Antigua for Boston, with four hundred puncheons of rum, and to that of the ship *Zachariah Bailey*, from Jamaica to London, with an assorted cargo.

† His youngest brother.

‡ Sewell's Point, in the town of Brookline, where, during the siege of Boston, was erected a very powerful fort, which commanded the entrance to Charles River. FROTHINGHAM's *Siege of Boston*, 412.

§ "SARGENT's and HUTCHINSON's regiments marched the 18th instant for Norwich." — *General WARD to General WASHINGTON*, Boston, July 22, 1776.

20 I sold JOSEPH JACKSON A paree of trouses for ¹⁰/

22 Ensign EDEE paid me Five Dollars on part of My wages.

25 LEVI HEADEN of Capt VINTONS Company Died Hear and was Buried This Day.

27 One Mr. BRAD SHAW of Coll. FINNEY's Reg^t Died hear with the Small pox & was Buried this Day.

B 28 I got a Discharg from the hospital & got Clensed and went to Dogester and Staid at Night.*

29 This morning I set out For methuen and come to Woburn and Staid at Night.

30 This morning I set off And got to methuen at Noon

31 I sent a leter to Brother JAMES How at Rochester

August 1 This Being a publick Fast through out the Province † I went to Meting @ methuen

3 I went to andover and Went to mr. GRANGERS and got Back at Night

B 4 I went to meting att Methuen this Day

6 This Day I Set off for Dogester and Got to woburn ‡ Staid at Night there

7 This Morning we marchd And got to Dogester heights at Night

8 This Day I went To Cambridge and to Hospetal at Suals point And got back at Night

* "Yesterday evening HUTCHINSON's and SARGENT's regiments from Boston arrived; also, two row-galleys from Rhode Island." — *General WASHINGTON to the President of Congress*, New York, July 20, 1776.

† "Yesterday was observed here as a day of public Humiliation, fasting and prayer." — Boston papers, August 2, 1776, copied by *The Freeman's Journal, or New-Hampshire Gazette*, Vol. I. No. 11, Saturday, August 3, 1776.

‡ Woburn, in Middlesex County, is ten miles from Boston, and fifteen from Methuen.

9 I went to Boston with Liu^t THOMAS and Come backat Night

10 This Day I went to Boston

B 11 Wee all have be a fixing Our. things for a march

This Night I went To Roxbury Staid all Night In the morning I Come to Dogester

12 This morning I Bought a Pare of Shoes price $7/0$ At Twelve a Clock we All Set out from Dogester And went to Roxbury Staid there at Night

13 This morning we Set Out to Garde Six Teams with Powde to Norwick and march^d To medway* Staid at Night there

14 This morning we Set And come to mendom† — Staid at Night there

15 This morning we Set Out and come to Thomson‡ Staid at Night there

16 This moring We Set out And march^d Through Thomson and Come to Killingsly § & Staid at Night

17 This morning I Set off And march^d to Norwick || Staid at Night there.

B 18 This morning we set Out and march^d to the landing And onloaded our teams and Staid at night there

19 This day at 12 a Clock we went on board a Sloop and set Sail for Newlondon and got Half Down there and Ran a ground and staid all Night

20 This morning we set Sail And got to New London at Noon — and Staid ther at night

21 This morning we set sail for Newyor¶ but the

* Medway, in Norfolk County, Massachusetts, is twenty-two miles from Boston.

† Mendon, in Worcester County, Massachusetts, was thirteen miles from Medway.

‡ Vide page 14, note ¶, ante.

|| Norwich, Connecticut.

§ Vide page 14, note **, ante.

¶ New York.

wind being Contrary we ware obliged to come To anchor at night.

22 This day we have ben a Beeting a gainst the wind

23 this night we ron a ground and Staid all night there

24 This morning we got off att Day brake— and set sail and At night we got to Norwalk* And Cast anchor— and went A Shore. after provisions and Staid all Night there

B 25 This day we have ben a Beeting a gainst the wind. At Night we cast anchor

26 This day we got all most To our Jorney's End.

27 This morning we got to Horns Hook† whare we found The rest of our Regement Stationed.— About 6 Miles from the City of N.york.

Our army on long Island Have ben Engaged in battle With the Enemy and Kill^d And taken a good many on Both sides.‡

28 I have ben down to the City And Carried some letters to Mr. DUDLEY BAILEY

Its has ben very rainey this after noon.

There has ben a very hot fire Kept up with Cannon and Small arms all Day with the Scouting parties on long Island §

29 This night our army on long Island All left it & Brought all there Bagage to N. York. ||

* Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

† Horn's Hook, opposite Hellgate,— about six miles from the City Hall, New York. It is just above the village of Yorkville, and forms one of the Points which mark the entrance to the Harlem River.

‡ The Battle of Long Island.

§ "On the morning of the 28th, there was a skirmish between the Americans and British, which terminated rather in favour of the former."—HEATH'S *Memoirs*, 57.

|| The well-known retreat from Long Island.

30 Part of our Regiment went over to long Island to get off Cattle and Horses and we lost 3 men Taken* I have on the quarter guard this Day C— Sign History.

31 I have Drawing provisions This Day

Septem 1 We have down the River After all the Boats we Could find & Brought them here this Night †

2 We be gun a fort hear Gnral WASHINGTON has Ben here at the fort This Day.

3 This Night we have Ben abuilding Breastwork Before our tents.

4 We fired several Shot From the fort at the Enemy on long Island.

5 STEPHAN LONG has ben Hear this Day.

6 I have ben after prvision This Day.

Gnl. WASHINGTON Has ben Here at the fort At Horns Hook.

7 I Bought a Jacket and Pair of Breeches of WILLIAM PARKER price $15/0$ JUDAH HADUA Died this Day

B 8 This morning there be gan A very hot fire from a Battery Erected Right Oppiset To our fort—and they Killed Corp^l HADUA of Cap^t PERRY's Comp^a ‡ The fire Was kept up on both Sides very Brisk all Day §

* This appears to have been an error, as only Private BARNES of Captain WYLLY's company was reported as captured on that occasion. *Return of the Officers and Privates Killed, &c. from January 1, 1776.*

† This collection at Horn's Hook of all the boats on the East River, evidently a precautionary measure, does not appear to have been noticed by the annalists of those times.

‡ In the *Return of the Officers and Privates Killed, &c. in the Brigade commanded by Colonel Sargent, since January 1, 1776*, it is stated that Corporal HATHWAY of Captain PERRY's company was killed at Horn's Hook, September 16, 1776.

§ "The British were now erecting a work, nearly opposite to our's at Horn's Hook, and the distance not great." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, September 7.

"The British opened their battery against Horn's Hook fort. The fire was

I was on guard this Night C— Sign Tills Man *

9 There has ben a very heavy Fire on Both Sides with Cannon and Morters all day.

10 The fire has ben kept Up on both Sides with Shells And Cannon

11 We all have [*been*] on for teag this day. The fireing has ben kept up All Day with Bums & Balls.

12 ISAAC FOWLS had His head Shot off with A Cannon Ball this morning.†

13 Ensign EDEE Arived hear With some of the Envi- leads From Boston

The Cannonadeing has ben kept up A most all the time Since Sunday Last.

14 I sent a leter to methuen By Mr GOLD SMITH

This Night I was on Picket in the fort The Enimy Kept a brisk Fireing all Night with Cannon and morters ‡

B 15 This morning the Enimy on Long Island— Crossed [*to*] Turcle Bay and Landed on York Island Our people thought best to Leave the lower part of the Town so that the Shipping Might not play on us. Our army all marchd to the upper part of the Town this after Noon.§

briskly returned. *The Americans had one man killed and two wounded.*" — HEATH'S *Memoirs*, September 8.

* Probably "Tilghman," after one of the Aids of General WASHINGTON, — Lieutenant-Colonel TENCH TILGHMAN, of Maryland.

† In the *Return of the Officers and Privates Killed, &c.*, ISAAC FOWLES of Captain KEITH's company is said to have been killed at Horn's Hook, on the thirteenth of September, 1776.

‡ Probably as a feint to cover movements which were preparatory to the intended descent on New York on the following morning.

§ The occupation of the city of New York by the British, of which more elaborate accounts may be found in HEATH'S *Memoirs*, September 15, 1776; in General WASHINGTON'S Despatches to the President of Congress, September 16, 1776; in General HOWE'S Despatch to Lord GEORGE GERMAINE, September 21, 1776, etc.

16 Some part of our Army Had a Smart fight with The Enemy in Harlem Woods — Our Army Drove them And Killed a Grate many On Both Sides* — BENNONI Was Killed in the Aaction †

17 We have ben a fixing us tents And Huts to keep the wet off from us — I went after my pack to king's Bridge.

18 Our Regmt March^d over King's Bridge this Day and Staid all Night there

19 This Day we Marched to West Chester and Encamp^d There ‡

20 We have be makeing us Hutts to Live in this day

21 I have ben to King's Bridge after Boards this Day

B 22 I have ben to meeting and Heard a sermon from Ecclesiastes 11 C. 8 V. §

This Night Colonel JACKSON Went with a party of Men to Hospetal Island || In order to take the Enemy Guard there But were Dis appointed. Col. JACKⁿ. Wounded in the Engagement ¶

* This refers to the action on Harlem Heights, near the site of the Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum, in which Colonel THOMAS KNOLTON and Major LEACH were killed. Vide DAWSON's *Battles of the United States*, i. 160-166; *New York during the American Revolution*, 108-116, etc.

† How had a brother named BENNONI; but it is not now known with certainty to whom he referred in this entry.

‡ Colonel SARGENT having taken command of the brigade composed of his own regiment and those under Colonels SELDEN, TALCOTT, and WARD, he was acting Brigadier-General at the period of this entry.

§ "But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity."

|| Hospital, or Montresor's, now Randall's, Island, opposite Harlem, in the East River.

¶ The attack on Montresor's Island, under the direction of General HEATH, which was unsuccessful in consequence of the cowardice of some of the troops. It has been very minutely described by General HEATH in his *Memoirs*, p. 68.

Colonel JACKSON, who is here referred to, was Lieutenant-Colonel MICHAEL JACKSON, of Colonel SARGENT's regiment.

23 We have ben after some Boards this Day

24 I have ben a washing my Shirts this Day

25 I have ben on the picket Guard this Day

JOSEPH JACKSON has ben Hear this Day

26 I have ben to King's Bridge To See NATHAN SWAN
and DUDLEY BAILEY

27 This Day ROBBARD HIGINGS was Whipt 20 Lashes
For geting Drunk and Dening Duty THOMAS BRIMBLE-
COM was whipt 10 Lashes For geting Drunk The Drum-
mayjor was whipt 15 Lashes for Theft.

28 I have ben to Kings Bridge

B 29 Serj^t DULEY NOYCE Went With a party of Men
to the Orderly Store To Running of Balls

Mr. JOHN ADAMS has Ben hear this Day.

30 I have ben Scouring My gun this Day

October 1 I have ben on the Quarter guard this Day.
C — Sign Gates.

This night one of Capt. PHANINTONS Company Was
Whept for being Drunk On Duty 20 Lashes.

The Drummayjor was Whept 20 Lashes.

2 This Night we had Gnr^t Orders Read at the Head
of the Remg^t.*

3 I Sent a leter to Methuen by Mr. ADAMS.

I Bought a Jacket of BARNABAS HOW price ²⁰/

4† I Bought apair of Leather Breaches price £1.3.0

* General Orders of the second of October contained the following sentence :—

"It is with much concern the General is informed that though the new Rules for the government of the Army have been out some time, they have not been generally read to the soldiers. Surely gentlemen do not reflect what prejudice it is to the service to omit so material a point of duty."

It is not improbable the "Gnr^t Orders" referred to in the text were the "new Rules" to which the Commander-in-Chief alluded.

† The following roster of the officers of the regiment on this day, seems to be appropriate for insertion in this place:—

5 I got my gun mended price ³/₄ This Night one of Capt. PHARINTONS men was Whipt 20 Lashes for Being Drunk. One of Capt. WILLEY's Compy was Whipt 20

"A Return of the Field-Officers, Commissioned and Staff-Officers of the Sixteenth Regiment of Foot, commanded by Colonel PAUL D. SARGENT, specifying those fit for duty, sick present, absent, on command, and furlough."

PAUL D. SARGENT, Colonel, fit for duty.

MICHAEL JACKSON, Lieutenant-Colonel, wounded, present.

JON. WILLIAMS AUSTEN, Major, fit for duty.

Capt. FREDERICK POPE,	} Present, fit for duty.
Lieut. FULLER,	
Lieut. THAYRE,	
Ensign FULLER,	

Capt. SCOTT, Under arrest.

Lieut. HOLMES, On command, Ranging service.

Lieut. MORROW, On command, as Adjutant.

Ensign CLEVELAND, Present, fit for duty.

Capt. BARNES, Present, fit for duty.

Lieut. CLEVELAND,	} On command in the Ranging service.
Lieut. STRATTEN,	

Capt. VINTON, Sick, present.

Lieut. HOLLIS, Fit for duty.

Lieut. HOLBROOK, On command with sick.

Ensign HARTSHORN, Fit for duty.

Capt. PERRY, Fit for duty.

Lieut. DROWN, Sick, present.

Lieut. DOLIVER, On command as Major of Brigade.

Ensign SNOW, Fit for duty.

Capt. HEATH, Fit for duty.

Lieut. THOMAS,	} Fit for duty.
Lieut. CARLTON,	

Ensign EDDY, On command as Quarter-master.

Ensign EDDY, Fit for duty.

Capt. FARRINGTON,

Lieut. DOUBLEDAY,

Lieut. DUSTEN,

Ensign WELCH,

Capt. WILEY, Fit for duty.

Lieut. SCOTT, On command in Ranging service.

Lieut. WILEY, Fit for duty.

Ensign FISH, Sick, present.

King's Bridge, October 4, 1776.

PAUL DUDLEY SARGENT, Colonel."

Lashes for being Drunk on Duty. Two of Capt. WILEY's Compy Road a Wooden Horse 15 Minnets for Being absent At Roll Call with out leave.

B 6 We had prayers at the Head of the Reg^t this Night

7 I have ben on the picket Guard this Day

8 I have ben a Cleaning My Gun this Day

9 This Morning Three Ships Sail^d Up the North River Our people Kept A hot fire at them We ware all alarm^d And march^d Down to Morrisania — 6 miles — Then we all march^d Back before Night. This Night I went With a party of men To Dobbbs Ferry about 12 miles and got there At Day Brake.*

10 It was Expected the Enimy would Land thare But we Saw no sines of there landing And we had orders to March To our Camps and got there At Night†

11 Its Ben Raw Cold this Day. The Melitia are Comeing in Every Day Now

12 This morning the Enimy Landed at Frogg's point‡ We ware all a larmd and March^d Down Almost there And

* "Early in the morning three ships, two of 40 guns and one frigate, with two or three tenders, stood up the North River. They were briskly cannonaded from Fort Washington and Fort Constitution. They however passed our works and the *chevaux-de-frise*; the American galleys, small craft, and two large ships standing on before them. . . .

"Our General [HEATH] ordered Colonel SARGENT, with five hundred infantry, forty light-horse, Captain HORTON of the artillery, with two twelve-pounders, and Captain CRAFTS, with a howitzer, to march immediately, with all possible expedition, to Dobbs's Ferry." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, October 9. See also General HEATH's Orders to Colonel SARGENT, October 9, 1776.

† "Colonel SARGENT returned, having left one hundred and eighty men to watch the motions of the British up the river." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, October 10. See also General HEATH's Order and Colonel SARGENT's Report, October 10, 1776.

‡ Throgg's Point, Westchester County, New York. The landing and its consequences are described in HEATH's *Memoirs*, October 12.

Staid all Day the Enemy Did not offer to March any Distance from there Ships.*

STEPHAN BARKER Died Att Rhie † this Day with the putered feavour ██████████

B 13 STEPHAN BARKER was Buried this Day ██████████
I Cooked this Day

14 There has ben two Brigades March^d By hear This Day Towards forgg's point ‡

15 I have [been] on guard at fort Independant § C—
Sign Bolton.

16 Our Reg^t all went to frogg Point on gard Day

17 I have Ben on the Quarter Guard this Day C—
Sign Liberty.

18 The Regulars Landed above Frogg's point on the main Land. Our people fought Them Killed a great many Both sides we have not The Particulars as yet ||

19 Nothing New this Day

B 20 This Day our Reg^t all Went Frogg's Point to Guard there. At Night I went with a party of men To get all the oxen and the Horses that we Could find And got home to our Barruks At Day brake

* "The British encamped on the neck." — HEATH's *Memoirs*, October 12.

† "At Rhie" — at Rye.

‡ "As two or three brigades have moved this day beyond WILLIAMS's, you will not march over to support the regiments near Frog's Point without further orders, as this post may be left too bare." — General HEATH to Colonel SARGENT, Kingsbridge, October 14.

§ Fort Independence, on Tetard's Hill, in the town of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York.

|| The action at Pelham, which is here referred to, was one of the best-fought battles of that eventful campaign, both officers and men acting with great coolness and determination.

General HEATH has well described the action in his *Memoirs*, (October 18); but by far the best account is that contained in a letter written by Colonel READ, which has been copied in *The Retreats through Westchester County in 1776*.

21 This morning we were all Ordered to fix all our things For a march & we march^d One mile and were ordered Back to our Camps

22 This morning we set out For the White Plains* With all our Baggage. I went with the Sick and got with in 6 mile of the plains at Night

23 This morning I set out with The Sick & got to the plains†

24 I Bought a Pare of Stockings, price $\frac{6}{10}$

25 This after Noon we were All a Larnd and marchd About 2 miles then Returned Back to Camp at Night. ‡ This Evening We all marchd To East Chester In order to Atack the Enemy there But The Gnrl Thought Best Not to a tack them there And we Returnd to Camp In the Morning

26 We Have ben a moveing our Tents to the top of the Hill this Day §

B 27 I sent a leter to methuen By mr GOLDSMITH

I have ben on the Commisary Guard. C-sign Bristall

October 28 This Day the Enemy's Main Body all Advanced as Far as the W Plains Within 1 Mile of our Camps and Pitchd there tents there Some Part of our

* White Plains, the county seat of Westchester County, New York, was, as the roads then ran, about thirty miles from New York and about fifteen from the camp referred to.

† "*the plains*" — the usual name given to the village of White Plains by the old inhabitants who resided in that vicinity.

‡ "About two o'clock this afternoon intelligence was brought to Head-quarters that three or four detachments of the enemy were on their march and had advanced within four miles of this place. . . . Our drums have beat to arms, and the men are ordered to their several posts. Most probably some important event is upon the eve of taking place." — Colonel HARRISON to President of Congress, 25 October, 1776.

§ From the plain to the high ground west from the Presbyterian church, at the upper extremity of the present village of White Plains.

Army Engaged them on their March * Killed a good many on both Sides.

29 We have moved all the Stores from this Place. † The Riflemen are firing at the Regulars Sentreys As their Army all Lays In Sight

30 We have ben Moveing off All the tents from this place

31 I have ben Kept on The Commisary Guard Ever Since Sunday Last

The Regulars have bena Building Breast Work for To play Upon Us Here ‡

November 1 This morning we Set fire to all the Barns On the Plains Aand Left The Line by the Light Off them § and Went To the Regt at Day Brake

2 This Day we moved all Our tents to a Large Hill

* On "this day" was fought the very important *Battle of White Plains*, to which allusion appears to have been made in the text.

As it cannot be said with propriety concerning the attack on the troops under General McDougall, on Chatterton's Hill, that "our Army Engaged them [*the British*] on their March," it is evident that How referred only to the operations on the plain, near the present village of Hart's Corners, and not to what is usually known as the *Battle of White Plains*.

† "The Americans were drawing back; and a position was to be taken on the high strong grounds before in the rear of a part of the army." — HEATH'S *Memoirs*, October 29.

‡ "The British began to throw up some small works on the hill, of which they had got possession." — HEATH'S *Memoirs*, October 29.

"The British continued as before, throwing up a work, etc." — HEATH'S *Memoirs*, October 31.

§ "At night, (31st,) the Americans evacuated their works on the Plain, near late Head-Quarters, setting fire to several barns and one house, which contained forage and some stores that could not be removed." — HEATH'S *Memoirs*, October 31.

This destruction of property by fire must not be confounded with that more extensive and wanton destruction of dwellings, public buildings, etc., on the fifth of November, by the Americans under Major OSBORNE, which called forth the severe Order from the Commander-in-Chief on the following day, — a conflagration in which the Court House, the Presbyterian meeting-house, and the greater part of the village were destroyed.

Called mount missary* about one mile from the White plains

B 3 This Day I went To the Lines after Some Horses and Got Back to Camp At Night The Enemy are on the white Plains Now

4 I have ben on for teag abuilding abreast work on the west Side of the Hill

5 I have ben on the Quarter Guard this Day

6 The Enemy all Left the W— Plains and march^d Towards N— York with all there Baggage. Some of our Army have ben In persute of them †

13 I have ben Cooeking this Day.

November 14 I have ben to NorthCarstle ‡ To See WILLIAM SWAN and Some more a Quaintance

15 I have ben on the Quarter Guard this Day. JOSIAH VINEY Died at The Hospetal Yestoday Morning ———

16 § I Ointed for the Itch this Night

17 We Hear that Fort Washington was Taken By the Enemy Yesterday ||

18 We have ben Exercisiseing All Day

* A beautiful hill, in the southeast angle of the town of North Castle. Bolton's *Westchester County*, i. 447.

† "On Tuesday morning the enemy broke up their encampments which were in front of our lines, after having remained there several days without attempting anything. They have gone towards the North River and King's Bridge. This sudden and unexpected movement is a matter of much speculation." — *General WASHINGTON to Governor LIVINGSTON*, November 7, 1776.

‡ North Castle, in the County of Westchester, is about six miles north from White Plains, the county seat.

§ The *Return of the Continental Troops under the Command of General LEE*, dated "North-Castle, November 16, 1776," indicates that Colonel SARGENT commanded the brigade, and that the regiment then numbered four hundred and eighty-eight men, of whom only one hundred and forty, rank and file, were effective and present.

|| The report, as is known, was unfortunately true.

The official despatch by General WASHINGTON to the President of Congress,

- 19 I have ben on Gard this Day
 20 Its Ben Very Rainy this Day
 21 I have [*been*] Washing this Day
 22 I have ben on the Main Guard this Day C— sign
 Putnam. JAMES BACKUS Died This after Noon ██████████
 23 Its ben Very Rainney this Day
 B 24* I have ben to Colonels FARNNUM's Reg^t to
 Serg^t TYLER and Other Acquaintances This Night I
 went With a large Scout Com^d By Gen^l NIXSON We
 [*went*] Down the North River About 15 Miles Got there
 at Sun Rise
 25 We Got all the Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs there
 and At 12 a'Clock Set out for Home & Got to Camp in
 the Evening
 Nov^r 26 I have Ben Washing my Shirts this Day
 27 I have ben on the Quarter Hear this Day This
 Night we had orders to Fix our packs & Cooek provisions
 For a March.
 28 This Morning we Struck our Tents & at 12 aClock
 we Set out for the Paiks Kill † At Night we Staid North
 Carstle with all Our Baggage.
 29 This morning we set off and Come to Plum Pond ‡
 and Staid there At Night

dated "General GREENE's Quarters, 16th November, 1776," contains a complete account of the attack and surrender.

* The *Return of the Forces under General LEE*, dated November 24, 1776, shows that on that day Colonel SARGENT's regiment formed part of CHESTER's Brigade and General SULLIVAN's Division; and it numbered four hundred and forty-nine men, of which only one hundred and sixty-nine, rank and file, were fit for duty.

† Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, is situated on the east bank of the Hudson River, about forty-five miles from the city of New York.

‡ Crompond, in the town of Yorktown, Westchester County, about sixteen miles north from White Plains, the county seat.

30 This Day We march^d to The Picks Kill with all Our Baggage. Its ben Rainney

B December 1 We Draw^d three Days Provisions and Cooched it All In Order for a march

2 This Day we all marchd Down to Kings [*Ferry*]* And Crossed the North Rive there and Went about 1 mile Staid at Night there.

3 Its Ben Very Rainney this Day & We have ben pitching Our tents.

4 This Morning we had orders For all that ware Well to March & at 12 a Clock we March^d 10 miles to New Hampsead † & Staid at Night

5 This Day we march^d to Clove ‡ and staid at Night

6 This Morning we set off Very Arely and March^d about 5 miles to Ring Wood § and Draw^d 3 Days provisions & Cooch It Then we march^d to Pomton || and Staid at Night

7 This Morning a party Commanded by Coln. CHES-TER Ware Draw^d out to march To Hack mesack ¶ and we march^d to the Perammus ** and Staid In the Stone Church at Night

* King's Ferry, the most important line of communication between New England and the South, connected Verplanck's and Stony Points, — the former on the eastern, the latter on the western bank of the Hudson.

† New Hampstead, now Ramapo, in Rockland County, New York.

‡ "The Clove is a sort of valley or gorge situated to the westward of the high mountains between New Windsor and King's Ferry, and at the foot of which are West Point and Stony-Point, and the principal forts which defend the river." — DE CHASTELLUX, *Travels in America*, i. 345, 346.

§ Ringwood, in Bergen County, New Jersey, is situate about a mile and a half south of the State line. In 1776, it was only a small hamlet of seven or eight houses, formed by Mrs. ERSKINE's manor and her forges.

|| Pompton, a post-town in Bergen County, New Jersey, is eighteen miles north-east from Morristown.

¶ Hackensack, county town of Bergen County, New Jersey.

** Paramus, a hamlet situated on the Saddle River, on the boundary of Harrington and Franklin, in Bergen County, New Jersey.

B 8 This Morning at Day Brake We march^d Down to Hackmesack And got all the Horses there Then we Come back to the Perammus and Stopt at Night

9 This morning we Come to Pomton and Draw^d provisions And Cook it Then we march^d To Macquanac* Staid at Night there

1776 Dec 10 This Morning we Draw^d Two Day Provisions and Cook^d It all. Then we march^d To Morris-town Stopt There at Night.

11 This Day we pitched our tents In the woods here This Night its ben Snowy and Cold

12 We Struck our [tents] this morning and March^d to Barnards Township † And Staid at Night in the Woods.

13 This morning the Light Horse Took Gnr^d LEE as He was 3 miles from our Army ‡ And we went with aparty to Persue them and went 8 miles But ware tow late. then We returned Back afte our Army Over took in the Evening At Germon Town § and Encamped there

14 This Day at 11 Clock we March^d at Night we Staid at Bedlem || in the County of Huntington

B 15 This morning at Day brake We set off and Marchd all Day and at 10 o' Clock at Night we got To

* Acquackanonck, a town in Essex County, New Jersey.

† Bernard, a town in Somerset County, New Jersey.

In this march Colonel SARGENT commanded two brigades, — his own and that of General McDougall; and his position in the column was the extreme rear. *General SULLIVAN's Orders*, December 11, 1776.

‡ The capture of General LEE by Lieutenant-Colonel HARCOURT has been so fully related in MOORE's *Treason of Charles Lee*, (pp. 60-65,) that further comments thereon are unnecessary.

§ New Germantown, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

|| Bethlehem, a town in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Philips Borough * then [crossed] Dullerway River † and went to East Town ‡ in Pennsylvania

16 We have ben Geting our Bagage a Cross and Geting Waggons for the March this Day

17 This morning We set out And marchd 12 miles to Bethlem § And Staid in the woods there

18 This morning we Crossed part of Dullerway River and marched to Spring field || Staid at Night there.

19 This Day set off and Come to Bucking ham ¶ Staid there Its Ben Very Snowy this Night.

20 We have ben Drawing Stockings And Shoes of the Colon ** this Day

21 This Day we march^d about 7 miles to Solsbury and Encamped in the woods there

B 22 †† I have ben Drawing Rum this Day

23 This Day our Reg^t went about 4 miles to Live in Houses.

24 We have ben Drawing Cateridges And provisions in order for a Scout.

25 This Day at 12 aClock we March^d Down the River

* Phillipsburg, in the town of Greenwich, Warren County, New Jersey. It is opposite to Easton, Pennsylvania, the Delaware River separating the two places.

† "Dullerway River" — Delaware River.

‡ Easton, a borough and the seat of justice of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. It is situated on the west bank of the Delaware.

§ Bethlehem, in Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

|| Springfield, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

¶ Buckingham, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

** "the Colon" — the Colonel.

†† According to the *Returns of the Forces*, on this day, the regiment numbered, *Officers*, fourteen; *Staff*, three; *Sergeants*, eight; *Drums and fifes*, five; *Privates*, fit for duty, one hundred and twenty-two; sick, present, six; sick, absent, two hundred and thirty-five; on command, seventy-two; *total*, four hundred and thirty-five.

about 12 miles. in the Night we Crossed the River Dullerway With a large Body of men And Field Pieces.*

26 This morning at 4 aClock We set off with our Field pieces Marchd 8 miles to Trenton Whare we ware Atacked by a Number of Hushing † & we Tooock 1000 of them besides killed Some Then we march^d back And got to the River at Night And got over all the Hushing ‡

27 This morning we Crossed the River and Come to our Camp At Noon

28 This Day we have ben washing Our things.

B 29 This Day we Draw^d Provision And Cooock it in order for a March and at Night we all March^d to Howles Ferry § And Crossed it and Staid there Till morning

30 This morning we march^d to Trenton with all our Baggage ||

31 The Gnrl ordered all to parade And see How many wood Stay 6 Weeks Longer and a Grate Part of the Army Stays for that time ¶

January 1 This fore noon we have ben Drawing our

* Reference is here made to that well-ordered movement on Trenton which resulted in the capture of the Hessians, under Colonel RALL.

† "Hushing" — Hessians.

‡ The capture of the Hessians, and their subsequent removal to the western bank of the Delaware, have been so fully described in General WASHINGTON's despatch to the President of Congress, December 27, 1776, and in every written history of that period, that further remarks are unnecessary.

§ Howell's Ferry, a short distance above the upper falls of the Delaware, between Wells's and the Loudon Ferries.

|| The second movement on Trenton, immediately preceding the battles of Trenton and Princeton, is here referred to.

¶ "Since their arrival, we have been parading the regiments whose term of service is now expired, in order to know what force we should have to depend on, and how to regulate our views accordingly. After much persuasion, and the exertions of their officers, half or the greater proportion of those from the eastward have consented to stay six weeks on a bounty of ten dollars." — *General WASHINGTON to the President of Congress, January 1, 1777.*

wages & Sase money.* This after Noon we set out For New England march^d 4 miles Staid at Night there †

2 This Day we march^d to Bridge Water ‡ Staid at Night there

3 This Day we march^d to Morristown Staid at Night

4 This Day we march^d to Rampok § Staid at Night

B 5 This Day we march^d to Kings Ferry Crossed the River at Sun Set and staid at Picks kill ||

6 We have ben waiting all Day For ISAAC BARKE & PETER

7 This Day at 11 oClock we Set Out for home. at Night We Staid at Portle manner ¶

8 This Day we march^d through Danbury and Come to Woodbury ** Staid at Night

9 This Day we march^d Through water Bury †† and Come to Farming Town ‡‡ Staid at Night

10 This Day we marched to Harford §§ Crossed the River there And staid in the Edge of Harford at Night

11 This Day we Come to Cap^t. Parls in willington ||| and staid there at Night

B 12 This Day we marched through Ashford & Woodstock ¶¶ and Come To Dudley *** Staid there.

* "Sase money" — sauce-money, an allowance made for the purchase of "sase," or vegetables.

† It is evident from this that How had declined to reënlist, even for six weeks.

‡ Bridgewater, Somerset County, New Jersey.

§ Ramapo, Rockland County, New York.

|| Peekskill, Westchester County, New York.

¶ Probably intended for Cortland's Manor.

** Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

†† Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut.

‡‡ Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut.

§§ Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut.

||| Willington, Tolland County, Connecticut.

¶¶ Ashford and Woodstock, both towns in Windham County, Connecticut.

*** Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

13 This Day we march^d to Grafton* Staid at Night there.

14 This Day we march^d to Conc Cord† Staid there

15 This Day I march^d to Methuen and Got to Fathers at Night

* Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

† Concord, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

[APPENDIX.

I.]

THIS is a Copy of a list of Capt. JAMES KEETH's Company in 1776
Which to Del. to Esq. MINOT to be Sent to WASHINGTON.

JAMES KEETH Capt	WILLIAM COOPER
DAVID THOMAS 1 Lieutnant	RALPH BRIDGES
OSGOOD CARLTON 2 Do	JONATHEN HALLOWELL
WILLIAM EDEE 3 Do	ISAAC COWN
DUDLEY NOYES Sargent	ISAAC FOWL
AMOS WOOD Do	PHILEMON DUNHAM
JABEZ CHURCHEL Do	JOSEPH BURAY
PABLY MACKINTIRE	LEVI FULLER
JOHN JOHNSON Corporall	ISRAEL POE
PETER BARKER Do	DAVID AVERILL
DAVID HOW Do	BAR. FARRINGLOID
JAMES JOHNSON Do	JAMES THOMSON
EDWARD BURNS Drummer	BENONI HAGGET
ABIEL ABOT Do	JASPER JOHNSON
HEZEKIAH PARKERD Fifer	ANDREW THOMSON
SAMUEL JACOBS Do	ISAAC BARKER
DAVID KEETH	STEPHEN BARKER
CABOT LEACH	JOSEPH JACKSON
SIMON CARSON	NATHANIEL TOY
JOHN JOHNSON	MOSES BORDMAN
JOHN WILLMAN	ANDREW RICHARDSON
JAMES CHURCHWELL	JAMES PARKER
JESSE HARVY	JOHN MATCOY
BARNABAS HOW	WILLIAM BURBANK
JOSIAH VINING	WILLIAM PARKER

NATHAN PEABODY	ELEZAR WOOD
DANIEL JENNINS	ELISHA PADOCK
ISAAC HUSE	ROBERT THOMAS
PHINEAS RAC—INTON	THOMAS VAUGH
ZACHEUS GOLDSMITH	ANDREW THOMAS
ROBERT STUARD	ELEAZAR CUSHMAN
TIMOTHY CHELLIS	JASPER LUMBER
EDWARDS MASTERS	ABRAHAM FERGUSON
JOHN COOPER	NATHANIEL DUNHAM
WILLIAM LA BARON	SETH BRIGGS
RICHARD WARREN	ELISHA SNOW
JUDAH HADAWAY	NICHOLAS WOOD
JOHN SMITH	NATHAN COBB
WILLIAM SMITH	EDWARD COLE
PEOAS WOOD	OLIVER EDEE

[II.]

March $\frac{19}{78}$ An account of what money I Spend for the mess.

3 lb Sugar	0. 15. 0
1 " Coffee	0. 9. 0
3 Biscake	0. 2. 6
one quart Molasses	0. 6. 10
2 Quarts of milk	0. 3. 4
14 1 pint of milk	0. 0. 10
15 1 quart of milk	0. 1. 8
1 pound Sugar	0. 5. 0
To Plater	0. 2. 6

[III.]

Mrs. BUTTERFIELD Credit for

B Feb 25	Washing 4 shirts	0. 10. 0
B Mch 3	Washing 1 shirt	0. 2. 6
10	Washing 1 shirt	0. 2. 6
17	Washing 1 shirt	0. 2. 6

DAVID HOW'S SECOND DIARY.

Sept 29 1777 This Day Betwen 40 & 50 men ware Called for to march to Genl GATES is assistance From Methuen And I Turned out as one of the Number.*

30 I went to Andover to Mr. JOHNSON'S after A Pair of Shoes for the march.

October 1 I have ben makeing Cateridge in order for The march

2 This morning we all Set out for the march And Stopt at Capt WITCHERS at Diner Then we march^d a cross^d the river Into Chemsford † & Staid at Night

3 This morning we set out and marchd to Groton.‡ Stopt and took Some Dinner then we marchd to Lunenburg§ Stopt at Night there

4 This morning we march^d Winchington|| and Amers-ton Stopt at Dinner. Then we Come to Roistiltown.¶ Stopt at Night

* "There was a report that the northern army had fallen back to Stillwater. One-sixth part of the militia in a number of the counties of Massachusetts were ordered to be detached and marched immediately to reinforce the northern army."

— HEATH'S *Memoirs*, August 11, 1776.

† Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

‡ Groton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

§ Lunenburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

|| Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

¶ Royalston, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

5 This morning we set out and come to warwick* Stopt at Dinner then marchd on to North Field.† Stopt at Night

6 This morning we Cross^d Coneticut River march^d Through Barnard Town‡ & Stopt at Greenfield§ at Noon. Then march^d To Shelburn|| Stopt at Night

7 This morning Sett off to Chertlemount¶ Stopt at Night

8 This Morning we Set out to go over Whosuck Mountain** got Over at Night & Stopt at East Whosuck††

9 This Morning we Set Out march^d Through Willims Town‡‡ & Pown[al] §§ And Stopt at Benington |||

10 This morning we set out march^d through old Whosuck ¶¶ And Saint Cook*** And at Night we stopt at Cambridge †††

11. This morning we march To Salletoga ††† where we Stopt and Draw^d provisions

* Warwick, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

† Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

‡ Bernardston, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

§ Greenfield, the county town of Franklin County, Massachusetts.

|| Shelburne, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

¶ "Chertlemount" — Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

** Hoosick Mountain lies principally in Clarksburg, Adams, and Florida, in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Its elevation is about seventeen hundred feet.

†† East Hoosick.

‡‡ Williamstown, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

§§ Pownal, Bennington County, Vermont.

||| Bennington, Vermont, near which place, a few weeks before, General STARK had defeated the British troops under Colonels BAUM and BREYMAN.

¶¶ Old Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York.

*** "Saint Cook" — Walloomsac, in the town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York.

††† Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

††† Saratoga, Saratoga County, New York.

B 12. This morning we had Orders to Send our horses Back and March to Fort Edward* and at Noon we Crossed Burtin Kill River† and got to Fort Edward at Night And camped in the woods. I went on gard this Night

13 This Day we have ben Building us Camps And Drawing provisions

14 This Day our Scouts Took And brought in a Number of Regulars and Tores

15 This morning our Scouts Brought in upwards of 50 Indians that ware made prisoners Yestoday Near Fort George. They had With them Silver & Gold And a Number of Blankets And other Valuable Bagege.

16 This morning we had orders To march from Fort Edward to Burtin Kill And got there at Night

17 This morning we march^d To Salletoga with all the Reg^t And at 10 oClock the British Troops under the Command of Gnrl BURGON All Lay Down there Arams And march^d to our lines As prisoners of war.‡ This after noon we Draw^d 4 Days provisions In Order for a march

18 This morning we all March^d to Stillwater § got There in the afternoon And In Camped there The Enemy have ben Crossing the river this Day ||

B 19 This Day we have ben fixing For a march and at noon we Set out with the prisoners for to Guard them

* Fort Edward, Washington County, New York.

† Batten Kill, a stream which rises in Dorset, in the southwestern part of Vermont, and empties into the Hudson River, about three miles below Fort Miller and thirty-five miles above Albany.

‡ The surrender by General BURGONE of the British army at Saratoga.

§ Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York.

|| The enemy, recently surrendered, crossed the Hudson River at Stillwater, on his way to Massachusetts.

to Boston and at Night we all Stopt And Encamped Tulls Mills

20 This Day march^d 5 Miles to Saint Cork* Whare we Stopt and Encamped waiting for The Wagons & Sick

21 This morning It has Bin Very Snowy & wet

This after Noon we Set out march^d about 5 miles and Stopt at Night Draw^d provisions

22 This morning Set off march^d Through Whosuck And pownal-and at night We Over Took the Body of Regulars at Willims Town † And Stopt there

23 This morning Draw^d provisions Then march^d to New ashford ‡ put up Staid at Night

24 This morning we Set out march^d Through Lains-borough § Staid at Night at Pittsfield ||

25 This morning we Set out march^d through the East mountain and patreidge field.¶ at Night we Staid at Warthington**

B 26 This morning Draw^d provisions and march^d to Chesterfield †† Staid at Night

27 This Day Its ben Very wet and rainy And we march^d to North Hampton †† And Staid at Night thare.

28 This Day It has Ben Very Stormy both Hail & Snow and we Staid Hear all Day and Night

* Vide page 47, note ***, ante.

† Vide page 47, note ††, ante.

‡ New Ashford, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

§ Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

|| Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

¶ Now Peru, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

** Worthington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

†† Chesterfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

‡‡ Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

29 This Day we Crossed Coniticut River and Staid at old Hadley* At Night Its ben Wet marching

30 This morning we Set off march Through Belcher† And Wire River.‡ at Night We Staid at West-turn.

31 This Day we marchd to Brookfield§ Staid at Night

Nove^{br} 1 This Day we have Ben waiting for the Prisoner all to Get together & Draw provisions

2 This morning we Set off. march^d through Spenser || & Lester¶ and at Night we Staid at Worster.**

3 This morning we all Draw^d Provisions to Last To Boston And Set off. marched Through Susbarry.†† at Night We Staid at Northberry.‡‡

4 This Day we march^d Through Marlborough.§§ At Night we Staid at Sutton.|||| I have ben on Guard this Night

5 This Day we march^d Through Westton.¶¶ at Night we Staid at Walth Ham.***

6 Day we march^d through Watertown ††† and Cam-

* Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

† Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

‡ "Wire River" — probably intended for the village of Ware.

§ Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

|| Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

¶ Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

** Worcester, Massachusetts.

†† Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

‡‡ Northborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

§§ Marlborough, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

|||| Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

¶¶ Weston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

*** Waltham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

††† Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

bridge* And march^d To Prospeck Hill † and Left all the prisoners And ware all Dismised And we march^d to Menotomy, ‡ Staid at Night

Its ben Very Rainney all Day.

7 This morning we Set out For Home march^d through Whoburn & Wilmenton And Andover & Got to Methuen at Night —

* Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

† *Vide* page 3, note ‡, *ante*.

‡ Menotomy, now West Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.