

# HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS

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The Founding Fathers' Fight for Liberty  
and the Birth of a New Nation – Part 1

Head Quarters Fish Kill  
8th Oct. 1775

Dear Sir. An outrage has been committed on some inhabitants of this State, by a Lieut. Henderson - Marshal - B. Hall and an Insign Smith, as appears from the deposition in the hands of the bearer of this letter. As these officers are in your command, you will be pleased to direct them under immediate confinement, and to remain so till the civil power can take up the matter. - Henderson and Hall I believe are of the Pennsylvania Line, and they can inform you of the others.

P.S. I enclose you too I am Sir  
Orders on the subject, one your most Obedt. Servt.  
from Gov. Clinton the other you  
know, which you will be pleased to return.  
Yours M<sup>o</sup> Douglass

**George Washington letter signed ("Go: Washington").** One page, "Head Quarters, Fish Kill" [New York]; October 8, 1775. General Washington, ever the strict disciplinarian, orders General McDougall to arrest four soldiers accused of abuse against civilians in New York.

**George Washington letter signed ("Go: Washington").** One page, "Head Quarters"; [Fredericksburg, New Jersey]; October 23, 1778. General Washington commands General McDougall to march to Hartford to augment Major General Gate's forces.

To Major General M<sup>o</sup> Dougall.

You are immediately to proceed with the brigades of Mason, Parsons and Hunkley - by the route which will be delivered to you by the Quarter Master General - as far as Hartford - where you will wait for further orders.

I am persuaded that no attention on your part will be wanting for the maintenance of discipline and preservation of health of your troops and that no precaution will be neglected for preventing every species of irregularity which might tend to injure the persons or property of the inhabitants on the march.

Given at Head Quarters  
this 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1778  
G<sup>o</sup> Washington

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

Know all Men, by these Presents,  
That I Button Gwinnett of the Province of Georgia Planter am

bolden and firmly bound unto John Neufville of Charles Town in the Province aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Eight hundred & Ninety pounds

lawful Money of the Province aforesaid, to be paid to the said John Neufville or to his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To which Payment well and truly to be made, I bind my self my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated the Ninth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four and in the fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

**THE Condition of the above Obligation** is such, That if the above bound Button Gwinnett or his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, shall and do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the above-named John Neufville or to his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the full and just Sum of Four hundred & forty five pounds Current Money of the Province aforesaid

on or before the Ninth Day of October which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four without Fraud or further Delay, then the above Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of  
the Words "in Charles Town" being first interlined - }  
Andrew Pickens

Button Gwinnett

To Major General M<sup>o</sup> Dougall

Sir

You are to march tomorrow morning precisely at the time appointed with the divisions under your command towards Danbury, there to join the left Wing, under the immediate command of Major General Gates.

You will take the Route by Kings Church Roadford Road.

You will regulate the particular order of your march, agreeable to the principles of a General Order issued at Valley Forge the first of June last, and to the General order of this day, observing every precaution to preserve the greatest regularity and to prevent every species of injury or abuse either to the persons or property of the inhabitants, or any part of the relations.

Given at Head Quarters White Plains this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1778.  
G<sup>o</sup> Washington

**George Washington letter signed ("Go: Washington").** One page, "Head Quarters White Plains" [New York]; September 15, 1778. General Washington orders McDougall to march to Danbury to serve under the command of Major General Horatio Gates.

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