Mount Holly April 9th 1778

Dr Last Evening I Received an Express from David Forman, Late B. Gen, Giveing an Account of the Enemys Behaviour at the Work, they Landed in flat Bottomed Boats at Tguan River, Burnt all the Works on that River, but Did not Distroy the the Salt pans or Salt, But a spoon as they had let first, they Immediately Embarked and Stood to the Northward, — But on Tuesday Morning two Vessels was Seen of Toms River, Standing in for the Inlet it was feared Forman has Detain the troops that was ordered to Join me, on account of the Enemys Appearing, I have Sent Orders if No Enemy Appear to Send them on, —

— I have Received no Reinforcement Since my Last Letter, I have three Small parties below, — I have with the advice of the other field officers, Ordered the two Iron peices — of Artillery to be Sent Back to some Secure place with a Small Guard, and the men Set with the other Militia as Musket men, ——

— Major Lowell will march Downwards this Evening the Remainder will follow in the Morning, Sending off Every thing that is Cumberson, — and the whole Act as Light troops, in Scouting between this post and — Evesborough, in order to Stop trade as much as possable, Moveing from place to place, until Reinforced by Militia or Continental troops

By Virtue of your Excy: Warrent, I Caled a Court
Martial to try William Seeds, and Samuel Carter,
who was taken in arms within Less than Twenty
five miles of your Excy: Head Quarters, —
— the Virtuar Inhabitants and Militia Officers
Seemed very much Dissatisfied, on account of
Carter being Delivered up to the Civil Law
All his Family being Enemys to us, two Brothers
in the Enemys Service with Several Near —
Relations, upon the whole I thought Best to have
him tried and lend the proceedings, for —
your Excy Consideration, and Aprobation
We are Daily taheing Traders to the City —

I am your Excy: very humble
Servt.
J Shreve
Col. Comdt.

His Excy: Gen: Washington, —

His Excy.

Gen: Washington
from Col Stevens

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