

May 19 as to render me unable to Travel for several Days. If I had received
 Red Book your Letter sooner, I shou'd most Certainly have removed the non-
 No. 28
 Letter 10 Commissioned officers and Privates Immediately to Fort Frederick,
 Notwithstanding the very unfavorable report made to me by Col^o
 Rawlings of the situation of the Place and impossibility of Procur-
 ing Provisions. I shall have a Sufficient Guard to remove them by
 Tuesday next, when I shall send them off—with respect to the British
 officers, I received a Letter from the Board of war, Dated 12th April,
 Directing me to Permit two of the officers of Convention to go to the
 flag, in Order to receive the money & Necessaries sent for their use,
 which though not expressed, yet fully implied that they were to be
 indulged to remain 'till the Arrival of the flag; Besides it wou'd have
 been utterly impossible for me to have complied with the Instructions
 of the Board of War, unless the sherif of this County had been able
 to furnish me with money agreeable to your order. I am extremely
 glad it is the wish of your Hon^{ble} Board that Col^o Rawlings shou'd
 Provide for the Troops sent to Fort Frederick; there will be no
 Impropriety in me to give Col^o Rawlings the Command of the Guard
 at Fort Frederick, which will be under my superintendance, and
 which I shall Constantly visit, In Compliance with my Instructions
 from the Board of War I hope your Hon^{ble} Board will be Persuaded,
 that the Delay in the removal of the Troops has not arisen from
 inattention to their Instructions, but from the reasons which I have
 given; they may be assured that it will always give me Particular
 Pleasure to Carry their Ideas into execution, while I Continue on
 this Disagreeable Command.

May 20 [Col^o Jas. Wood to Colonel Baker Johnson]
 Red Book
 No. 28 I have inclosed you a Copy of Lieutenant Moore's memorial to
 Letter 11 General Phillips, by which you will Perceive his reasons for wishing
 to obtain his Parole to go to Ireland—you Know my Opinion of this
 Gentleman, and shall be much obliged to you in mentioning his Case
 to His Excellency Governor Lee whose Letter to the Board of war
 wou'd be a Certain means of Gratifying a worthy Character, and one
 who I have every reason to believe is in his Heart, a Friend to the
 Liberties of America.

Red Book [The Memorial of L^t Jos^h Moore of the 20th Reg^t british Infantry,
 No. 28 under the Convention of Saratoga To Major Gen^l Philips, New
 Letter 12 York.]

Your Memorialist some Months subsequent to your departure
 from Albemarle Barracks, received a Letter fr Europe informing
 him of the melancholy event of his Fathers death, & urging him to
 leave no effort unattempted to procure provisions to return to Europe,
 as his Father had died intestate & left the Affairs of the Family in
 the most unhappy confusion; in w^{ch} State of anarchy they must