

Head Quarters New Windsor

22nd January 1781.

Sir

In the letter which I did myself the honor of writing you the 22nd instant, I informed you of the revolt of the Jersey Troops, and of the measures I intended to pursue in consequence. I have now the pleasure to inform you that Major General Howe, with the detachment under his command, surrounded the mutineers in their Quarters on the morning of the 24th and brought them without difficulty to an unconditional surrender, and had two of the most active instigators, immediately tried and executed. — It was judged unnecessary to extend the example further, as there was every appearance of genuine contrition. — I hope this will completely extinguish the spirit of mutiny, if effectual measures are taken to prevent its revival, by rendering the situation of the soldiery more tolerable than it has heretofore been. — It is not to be expected that an Army can be permanently held together by hopes on which we have too long depended. —

I cannot omit doing justice to the detachment which was sent on this service, — There was in its behavior every mark of fidelity, obedience, disapprobation of the conduct of the Mutineers, and a conviction of the necessity of bringing them to submission and punishment. —

Yours

They made a long march over Mountains
Road and through a deep snow with the greatest
patience; and obeyed every order with alacrity.

I have the honor to be, with the
greatest respect & esteem

Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Humble Servant.

(Circular)

G. J. Washington

Mr. Washington's letter
22nd Jan. 1781. respecting
the quality of the Jersey Meeting

The Hon^{ble} Messrs Messrs Erskine