

Elizabeth Town. If you think this mode, or one similar to it, will answer the purpose, you will carry it into execution and try the effect. Previous to seeing your letter to General Hand, I had heard that there was some uneasiness in the Company stationed at Wyoming, and had determined to relieve it. You will therefore order up a relief as soon as the troops are clothed. I have no new instructions to the officer who is to go upon the command. He will call upon Captain Mitchell for those given to him and follow them. You may give him this general caution, to confine himself to his military duty and avoid intermeddling in the politics of Pennsylvania or Connecticut. I am, Dear Sir, your most obt. servt., G. WASHINGTON."—Col. Dayton.

The great contest was drawing to a close. Winners as well as losers were becoming somewhat weary of it, as we may perhaps partly gather from the letter before us. Washington was aware that negotiations for peace were likely soon to commence. He knew, nevertheless, that it was politic to maintain to the latest moment a due preparedness for all issues.

I might give a few words from the hand of Bishop White, the first Anglican bishop in North America, consecrated at Lambeth in 1787; their subject matter, however, would be unimportant.

I exhibit the MS. signature—ABRAHAM LINCOLN; but I do not transcribe the document to which it is attached, that being simply a Military Commission, cancelled. It was "given" at Washington on the 27th of July, 1861. The autograph of the Acting Secretary of War, THOMAS A. SCOTT, likewise appears thereon.

