

your care and charge, and duly to exercise as well the officers as soldiers thereof in Arms, and to use your best endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And We do hereby command them to obey you as their Colonel and Captain respectively. And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from time to time as you shall receive from Us, or any other your superior officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War in pursuance of the Trust We hereby repose in you. Given at our Court of St. James. the fourteenth day May, 1778, in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign, By His Majesty's Command, WERMOUTH. Entered with the Secretary at war, M. LEWIS. Entered with the Commissary-General of Musters, JOHN F. HESSE."—At the side of the document appear three half-crown stamps. In 1772 the whole of the western part of the State of New York was included in "Tryon County," a name which was changed after the Revolution to "Montgomery County," after General Richard Montgomery.

Finally I transcribe an interesting letter of General Washington's, which perhaps may have been in print before, although I have never seen it so offered to the public. We are therein transported to Philadelphia in 1782, and we find ourselves in the midst of naval and military movements connected with the War of Independence. It is addressed to Col. Dayton, and reads as follows (he spells "Pensylvania," it will be observed, as Penn spelt it): "Philadelphia, Jan. 28, 1782. Dear Sir: I have received your favour of the 12th, and am glad to find you have got rid of the person who embarrassed you. Inclosed you have my acceptance of Col. Delhart's resignation, which be pleased to deliver to him. I cannot grant that of Major Hollingshead before he himself signifies a desire of leaving the service. When he does that let him mention the time that he looked upon himself as out of the Army, that his resignation may be dated accordingly. I am of opinion with you that the most flagrant abuses are committed under the cover of flags to and from New York, and am willing to adopt any measures to prevent a continuance of them. I have no papers with me but those of a late date, and therefore cannot refer to the instructions formally given to you upon this subject. If I recollect them they were to put a stop to the practice of Flags going and coming at stated times, and to suffer no persons to go on board or to land from the Boats except those who have proper passports. All letters to be delivered to the Officer on Guard at