

Fort Lee has followed the same Fate as Fort Washington except that our Powder and men with Two 12. Pounders escaped - We lost 1000 Barrells of Flame and 300 Tents better than 400 of the Maryland Troops were taken in and about Fort Washington where Major Price with our Brother Comins^d ran fell as well as Col^l Williams of the Purple Battalion - bravely fighting in his Country's Cause -

I am greatly surprised that these Britons are so bent on surprising and that we should be so often so surprised on Long Islands. York Islands. White Plains. Fort Mifflin and now Fort Lee tho' the Passengy crossed at Dobbs' Ferry they became not visible till within sight of the Fort - in short there are so many of them that I shall be all wonder and surprise or learn in the Poets Phrase nil admirari. I am afraid you have not sent Cominsians enough -

Frank B. Ramsey -

I am Sir.

(Free)

Your most-Humble Servant

Benjamin Ramsey.

The Honble - Daniel of St Thomas Kenton Esq^r }
at Annapolis }

November 25th 1776.

Sir -

We have been applied to by the Guards who have the Prisoners from Carolina now in charge, for their pay - Mr Hanson in whose hands money was lodged is from home and the Gentleman who he left to transact business in his absence has paid away all the money Mr Hanson left in his hands: The Guards in general are men in low circumstances, and we think are, and must in little time be much distressed unless you will be kind enough to pay them; Private Gentlemen have already advanced money to support the prisoners you will undoubtedly be of opinion that it is necessary to send some money to pay for the victualing of them -

We are Gentles

John Haas.

Willard Benson.

C. Beatty -

With great Respect

Your Obedt^t Servants

B. Johnson -

Cris. Edelin -

Adam Fisher.

John Adams.

Conrad Groh.

The Honble The Council

of Safety

Annapolis

We should also hope you will be pleased to allow the enclosed account for the victualing some of the Soldiers -

1776 - Capt. John Reynolds in acct. with Anthony Stock.

August 10th To Boarding 6 of his men for 8 Days -

Amount to 6 weeks & 6 Days.

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