

J.D. Woelper to Washington

June 22 - 1778  
Easton

Good Sir ✓

Agreeable to your Excellency's Command  
Last Friday of 19th Inst I took up  
Command of Invalid Regiment at  
Easton. Next day some of Col.

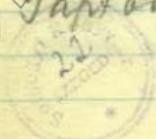
Cowats Serj: began a riot with  
Col. Nicolas Junco's. I quelled the  
quarrel and reprimanded some of the

Soldiers under me as one uncommiss'd  
officer but without any Reason on  
Monday afternoon Two serj  
of the Husawo brought a

Prisoner of them to the Guard  
which is kept for keeping the  
Prisoner of war from making  
their escape which had attempted  
to climb over the wall by a Ladder.

The serj of the Guard Received  
the Prisoner when after he had  
the Prisoner in Charge the Serj of  
the Husawo struck the Prisoner  
over his with a stick, the Serj of  
the Guard desired him not  
to strike the Prisoner as he was

Under his charge, the serf of the  
Hussars then struck the serf  
of the Gaurd with the same  
stick as he struck the Prisoner  
with I took hold of him  
struck and dragg'd him  
from the Gaurdhouse door  
into the street and would have  
had kill him had not Cap  
Cregg had not come timely to  
prevent it in the Evening I  
went to Roll Call when Cap  
Cregg inform'd me of what  
had happen'd, I being at my  
Quarter all the time not  
hearing anything about it  
after the Roll Call I went to the  
Prison where the Gaurd is  
Kept to enquire into the  
affair I was inform by the  
Gaurd that a Great mob of  
Hussars and inhabitants assembled.  
Capt Cregg being Present order  
them to disperse but they would  
not but still Persisted,  
he orderd the Gaurd to Fire  
then they dispersed, Till about  
Tappoo (?) the bearer of these a serf



came to inform me that all the  
Husaws was getting under arms  
and with clubs for to do some  
mischiefs to us, I order him  
to go to the Barracks and would  
come immediately, to see what was  
the matter as I was at Dinner,  
before I had done the Serj came  
a Gain and inform me that the  
Husaws where all in a body some  
with arms and others with clubs  
having Beat one of our men and  
threatend to murder the Rest.

I went immediately  
before I came to the Guard  
I meet a body of about twenty  
men with arms and Clubs,  
some of the Invalids come up  
to me in the time of Disturbance  
the Husaws struck at them with  
their clubs, thro which one  
of the Husaws was Stab'd with  
a Bayonet. Had I not been  
there I believe their woult  
would been a Great deal more  
mischieft Done if not some  
Lives Lost — This Morning  
I waited upon Col<sup>o</sup> Oswats

and beg'd Him to Confine the  
Serg which assaulted the  
Serg of the Gaurd he refused it  
and said he would keep a  
Gaurd against me.

May it Please your Excellency  
I am afraid that there will be  
a great deal of mischief done  
by Colo Cowats men and  
the Resentment of the Invalids  
as there have been several Quarrels  
between them and Colo Nicola  
(on the account arrested Col. Cowats)  
who will give more information  
of the behaviour of the Colo and  
his men.

I most humbly pray you to  
assist me in my duty if  
any Acc'dent may happen  
that the Prisoners of war may  
make their Escape I will  
not be blamible, as he has a  
good many Deserters & Prisoners  
of war enlisted with him which



is entirely against Genes. orders  
the men being our Enemies  
to us & I am afraid still  
remain so.

I am Hon<sup>d</sup> for  
Your Excellency

Most dutiful and most  
obedient

servant  
D Woelppel

Earlton Tuesday 22 1778  
at one o'clock

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no month