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June 22-1778
Easton

Hon'd Sir ✓

I 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.

Cowarts Serj: began a riot with
Col. Nicolas Juchids. I quelled the
quarrel and reprimanded some of the
Soldiers under one as one uncommis'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 Desord 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
Gregg had not come timely to
prevent it in the evening I
went to Roll Call when Cap
Gregg 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 Gregg being Present order
them to disperse but they would
not but 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 Supper,
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 privates 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 would
woud been a Great deal more
mischieft Done if not some
Lives Lost — This Morning
I waited upon Col^o 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 of the arrested Col^o 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 accident may happen
that the Prisoners of war may
make their escape I will
not be blamable, 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^d for
Your Excellency

Most dutifull and most
ob^d. serv^t

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Earlton Tuesday 22 1778
at one o'clock

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no month