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Easton, Pa. 1778 June 26

Sr.



By Your Excellency's troops of the 24th inst. I find that Capt. Mearns of the Invalids hath lodged a Complaint against the Men under my command, as if they had abused the Guard and ill treated some of the Sergeants.

I could quote his Declaration, as entirely to their Satisfaction or Displeasure by the Testimony of the most creditable Officers of this Place, but will not do so, as it would be too tedious, and may offend the Honour, & try the whole upon Your Excellency.

When General Count Putzky went to Easton, he did not here for to receive the Prisoners and procure Passports for them, but in this time, when I was doing my Duty, my Men were treated in the most cruel manner by the Invalids.

One of my Prisoners, an Austrian of name, Hans de Corryd, had not appeared at the Court Call for several Days, for which I sent an Under Officer to bring him in under Guard. But the Fellow opposing my Guard, they were obliged to call the Guard of the Invalids for Assistance, who were all drunk and so when, as soon as they came, my Men spoke a few Words in English, which my Men did not sufficiently understand, whereupon the Guard of the Invalids, took my Men, took them in Detention under Arrest. My Men, after a short stay, were receiving, & that they were

to the Garrison to convince the Garrison, that he
can't bring the said "Invidious" troops in, he
said "I understand in the mean time, if my
people liberty, as he could, and I can't
retain them any longer." They requested Cap
Crain to keep the said Company under Guard until
he should receive his Dischargement.

That Crain was ordered to my Quarters
where I was informed that the said Garrison
had already received nothing, because they
had not had word from the Guard and
that the Garrison had acted and assisted
him in a way which I can prove by the
papers. With this, Upon this I immediately
sent all my Men to search for the Garrison in
the Church Street, but my Heavy Officer were afraid
to go into the Street by the Garrison, who had
been shot to, and upon the Arrival of a
Lieutenant and a Dragon, who came to make the
search of my Men were shot thro' their Bodies
and Trajones and one shot thro' the Head
and the Order of the Sergeant of the Garrison
and that there are a number of them who
are dead, and I don't know if one of them is
recover.

It is surely cruel when Men, who come
from foreign Countries for to live in the
Liberty of this Country, are treated in
such a barbarous Manner by our Friends
it is still harder for me, as a Soldier, who
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he has been in Military service, so many years
to have ever whole Corps branded with the Epithet
of Thieves and Robbers, but an uncapricious
Captain of the Invidious, when at the same time
I can prove the Contrary by a Certificate, which
I take the Liberty to submit sub A. and by a com-
munity of all the Inhabitants sub B, that my
Men have always behaved as brave and honest
Soldiers.

I have reported the whole Affair to General
Count Galway, and begd him to acquaint Your
Excellency wth it, being desirous not to trouble or
detain You from other weighty Business. I am
now I must take Liberty to pray Your Excellency
to give Orders for examining this Affair, and to
express me your satisfaction of Captain Rogers
as his bad Behaviour shall merit.

Hoping for a favourable Resolution, I am

Sir
Your Excellency's

Caston
June 24. 1778.

most obedient &
most humble servant
Michael de Kovats