

At a Court of Enquiry holden July the 12th 1788.
by order of Jacobus Butler Esquire Lieut of the County
of Luzerne, Pursuant to the request of Capt. John
Schott; for the purpose of examining into the conduct
of the said Schott while up the River on the late expe-
dition.

Capt. William Helbert Pres ^t	} Members
and Capt Daniel Gore	
Capt. G. P. Ransom	
Lieut. Samuel Bidlack	
	Lieut. George Coopers
	Lieut. Philip Myers
	Lieut. Thomas Drake

Capt. Schott States - that, altho a Company of Troop
was raised & he appointed Capt. yet none of the officers had
Commission - But was thought the late Insurrection would
justify his calling out his proposed company - he went with the
troop the next morning - he expected a party of foot after him
found many inconveniences on the march, being false reports
&c. - staid at Tonis the 1st night next morning went on to Tankhann
rock - then all thought best to return.

2^d time he march'd on after a party of foot met them at Tustus Sanks
an agreement was made that Capt Ross should strike at black walnut
bottom & come down to Tams's Mushoppin where the main body was
to meet Capt Ross - that he with his troop that night march'd on, and
lodged at Tustehouder - Mr. Mercey then came and informed that the whole
body of the Insurgents were at Tankhannock about 3 miles above us
a council was call'd, Messrs Cary & Mercey went through the woods to
meet Capt Ross & call him back - could not find Capt Ross - the main body
march'd at two A.M. to surround a house where the insurgents were at
break of day - the Insurgents were gone & the siege in vain - then
march'd to the narrows about 2 miles above, to learn what was become
of Capt Harlsope - heard nothing of him, or his party - then a young
Lad came & inform'd that the insurgents would way lay our party at
Saguer's hill (which Mr. Cary afterwards found true) - then the main
body march'd back to Mercey's house; the next morning between break of
day & sun rise was the time to meet Capt Ross at Mushoppin - A Con-
sultation was held to what time to march from Mercey's house, for his part
he had no Commission, but was merely a Volunteer; he thought proper to
march at 12 o'clock, Mr. Myers was present - & the Sheriff
who were authorised - the Sheriff he order'd the march to begin

at one o'clock - The sentinal neglected, he, Capt Schott
did not Countermand any orders given; he was not the highest
in Command - and did but give his opinion - a gun was
fired at by one of the sentinals the party round & found it
was then three o'clock - he ordered the troops to march on
then as fast as possible - arrived at Meshoppin as soon as
possible - ~~the~~ with the troop - the infantry did not go -

Mr. Catlin, says that Capt. Schott with his troop
~~came up~~ ^{came up with} the foot at Justin Jones, & found that
Maj. Myers had called Capt. Ross party over the
River, the Sh. & Coroner went over to them, &
part came over, after we join'd. There was a consulta-
tion & agreed that Capt. Ross should take a party &
go thro the wood, & come in on the River at Black-
walnut Bottom & the Maj. Myers & Capt. Schott. & the
party was to meet Ross the next Morning after -
they left at Meshoppin, we proceed'd. And log'd at
Quarterhouse. & in the Night March'd to Herrmanns
in order to surround the house of Dan. Carl. but
when we came to Lunk - ^{the} found the Insurgents
were not there, then march'd to the Narrows in
order to meet Capt. Hartiff, found him not there
march'd back to Lunk - & there tarried untill
dawning then agn. to go on with the horse to Mill-
the time being propo'd. Capt. Schott said that after
two the Sh. & said they must go sooner, and added
that if the Officers would not go he would go with
what men could get, & turn'd to the Serj. & told him
to march them up so as to start at one o'clock -
but it was not done untill break of day they -
Immediately pursued & came to Meshoppin - when they
came to Wigdon - the woman told them that the
Insurgents had gone up the hill about three o'clock
of an hour

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was of the Opinion that it was soon enough to
start at Three o'clock but W. Butler give me
orders to wake up the people as soon as one by all
means, he says that he was very sleepy and tired
and not very well, ^{after one Relief} but told the Sentry to walk him
up at the ^{after the first time of sleep} ~~time~~ ^{by one o'clock} after then lean? down
and feel ~~of sleep~~ & the Sentry never made any did
not obey his orders but never walked me untill ~~before~~
the Sentry fired which was about day break -

Saturday July 12th 1780

at a court of Enquiry held this ^{day} by order of the
County Lt. whereby Capt. Hubbard is president

Reporteth that ~~upon~~ after examining the
evidence ^{according to the present wisdom} that ~~he~~ ^{Capt. Schott} be acquitted with
honor

William Heber ^{President}

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