

Wyoming 2^d April 1780

May it Please your Excellency

To advise at this Post ^{the 22^d March 1780} after a tedious Journey and
Obliged to Travel about forty Miles, of the Left of
it on Foot the snow being so Deep and yet too
Deep to get a Horse through the wood, am Making
Preparation to go on as soon as Possible

I think it my Duty to inform your Excellency with
the Late Transactions of the Enemy near this Post
on the 27th March as three men were at work about three
Miles above the Garrison by the River they were taken on
the 28th ^{Early in the morning} as ~~men~~ ^{two} were taken Making Sugar about
Eight Miles Down the River one was killed and the other
Taken ~~very early in the morning~~ on the 29th Early in the
Morning about twenty Miles further Down on Fishing
Creek three men were killed and three Taken on the
Same Day in the afternoon on their Return they came
Across a Party that went out to give Notice to some
Men that went out making Sugar Wounded two of them
but they all saved their selves by taking to a House
and all with ^{the two Wounded}
The two wounded are Come in like to Run away on the 30th
as they were still returning they took one man his wife
and Child who were out Making Sugar they Dismissed
the Woman who says they were Above thirty in Number
and Confirms the Account of Above Mentioned Prisoners
and on the Evening of the Same Day the three men
Mentioned of being taken the 27th March came in
With indian Guns Tom hawks etc and say that they were
Taken as Above Mentioned and Carried about forty Miles
Up the River and that on the 28th March afternoon they
Met a Party of About thirty Indians one White man and
one of the Indians they know and they Met two small

Party afterwards Pushing Down ^{the River} those Party told
our men that there were five Hundred out and a large
Party coming on after them Brant with a Party
Was gone to the Mohawk River a Party to Menajish
and a Party to the West branch of Susquehanna

those three men Early in the Morning of the 29 March
stop on their Master killed three Wounded the fourth
and two ran which is confirmed by their bringing
in five Indian Guns one Silver mounted Hanger some
Tomahawks and other Indian affairs. The Party they
Met on the 28 March afternoon have Not done any
Mischiefs here yet as it was impossible for them
to be Down so low as when the River mentioned was
Done we are Looking ^{for} them Every Hour. The three
Men further say that by the Appearance of ~~the~~
Snow shoe Tracks as far as they went that there
had been Numbers of Indians there for some months
from the Above representation which I have carefully taken
and have no reason to doubt the Truth of them your Excellency
Will be able to Judge what is necessary for the Defense
of the Frontier ^{in this Port} and can only ^{say} I am with all Attention your
Excellency Most Obd. Humble Servt

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His Excellency Genl Washington

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Genl. Washington
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