Dear Sir,

Afflicting Compliments to you. This is to inform you that Agreeable to your Orders I Existed my Company of Eight hundred men and Capt. Armitage to arrive the 17th of Octb. From Thence we Marched to Abou and Marched this 17th Instant as your Captains order. As soon as we Reached Arbo, we found tour Capt. Lawson and Marched over the Mountain to Connaught, this Neat day between Connaught & Frenchtown. The men were in very high spirits and came upon the Speech of Our Capt.滨ata upon which we Marched & Clay Written with the Spirit of Honour. & we were

Ordered to join the Sioux Troops. But they not having according to Appointment, we were

Reduced to Scamp & Tarry for three days. Our men being extremely Anxious to return to

Connaught. The moon was not about a half mile north of Congress, by Capt. Fothergill. Of the moon, we continued to march about six miles, and Council to

March on. But at daylight, upon the Moon, we discovered upon the fort, that

One Indian had gone along the Road. They Proceed very quickly about four miles further and came up with 2. Men, killed one & Capt. him, the remainder of them we apprised that

The men were marching off the Road. Upon the which they arrived back to Camp where we waited
to join the Sioux. Thus coming back, this Mornning the day was concluded to stop to

refresh our horses which was satisfied with the Over Night march, till the Next morning.

But to our great disappointment and I should several of our horses, which returned in the Search,
to return, we proceeded as far as Red Rock Creek, where we remained in a Camp

The safety of our horses, but in the latter end of our Camp, I was informed from that

Month, by which I learned that the Enemy was about 50 miles from Connaught & that the Most of our men are on the East Bank, which added to if they were

Counseled into the Nation before we could get & Horses. From that Place we March 50 miles which led us to the town to the East Bank and passed on the Mountain by night, we

Continued on march near propio by on Expectation of getting to the town of the Enemy before

Night. But not being of the purpose, we were obliged to lie near

Plains. As by the next morn of which we left ford and Crossed the river. Then at

A very large Mountain where we passed away from Connaught & Placed on the River, we were obliged to

Crossing in from the Middle Settlements to the Abousetown, we proceeded on march

Along 50 miles. About two miles when we came in sight of the town which had many

Camps, then we went to a consultation to here which was the best method of attack.

But on a small force consisting of 29 men we found we were not able to get across

We continued and struck into the center of the town, in order to surprise it. But the

Enemy Rising behind us, our men were all in dead line, who trying to make the

Enemy rising into the town and we arrived to the Bank, as they were leaving the Bank

in the other end, we hid upon them and the rest of them down. The Other getting out

Affrighted us all,remonstrating to the mountain. Some of our men escaped the trouble

That I have. Some went to the Bank's of the river. I was joined that I was able to

With the other, then we entered into the town and found that they had killed all their

Valuable effects, knew down, knew down. But I joined another force of which

Wooden Abundance in every house, the town consisted of 24 houses, some of them that

Excavated, and also Concord Town saved some & taken to Connaught.
Expedition Against the Indians in Western N.C.

Letter of Capt. Wm. Moore to
Brigadier General Butterfield.

1776.