

**George Washington to Nathaniel Jarvis, June 13, 1778,
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To CAPTAIN JAMES JARVIS

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, June 13, 1778.

Sir: I recd. yours of the 11th. It is my wish to indulge every Officer, who thinks himself aggrieved by his superior, with an opportunity of redressing himself by a Court of Enquiry. But when I reflect how often these enquiries are demanded, upon differences occasioned by sudden heat, I wish Gentlemen would coolly consider before they carry matters to such a length, that the decision of the Court and my determination thereon, must appear before the public. The charges you make against Colo. Jackson¹ are of as high nature as one Officer can make against another, and if you cannot fully support them, you will lay yourself open to censure. I would therefore advise you rather to leave the matter to a few Gentlemen of your own Corps, than to bring it before a Court, except, upon reflection, you conceive yourself able to support your allegations fully. I am, etc.²

[N.Y.P.L.]

1n the original Colonel Jackson's name has been cut out. He was Col. Henry Jackson, of an Additional Continental regiment.

2n the writing of Tench Tilghman.