

Peter Hog to George Washington, April 3, 1756, with Report on Troop Strength, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM CAPTAIN PETER HOG.

FORT DINWIDDIE 3d. April 1756

SIR/

Inclosed is the Return for this Month of my Company. I arrived here this Evening with the greatest part of the Men I carried out, greatly fatigued & mostly reduced with famine & a flux however Mr. Fleming thinks that Rest & Regular Diet will recover Most of them & therefore has returned but one Sick of those that are present. Maj Lewis no Doubt will Inform you of the State of the Ill concerted Expedition that Miscarried from the Disobedience of Men Undisciplined, & Subject to no Military Law, a too Smal Store of provisions; & the most Impassable Route that ever was Attempted.¹ I have not time to give you the particulars, as I have just Embraced a Sudden Oppty. of Conveying this to Augusta Courtho., with the Return; & to Desire the Remittance of the Companies pay for the 2 Months by gone; as the Men are really in Want of Shirts Shoes & Every part of Cloathing, and Expect new Regimentals this Spring. I hope as formerly hinted that the Arrears for Jany & Feby 55 will be Sent for the Men under me Draughted from the other Captains Recruiting Officers Last Spring I am w Respect

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Sir Your Very hume Servt PETR: HOG P. S: I shall Also Expect money to Enlist Men to Compleat the Company first Oppty. P. H.

1 Major Lewis had been sent in command of an expedition against the Shawanese town, situated at the junction of the Great Kanawha and Ohio rivers, with Captains Hog, Preston, Smith, Alexander, Breckenridge, Woodson, and Overton and their several companies, also Captain Paris in command of friendly Cherokees. The entire force, including Indians, amounted to 365 men. After six weeks of fruitless suffering and absolute starvation, they had been obliged to abandon the attempt, and return, without ever having reached their destination.