

I am fully of opinion you are at liberty to  
occupy what Position you think proper, The positions  
are in my opinion the places for men to be  
stationed, but you withdrew your strong post,  
leaving "one officer & 12 men" and retired into the  
Country, "arrived in the Rear" as to the fatigue  
of your officers & men, I acknowledge it, but my own  
have been likewise in the same situation, they  
have laid at quarters & on their arms every night  
and on active duty through the day, as to myself  
I have not been in bed since the enemy came  
your officers and men, have had no duty du-  
ring the day, which certainly would enable them to  
sustain fatigue by night. Your men could  
not have been withdrawn on account of fatigue.