Gentlemen

Baltimore may 1st 1776

I have Just been informed by Doct Wesonthall that the Small Pox prevails in several parts of this town Which Renders a few other officers my self and several Soldiers in danger of taking The infection, as our duty Requires our passing frequently by houses Where it is, the Doct has advised me to be Innocolated Imediately as a person of my age must be in Great danger Who takes It in the natural Way, I have therefore thought it my duty to State the matter to you, and Wait your Instructions thereon, And hope if you should disaprove of Innocolation that you Will Contrive some meathod of geting the troops Encamped Without the town, Whetstone point Would be the most proper Station Could We be provided With tents and other Camp utensils But the officers have rather of them a tent Nor do I think it in their power to furnish them as proper Cloth is not to be had

I am Gentlemen With due Respect your very Hble Servt

Forman Ward

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