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The Soldiers in Laurance's Barracks are breaking out fast with the Small Pox — I am told they have all had it except Eight or Ten, & then it will be the best way to move them to the Poor House & Inoculate them immediately, If they are suffered to remain in the Barracks & take it in the Natural way, the greater part will certainly be lost — There has been five, sent up, within this two Days & I don't expect, above one will be saved, There can be nothing else expected, consid.g their way of —

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