such occasions used, to permit the British Soldiers to cut their fire Wood / as I am informed / on a Gentleman's Manor Without his consent; likewise that the Officers have hitherto received none — a thing unheard of & Without a example, all which may be easily obviated by those Who are both able & willing to Serve the Public

I have but one thing more to observe to Your Excellency, that the Troops have received no Meat for these five Days past this Day included, & that the ration in that Species has been considerably diminished of late —

Those Facts I lay before your Excellency, Who with the assistance of the Council of this Province, Will I flatter myself order redress. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellencies, Most Ob.
Humble Servant
Jno. Hamilton
Brig.r Gen.l

Fredericks Town
30th Jan.y 1781

H. E.
Governor Tumble