

Camp at Crawfords Waxhaw Creek.. Apr? 1780

Dear Balfour,

_____ night received yours of the 5 Hitherto we have gone on very well but few Relapses & this Settlement well stocked with Forage & Provisions. I shall probably remain here (long series of numbers). The --- Regiment at Camden in a very sickly State. Have great Hopes of their _____ here ---- the troops never suffered? much at that place I received a letter from ---- with the inclosed ----- are getting up very fast. I received a letter from _____ when the obliging the (two lines illegible) I must beg of you to this Business into Genr ___---. As it would be impossible for me to carry the voluminous correspondence with which it may be attended, considering the Buiness of which I am going ou will liewise be able to judge better than I can do of the Propriety of removing those officers That Col. Brown mentions. This in all Matters that ----- you will whenever you think proper make use of these words ----- particularly directed by Lord Cornwallis. I send you a copy of a letter received from Cruger ? with my Answer on it. I have no Account of the Enemy. I rather think that Gates has gone on to Virginia & perhaps to Congress, to exculpate himself and press for Reinforcements , but this is only surmise from what dropped from the Surgeon? You may depend on hearing from me frequently. It is wonderful that we have no Accounts from the Northward.

I am my dear Balfour with great Truth
Most faithfully yours,

Cornwallis

Lt. Colonel Balfour (Copy)