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Abstract

Letter from George Washington (written by one of his staff, probably Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman, and signed by Washington) requesting militia support in transmitting intelligence in the area of Monmouth in New Jersey.

Creator

Washington, George, 1732-1799

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Historical Information

Monmouth County, New Jersey was the site of the Battle of Monmouth in June, 1778, in which the Continental Army attacked British forces retreating across New Jersey (Stockwell, "Battle of Monmouth") Two years after the battle, in June 1780, Colonel Tye (an escaped formerly enslaved man) and the Black Brigade, a guerilla force fighting for the British against their former enslavers, captured Barnes Smock, a leader of the Monmouth County Militia, and several of his men ("Colonel Tye," Africans in America).

Scope and Content

One page letter written by a member of George Washington's staff, probably Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman, and signed by Washington requesting the assistance of the militia of Monmouth County, New Jersey in transmitting intelligence.

Related Materials

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