

orders so as never to practice contrary theronto; but you may and ought, according to right reason, to interpret and understand all orders in the largest and most extensive signification, for the welfare and security of those under yo^r comand and care. We have taken notice of Major Treat's Retreat, upon the order of the Councill of Conecticote, of which we are very sensible, and have represented the same to Conecticote, and doe advise you, if he return, to lett him or any others know they may not depart, nor withdraw from under yo^r command, whilst in our jurisdiction, without express orders from the Commissioners of the United Collonys, or yo^r particular licence, with consent of yo^r chief officers.

Wee are satisfied in your deserting Quabague, and supposed the order taken by the Commissioners for supply of victualls from Hartford will be effectuell. We desire and hope wee shall not be wanting to second yo^r endeavors by our hearty supplications to our God, the father of mercyes, to pittie, pardon, heale and help us, in this our distressed estate.

Remaining, Sir,

Yo^r assured friends,

ED. RAWSON, Secretary,

by order of the Council.

We cannot but advise you in yo^r marches, to keep good distance between your partyes of men, that you