

**John Robinson to George Washington, July 18, 1757,
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FROM THE HONORABLE MR. SPEAKER ROBINSON.

WMS.BURGH July 18. 1757

DEAR SIR/

I recd your favour of the 10th. Instant by Jenkins, and am not a little concerned, that you should harbour the last least thought of my forgetting you, which if I know myself is impossible for me to do, but shall always with the greatest satisfaction remember that I have the friendship which has and I flatter myself will always subsist between us¹ —

I have procured a Copy of the Mutiny Act for you and delivered it to the Govr. who will send it you by Jenkins, by which you will see better than I can inform you by Letter how you are to proceed, the Govr. will also send you a Commission for the Trial of Offenders, I am very sorry to find such a dastardly spirit among our Drafts, & I think a speedy Example should be made of some of them, that others may be deterred from following their destructive Example.

As we could not tell what the Arrears for provisions amounted to the Govr. though the £4000—— Sent by Boyd would be sufficient till the Accts. could be sent, and he would now upon your Letter have sent a further Sum, but it was not thought proper to send so much by Jenkins, but he has given me a Warrant for £1500,—payable to Mr. Walker, who I expect to see this Week, when I shall pay it to him, and I suppose he will go immediately

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up with it, the Govr. will direct how the overplus of the £2000 — shall be applied. I have sent by Jenkins £164.1.5. As to Mr. Carlyle you may pay him deducting only the 25.1.—as there is little doubt of the Com allowing him the $\frac{3}{4}$ of his former Accts. As the Govr. has the sole disposal of Money that was last given for the Support of the Regiment, the Directions and Orders for cloathing must come from him and I am afraid you will have some difficulty to persuade him to let you reserve any Benefit from it.²

I am heartily concerned at the unhappy fate of poor Spotswood as I am afraid there is little hope of his being alive. We have no news here worth writing, I am with the greatest truth

Dr. Sir Your Sincere & Affect. Friend JOHN ROBINSON

¹ "I did indeed," Washington had written, "begin to think (tho' I cou'd scarcely believe it) that you had quite forgotten me."

² "We are greatly distressed for want of arms for the Draughts. I have mentioned this to the Governor; but on this head, as on most others, he is silent."—Washington to Treasurer Robinson.