

New York Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1774.

Mr. Furman.

Sir.

It is with the greatest submission I take the Liberty of troubling you with this, in order to acquaint you that Mr. Cook the Landlord of the House wherein I now live, says he will seize upon my Effects if I do not pay him without Delay the Quarters Rent that is now due to him, which amounts to three Pounds ten shillings, which at present is not in my Power to answer, therefore with the greatest supplication I earnestly beg that you would be generously pleased to advance me the above sum, and for a surety of the same, I am ready and willing to let you have an Inventory of all my Effects and goods that I am possessed with, till you are fully satisfied. I would Sir have done Myself the Honour of applying to you in Person were I not very ill, and has been so for some Time, which has been the Cause of my being so deprived of Cash, so in this my present Distress if you would be kind enough to assist me out of, it will be forever most gratefully and thankfully acknowledged by Sir, your most humble Servant,

Elizabeth Witnell.

P.S. Sir I should be glad of your answer by the Bearer, and if you will Step to me, you will Sir greatly oblige me.

New York 11<sup>th</sup> August 1774.

Received of Mr. William Forman Paymaster to the Artillery Three Pounds Ten shillings New York  
Currency on Account of my Husband Will<sup>m</sup>. Witnell's Pay as Collarmaker in the Train of Artillery in North  
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