

in consequence of the severe weather, or probably some other cause unknown to me, we did not advance as far as Fort Stanwix. After this term of three months, word came to our part of the Country that some of our three years men in the army had been discharged & others were wanted to fill up their places, this word came to our part of the Country (Amherst Massachusetts) in the summer of 1780, and I then about the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1780 agreed to do service for six months to fill up the ranks of our New England troops, and in consequence thereof I, together with my company with about one hundred others, from and in & about Amherst Massachusetts, as volunteers on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1780 went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1780 we were inspected. The next day I together with between three & 400 others were marched from Springfield towards West Point in the state of New York. We were marched from Springfield to West Point by a Sergeant who had been then at hand in a Furlough. We were marched to a place called Robison's Farm on the Hudson River, across the River from & immediately opposite to West Point. We were here killed for some time and then taken across the river to West Point, & distributed among the ~~various~~ <sup>several</sup> different New England Regiments to fill them up. I was then placed in Col<sup>l</sup> Shepard's Regiment, which belonged to Gen<sup>l</sup> Poor's Brigade. The company in which I was placed in Col<sup>l</sup> Shepard's Reg<sup>t</sup> was a Company of light infantry commanded by a Capt<sup>n</sup> Hugh Dang (I cannot be certain this Captain's name was thus spelt, he was either of French descent or a Frenchman & the sound of his name was something like what I have stated), I believe the whole Regiment was called light infantry. This was the same summer of Arnold's treason & that Andre was hung. After we were organized as I have stated, I together with a considerable part of the troops at & about West Point was marched down the Hudson on the Jersey side towards New York and I remained during the whole of that summer & fall (1780) attached to & in Col<sup>l</sup> Shepard's Regiment and were marched back & forwards to different places between West Point & New York on the Jersey side, our Regiment during that summer & fall generally, was employed as an advanced guard or Post, next to the enemy at New York. At one time our Regiment when I was in it, advanced on to Bigran Point and were fired at from the British shipping in the River for some time. At another time our Regiment was marched for the purpose of passing over on to Staten Island & taking a British station there, but when we came opposite Staten Island, we did not get on to it, on account of the boats which were to transport us across the water or say, not getting there in time, the boats having been sent on to transport us, & having taken a long ride. When the winter began to set in severe & cold our Regiment