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Dear Colonel

Fort Pitt Nov: 24 1782

Lieutenant Johnston sent a Soldier with my letters as you desired ~~they came to hand~~ three days ago - there is no news in this Quarter except what I suppose you have heard Land Jobbing goes on freely - there is not a foot between French Creek & Muskingham, unmarked & many have built Cabbins - These our new Council and Assembly will take some effectual Steps, to punish the set of Robbers and do Justice to that Troop, at least in the Land way - this is clearly in their power - many I fear is not - but if they do not what is in their power - we will know who to trust, all I have to say of the new Orisidents is that I wish some may not have too high an opinion of what great things they will do - And especially I wish many of our Brethren of the Army may not be mistaken - however their conduct will soon discover whether

the change is for the best, for my part I care nothing
about men so the measures are good —

I have been much afflicted with the Rheumatism for
a month past, and little appearance of relief as yet
If able to ride, expect to go down the country some
time in January, perhaps I may receive, we have no farther
occasion for your service before that time I dare say
our whole line will not form more than one small Brigade
of course General Wayne will continue - if this had taken
place three years ago it might have been better for us -
however we must now do for the best - and be content

Yours D^t. Col:

Your Obed^t. Servant.

Wm Irvine

Col. Wm Bullis

James Fortson
24th Dec 1782

Colonel Wm Butler

Capt. Richd. Butler

Wm Butler
Ed. Butler

Barbours



Brigadier General William Irvine to Colonel Richard Butler (in Carlisle, PA)

Fort Pitt, Nov. 24th, 1782,

Dear Colonel,

Lieutenant Johnston sent a soldier with my letters as you desired – they came to hand three days ago – there is no news in this quarter except what I suppose you have heard. Land jobbering goes on finely – there is not a foot between French Creek and Muskingham unmarked and many have built cabins – I hope our new council and assembly will take some effectual steps to punish this set of robbers and do justice to their troops at least in the land way – this is clearly in their power – money I fear is not – but if they do not what is in their power – we will know who to trust, all I have to say of the new residents is that I wish some may not have too high an opinion of what great things they will do – and especially I wish many of our Brethren of the Army may not be mistaken – however that conduct will soon discover whether

the change is for the best, for my part I care nothing about men so the measures are good –

I have been much afflicted with the Rheumatism for a month past, and little appearance of relief as yet. If able to ride, expect to go down the country some time in January, perhaps I may remain , we have no farther occasion for your services before that time. I dare say our whole line will not form more than one small brigade. Of course General Wayne will continue – if this had taken place three years ago it might have been better for us – however, we must now do for the best, and be content.

I am Dr. Col.

Your Obedt. Servant

William Irvine