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**Title:** Letter from Nathanael Greene and Richard Humpton to Francis Gurney

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Camp near Philadelphia Nov 7. 1777

I hereby certify that the report  
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Guernsey carried on a correspondence with the  
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directed by His Excellency General Washington  
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sion - and this I declare upon my Honor, given  
under my Hand the day aforesaid

Nath Greene Major General

I was present at the examination of the Evidence before  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene and do declare upon my Honor, that  
nothing appeared that could give the least ground to  
suspect that Col. Guernsey had ever given any  
intelligence or assistance to the Enemy - and  
that the whole Matter arose from some British Soldiers  
telling a woman in German Town that their  
Army received intelligence from a Gen<sup>l</sup> Officer  
a Lieut<sup>l</sup> Col & a Capt<sup>l</sup> of Ours; and that the said  
woman made answer it look'd bad as a Lieut<sup>l</sup>  
Col. of Ours had lately resign'd mentioning Col. Guernsey, this  
being spoke in company was not properly understood which gave  
rise to this examination of Col. Guernsey. Signed & sworn to before me  
this 11th day of Nov 1777. <sup>HD</sup> Thomas Paine

Camp near Philadelphia Nov 7. 1777

These may certify that the report circulated about camp that Lieutenant Colonel Guerny carried on a correspondence with the enemy is entirely without foundation -- I being directed by His Excellency General Washington to examin into the circumstances of the report was astonished to find it so wholly groundless so as not to leave the least trace for suspicion -- and this I declare upon my honor given under my Hand the day aforesaid.

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Rich'd Humpton  
Col. 11<sup>th</sup> Penn Reg.