

May 29<sup>th</sup> 1780

Sir,

*Resistance being vain, to prevent the Effusion of Blood, I make offers which never can be repeated.*

*You are now almost encompassed by a Corps, consisting of Artillery & Seven hundred L. Troops on horseback, half of which number are Cavalry & Earl Cornwallis is within a short march with nine Battalions of British.*

*I warn you of the Temerity of farther inimical Proceedings, especially when I hold out the following conditions, which are nearly the same as accepted by Charles Town.*

*But if any Person of any Denomination attempt to leave your army after this Flag is received, rest assured that be the fugitives of any rank or Dignity, they shall experience hostile treatment.*

*1st Art. All officers to be prisoners of war but admitted to Parole & allowed to return to their habitations till exchanged.*

*2d Art. All Continental Soldiers to go to Lamprie's point, or any neighbouring Post & Remain there Prisoners of War till exchanged. To be allowed Provisions as good as British soldiers.*

*3d Art. All Militia Soldiers to be permitted to Return to their habitations upon Parole.*

*4th Art. All Arms, Artillery, Ammunition, Stores, Provisions, Waggon, Horses, &c. to be faithfully delivered.*

*5th Art. All officers to be allowed their Private Baggage & horses & to have their Side Arms Returned.*

*I expect an answer to these propositions in half an hour; if they are accepted, you will order every Person under your command to Pile his arms in one hour: If you do not receive these Terms the Blood be upon Your head.*

*I have the Honour*

*to be*

*Sir with Proper Respect*

*Your most obdt. Servt.*

*Ban. Tarleton*

*Lt. Colo. Comm. Brit. Leg.*