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a new-raised raw undisciplined unprovided body of people make, when opposed to experienced veteran Troops, well provided with every ^{thing} necessary ~~thing~~ to live in it field, & commanded by ~~a General~~ Officers & a General who have acquired ^{it} knowledge & skill in it Art of war by long service, & by being engaged against it best troops in it world, excepting the British — Their Infatuation is beyond all example — God have mercy upon them, & open their eyes. —

Dec. 7. Their Army is now broken to pieces — Their General not to be found — so that General Howe ^{has been} obliged to send to it Governor of Connecticut about an exchange of prisoners — of ^{whom} ~~some~~ he has great N^os — They have likewise lost a very great part of their Cannon Tents & baggage — And yet the managers of the Game in ^{the} province ^{affect to} talk in it high style — Still push it draughting of every fourth man to relieve it Army who are every day

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running home — Sick lousy ragged & full of all manner of nastiness — — Nay General W — (who moves the Puppets — (or puppies) of this place) has the effrontery to give out that French fleet & army will be over early in the Spring — — But he has lyed so often & so barefacedly that his very tools & creatures begin to distrust & contemn him — A Fleet from France! — There will be one from it Moon as soon — — Strange stupidity to expect assistance from that quarter — For can it be that, that any European power who ^{has} colonies in America would lend a helping hand to form an independent State ^{here} so large an one, as it British Colonies would make, if all united — (10 years afterward) I find in it I was much out in my Guess —

Cocoa has been sold within these few days for 6. 10s. 6d. — I make this mem^o to know how much to call upon Cap^t. Paine for — who has taken upwards of 4400 — lbs of cocoa out of it Earl Percy & sold it