Lancaster 26th April 1781

Dear Sir

I received your favour of the 23rd inst with a paper, for which I am much obliged. Seventy-one Prussians of war arrived here last week and one hundred & fifty four this day. They are in the Barracks under a Subaltern and a guard of twenty four men. Several of them I intend to send to York, for they have been in our service and deserted. We will not be able to furnish meat for them - not even two-thirds of the allowance, - therefore would it not be well to give more Bread and less beef? This matter is worthy of your attention before you leave Philadelphia. Our town is now in distress for want of meats of all kinds. Mrs Allen and the Children are well. Your Servant was taken ill, the Doctor says with Jail-fever, but he will be removed to the Hospital in the Barracks.

I am with due respect Sir

Your Humble Servant

William Henry

To

Hon. William Allen