

*New Jersey Governor, 1776-1790 (William Livingston)*

**S E L E C T I O N S**

**FROM THE**

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**OF THE**

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which employment she has been before engaged at this place ; and the surgeon giving her a good character, I have thought proper to detain her here for that purpose.

If you have any objections, and will let me know, I will send her immediately to you.

I am, sir, with utmost respect, your most obedient, humble servant,

ISRAEL PUTNAM.

His excellency, Governor LIVINGSTON.

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*From Rev. A. McWhorter and Elisha Boudinot to Governor Livingston.*

Newark, April 26, 1777.

May it please your excellency:—The unhappy situation of this town, being so contiguous to the enemy, who threaten us daily with an invasion, renders it absolutely necessary that the militia of this place should be put on a more respectable footing, and officered with gentlemen whose tried fidelity in a time of distress entitles them to the confidence of their country. A number of the inhabitants have agreed to recommend as officers the persons mentioned in the enclosed petition to your excellency. And as some particular reasons render it absolutely necessary that no time should be lost in having proper officers appointed, we have sent Mr. Banks as an express. He is a person who is capable of giving a true representation of the state of the town, and who may be depended on. If your excel-

lency and the council should approve of the gentlemen recommended, we beg Mr. Banks may be dispatched with the commissions immediately.

We have the honor to be your excellency's most ob't and h'ble servants,

A. McWHORTER.  
ELISHA BOUDINOT.

Governor LIVINGSTON.

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*From Major Taylor to Governor Livingston.*

Cranbury, May 7, 1777.

May it please your Excellency :—By a letter received from Major-General Putnam, I was commanded immediately to apprehend Peter Overt, Mr. Lake and Francis Letts, living near Raritan river, in the county of Middlesex, and send them to your excellency. The general informed me that they have lately been trading with the enemies of our country with potatoes and some other articles. They carried on this trade by means of one Halfpenny, a very old man, and an inhabitant of the same part of the country with themselves. There have been many complaints brought against those men this winter past; but not sufficient evidence appearing, they have as yet been unpunished.

From your humble servant,

JOHN TAYLOR,

Commanding officer at Cranbury.

His excellency, WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, Esq.,

Governor of the State of New Jersey.