

Tench Tilghman to Samuel Shaw, September 11, 1782

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Dear Shaw

It appears clearly to me that the order forbidding the issue of Rum to Women does not extend to Mrs. Forbes - Granting provision at all, to Women who are followers of the Army, is altogether matter of courtesy - and therefore the commanding General may allow them just a Ration as he thinks proper - But Mrs. Forbes is a pensioner of Congress, and therefore, upon producing the Ration made in her favor - Genl. Knap, as Commandant, may direct the Contractor to commute her Rationed Rations of liquor - perhaps it would not be prudent to give them to her all in liquor - So much - seriously and officially
Now Friend Samuel - how comes it - that a Woman with an old decrepid Husband should be so advanced in pregnancy.

I am Yours affectly
T. Tilghman

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