Philadelphia July 3. 1776

JW

This afternoon Mr Philip Livingston of
New York told me that one of our Delegates at Burlington de
sired him to tell me that Mr Franklin was carried no further
then Hackensack and refused to go any further. I spoke to Mr Hancock of an minute, after who gave over the enclosed letter
to you and confessed great confusion that the Guard we sent
with him had not proceeded thoroughly to Gov. Trumbull
Possibly you may have already taken orders this militia
If not I hope it will be done immediately.

The congress this Day read your letter and ordered a batallion To march to Monmouth. I have also decided that the militia of three Counties of [?] intended and for part of Hopefully Camp [?] rendezvous at Brunswick and then accomp a militia

I am in your most debt humble servant John Witherspoon

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Description: John Witherspoon on William Franklin's arrest, Philadelphia