Howe, Estes, 1746-1825
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Account of a Belchertown physician; action in eastern New York, from Saratoga to White Plains.
Shaw & Doubleday’s Belchertown, p. 32
In PVMA, Wars. The Revolution 8E, 14-23 folder 8E-14.

Note: Howe’s journal is valuable as a medical record and for its insights into life among the
officers in the Continental army. It records outbreaks of smallpox and other diseases and various
forms of medical treatment – emetics, cathartics, etc. The journal was kept among other places
at Peekskill, Albany, Stillwater, Fort Edward, Fort Miller, West Point and White Plains.
Provides a first-hand account of the First Battle of Stillwater, and the surrender of Burgoyne at
Saratoga. Describes Indian atrocities, and army discipline, and the general discontent with
and others. Capt. Daniel Shays served in the same regiment. The journal concludes with
personal and military accounts and a description of the death of Capt. Nathaniel Dwight of
Belchertown on Mar. 22, 1784.