

26th 1776

Sir, We received yours of the 20th instant, by Friday's post & at the same time a Resolution of Congress for marching the militia of Baltimore, Harford Cecil and such other counties as we may think proper, we are making out requisitions for arms & trunks Prince George Kent and Queen Anne Counties, but how many they will turn out we know not and we fear however, not a great many. We intend that you shall have the whole command as they get up to camp in the neighbourhood thereof. We observe what you say about the arms and give you full power and authority to bring away all the arms left by our flying camp: provided you can get such as are good, we are sensible of the great use those arms may be to the State, and that no money can be equal to their value; but if only a small proportion of arms can be got and those but indifferent we are of opinion that you had better bring away none at all. We shall be much pleased to have a line from you now and then to give us all intelligence how affairs go on in the Jerseys. We shall advise you hereafter how the militia move forward. We concur with you in opinion about sending up a recruiting officer and shall apply to the General to name one he can depend upon.

To Brigadier General Johnson. We are Sir yours.

25th January 1777.

Sir, Enclosed we send you a copy of Resolves of Congress the militia of the counties in your Brigade to march immediately to reinforce General Washington. We pleased therefore to give the necessary General Johnson who takes the command is already arrived at Philadelphia with the militia of his Brigade on his way to the Jerseys. Should any Commission be wanting we should send them to you on hearing a list of the persons you recommend. Colonel Hamley and all his field officers have resigned others ought to be appointed for the eight Battalions. We earnestly request that no time may ~~be~~ lost in aiding the necessary service. Those who are destitute of arms will get them at Philadelphia. We intend to write parties early to Colonel Sorey Colonel Weems and Colonel Worthington of Anne Arundel County and to the Colonels of some of their counties viz Prince George's Kent and Queen Anne.

To Brigadier General Buchanan.

We are, Sir, yours. &c.

Sir, We received of the 22^d and are making out the necessary dispatches for calling for the militia in Baltimore Harford Cecil and Anne Arundel, Prince George's Kent and Queen Anne Counties. Expresses go off on this day.

General Smallwood has heretofore delivered in a List of delinquents to whom we have given warrants for recruiting