

blundered. Our loss is certainly very great - Dr. Pursh says that Genl-
Washington is abandoning Fort Lee

All is well at Ticonderoga. — I have this Evening
received an exact account of the Enemies Naval force on Lake
Champlain,

1 Ship	16 Guns
1 Snow	16 Do
1 Schooner	14 Do
1 Do	12 Do
1 Do	12 Do
1 Sloop	10 Do
1 Do	10 Do Bomb Vetchs.
1 Large floating Battery	24 — 10 Pounders.
20 Gondolas of 1 Gun each	12 & 10 pounders
15 Batteries for boarding	1 Gun in each 3 Pounders.

Manned with 10000 Men.

I have seen your opinion to our Commissioners that they should
proceed and enlist our Troops for three years. I am apprehensive you do
not see the spirit and object of Congress in its fullest extent. The Congress
will agree that Maryland may raise her Troops for three years, but have
declared, and now holds, our State bound to contribute her proportion
of the Expense attending the procuring of lands for the officers and
soldiers furnished by other States for the war. — We have proposed
and urged in Congress, that the Question as to the procuring lands
at the Expense of the United States, and our claim that the back
lands acquired from the Crown of G. B. in the present war should
be a common stock for the benefit of the United States, and sh-
ould remain open for the determination of some future Congress. We
have proposed that any State which may raise its Troops for
the war, and give a bounty in lieu of land sh-^d indemnify the
United States from any claim from their officers and soldiers
who receive an allowance in lieu of land, and that such State
should not be chargeable to the United States for any part of the
Expense attending the procuring of Lands for the officers and soldiers
of the other States who shall furnish troops for the war. Both
these propositions have been rejected. This Day a resolve passed,
that each State be at liberty to enlist for the war of three years,
what our Commissioners will do I know not, nor can I advise them.
— I am amazed at the obstinacy of Congress.

The paper for our money is shipped this day. Mr. Pace
arrived this morning, so that we are now represented, but if Mr.
Rumsey should go to Camp, we shall soon be without
a Representative. I am, Gentlemen, with Respect Regards
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