

each State, in this expectation I was delayed and disappointed for two days, by Mr. Jenifer mentioning that our Commissioners had your orders to proceed, by an obstinate perseverance the enclosed Resol-
-ne was obtained last Saturday; on Sunday, afternoon our Commissioners left this City. on yesterday the Commissioners from Congress, of which Mr. Peca is one, also set off for the Camp. much depends on their success.

The Reduction of Fort Washington and easy possession obtain-
-ed of Fort Lee has greatly encouraged General Howe, and probably indu-
-ced him to carry on the Campaign much longer than he would other-
-wise have done. There is great reason to believe his views extend to this City. On Sunday Evening General Mifflin arrived in this City, ^{under the} Command of General Washington in the Jerseys are about 6,000, of which the service of about 1500 expires on Sunday next. General Lee has about 11,000 effectives on the West side of North River of which the enlistment of about 3000 expires on the same day - The Enemy have about 24,000 effectives, they can spare about 16,000 and have a sufficient Garrison to maintain New York, Genl Howe has 6,000 in the Jerseys opposite to Newark. - In this State it is proposed to call out all the Militia of four Counties and this City immediately for six weeks. Chester, Bucks, Northampton and Philadelphia Counties are the nearest to the Jerseys, and it is also proposed to call out a Company of Volunteers from each Battalion in this State to enroll till 10th March next.

The Preservation of this State and the Jerseys, and, in great measure, the common Safety ^{will} depend on the success of this Acquisition.

New Jersey is also called on for aid, and Delaware is solici-
-ted, and if our State could afford any assistance in time, an application would also be made to her.

If the present Cloud should be happily dispersed, the new Levies will be the first object of your attention. We can neither prose-
-cute the War nor obtain honorable Terms of peace without an Army. The enlistment will be only for three years, on the bounty of 20 dol-
-lars, and the usual Clothing, or the 20 dollars in lieu thereof by the Resolves of Congress. I am informed that the recruiting officers are entitled to 10/- for each man enlisted and housed, and 10/- per week for provisions, till the Recruits arrive at some place where they can be furnished by the Continental Commissaries.

We have certain intelligence that a number of ships of the smallest Draught of water, sufficient to carry 10,000 Troops are now lying ready in the North River with fascines on their sides. The destination of this Fleet is uncertain, some conjecture to land a body of Troops at South Amboy, which is very probable, if this City is the object with Mr. Howe. others guess Virginia or South Carolina, the latter is the most suspicious, because if they succeed against

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