

Troops, nor have we, at any Time, had them so exact as is c. c. desirable, but we have Reason to believe our Quota has not been so deficient as that of most of the States. We have never had any Credit for the Men inlisted in our State by Pennsylvania or Delaware, for those of the Flying Camp stopped and inlisted in Philadelphia, there were more than a Regiment of the first and three hundred of the latter at least, for those of Count Pulaski's Legion inlisted in this State, of whom we never had a Return, they were more than 100. Major Lee also inlisted some Men in our State the latter Part of last Winter & in the Spring, we believe upwards of twenty, if none besides Count Pulaski's Recruits are discounted, they ought, according to the Resoluⁿ of Congress of Quer. too what is become of Col. Heartley's Reg^t a great Part of it was raised in this State. But those Facts we apprehend, when other States are eased of a Part of their Quota, ought to have influenced the easing this State of a Part of the eight Regiments and the Scarcity of Men and the Price of Labour strongly claim it in this State, however the Assembly are very desirous to strengthen the Army as much as they possibly can and our Inclination as well as our Duty concur with them. We inclose you a Resolution of the Assembly which we hope will occasion our Parts of the Rifle and German Battalions to be consolidated in one Reg^t; amongst the Officers of each there are Men of great Merit who have been too much neglected.

We are &^{ca}

Delegates in Congress.

[Council to Washington.]

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In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779

Sir.

We have the Honor to inclose you two Resolutions of the General Assembly passed Yesterday before their Adjournment and hope that our Parts of the Rifle and German Battalions may be incorporated without Inconvenience or Difficulty. The Merits and Services of many of the Officers, we have no Doubt will make any Instances of ours to place them in the same advantageous Situation as others, unnecessary. The Resolution of Congress on the Subject of recruiting the Army did not reach us 'til Tuesday Evening: the Assembly are desirous of strengthening the Army all they can and our Opinion coincides with theirs, that the most probable Measure for Success will be the distributing recruiting Parties, under proper Officers, through different Parts of the State; a good many Deserters may, by that Method, be certainly got and