

there are not more than enough for four Battalions. There are five of the Flying Camp, and two of the Regulars the German and Rifle companies will make the eighth, surely then you have not sent commissions enough. I should be obliged to you to send up a Copy also of the Resolves of Congress relative to the raising the eighty eight Battallions as we have not got it, and would be as little troublesome as possible to the Congress.

Four thousand of our Troops under General Putnam have crossed the North River to reinforce Gen^l Green who has six thousand under his command to prevent the Enemy's plundering the Jerseys or penetrating to this place and I suppose they will be followed by a more considerable Number if the Enemy pass that River.

Very little of the Transactions of Convention have transpired here. You are exceedingly concise on that head. You tell me they are still engaged about the constitution. I should naturally have concluded they were so, but pray what sort of a constitution have they framed? how far monarchical aristocratick or democratick, how far a mixture, how Balanced each power? It is a matter of great Importance to a Subject of a State that Power should be well and equally balanced.

I am, Sir,

If we stay here much longer the } Your most humble Serv^t
flying Camp will come near us } Benjamin Rumsey
or to us.

[B. Rumsey to Jenifer.]

C. S. C.

Philadelphia Nov. 13th 1776.

Sir.

A man who has contracted to furnish M^r Green on account of our State with fifty Reams of Paper called on me the other Day and informed me that they were ready, that M^r Green had directed him to send them down by water, but reflecting on the orders given by the members of Congress from our State not to hazard a former Quantity by water, he was apprehensive that he should do wrong to risk them now, a Thought which did not strike him, till after the Departure of M^r Greene, and that he would on notice send them by waggon.

I forgott in my two former dispatches to mention it but informed him he would receive a line from our State relative to it.

I am Sir,

Your most humble Servant.

100 Sail of Transports under }
sufficient Convoy have sailed }
from New York to the Southw^d }

Benjamin Rumsey.