

war was to be paid by each State, in this Expectation I was delayed and disappointed for two days, by Mr Jenifer's mentioning that our Commissioners had your orders to proceed, by an obstinate perseverance the enclosed Resolve was obtained last Saturday; on Sunday afternoon our Commissioners left this city, on yesterday the Commissioners from Congress, of which Mr Paca is one, also set off for the Camp. much depends on their success.

The Reduction of fort Washington and easy possession obtained of fort Lee has greatly encouraged General Howe, and probably induced him to carry on the Campaign much longer than he would otherwise have done. There is great reason to believe his views extend to this city. On Sunday evening General Mifflin arrived in this city. Our army 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 21,000 effectives. they can spare about 16,000 and leave a sufficient Garrison to maintain New York. Gen^l Howe has 6,000 in the Jerseys opposite to Newark. In this State it is proposed to call out all the Militia of four countys 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 Requisition.

New Jersey is also called on for aid, and Delaware is solicited, 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 prosecute the war nor obtain honorable Terms of peace without an Army. The inlistment will be only for three years, on the bounty of 20 dollars, and the annual 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 inlisted and passed, and 10/ per week for provisions, till the Recruits arrive to 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 10000 Troops are now lying ready in the North River with Fascines on their sides. The Destination of this Float is uncertain, some con-