

c. c. for the Army and exceedingly wanted for Use in the Country. It is our Idea that a Gen^t of understanding and Address, ought to be sent on this Business, and, from a Conversation with M^r Davidson, we are encouraged to think, your Affairs would permit you to undertake this Matter for the Public; if they will, we should be glad to see you soon to talk the Subject over and adjust a Plan. We are &^{ca}
To Cap^t James Campbell

Original.

[Benjamin Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir: I promised the Officers of our State passing thro' this Town to write to you on a subject that gives them much Concern. They have no Commissions and they say Government engaged to send them to this Place, and if they are taken without they will be treated as private soldiers. I could wish they might be satisfied.

Congress being informed to day by Gen^l Schuyler that 100 men of Col^o Richardson's men were now in this City have ordered them up to Camp, and given you a Power to detain 100 or as many out of any other men of any of the weaker Battallions in Maryland as are here of that Battallion.

An Act of Parliament has to day been received making it Felony for our men to fight on the ocean ag^t the King of Britain. I have not seen or heard it. Mr. Smith has, but does not remember it well enough to give a particular Acc^t

The Enemy are landing their Cannon &c. on Staten Island supposed to be for an Attack on this Town. This D^r Wether- spoon hath this day rec^d advice off.

I am afraid the 2000 arms will not be granted by a Lre. from Mr. Lee of the 20th Feby. from Bordeaux in his way to Paris. Burgoine with 10,000 Germans & 3000 British Troops are to attack Boston; How Philadelphia, Carlton the back settlements &c, yet we will take every favourable opportunity we can to procure them. This will be from Carlisle I imagine.

I need not apologise for the Delay of the Express. My Colleague and myself have done all we could to send him off sooner but the House have been 3 Days squabbling ab^t what might have been done in three minutes.

I am, Sir, your Excellency's most humble servant
May 1 Philad^a [1777] Benjamin Rumsey

Original.

[R. Morris to Gov. Johnson.]

Philad^a May 1st 1777

Dear Sir

I have seen with a good deal of Concern what appears to me an unfortunate dispute between your Excellency and Cap^t