

c. c. would do well to buy half a Dozen on the Account of the Continent at once. As to Carriage we have more Difficulty about it; The Expence of buying Waggon & Horses on the Uncertainty whether they may be useful or not, seems not to be justifiable and the Neighbourhood can ill supply Carriage on an Emergency. If a few Waggon, sufficient for the ordinary use of the Troops, could be hired, and to rely partly on what Teams could be collected, if it should be necessary to move; we think it would be cheapest and best. We think it essential that a good Commissary should be got, we can supply a good Deal of Biscuit and some salted Provisions, we think it likely the Troops would be best supplied by a clever, active Man having this Department to lay out the Money in purchasing, and having a Man or two to distribute the Provisions; if you know of any such, do mention him. We believe very little is in our Power as to Nails and Carpenter's Tools, but so far as we can, we will assist you. We think it will be best to keep Necessaries beforehand for the Supply of about 100 Men more than you may have, as those who join you may be immediately dressed and furnished. We do not think we can so far interfere as to take away the Servants purchased by the Officers of the 16 Battalions, but, as they have no Right to take them away, under the late Act, we are determined they shall not take People's Servants from them under Colour of it. Cap^t Coursey happened here, your Complaint of his enlisting Jⁿ Payne has been mentioned to him, he says he has not enlisted him, but on his Application, not knowing that he was enlisted in your Regiment, he mentioned him as an Officer for the Row Galley, but that he has never had his Service at all, that the Man is at home & that you may have him at any Time. We have spoke to Col^o Price about the two Recruits, he is just come to Town and says they were sent over by a Sergeant. We will enquire and if not delivered, inform us of the Reason. We fear you will not get the Arms from M^r Morris, they are carried to Philadelphia to repair and he is doubtful whether the Congress will suffer them to come away, if not, and Winters does not put his in Order, we must endeavour to arm you though we have barely sufficient and these will not be to your Satisfaction. We believe there is no Continental Muster Master in this State, if none, we will appoint some Body to muster the Men. Gen^l Smallwood is expected here in a few Days we intend to give him Memorandums from your Letter and get him to push at Philadelphia for Arms and to obtain what other Things we cannot supply with Convenience. The Preference given to the 16 Battalions, is mortifying to us, as well as to you. Jos^h Warfield, who is appointed a 2^d Lieu^t in your