

on the promising appearances our affairs have at present in c. s. c. the Jerseys, we hope the enemy will soon be driven entirely out of that State.

A second lieutenant of Col. Hall's Battalion has applied to us for an order on the Treasury for money: We think some of the field officers the most proper persons to give out money to, and our request is that money sufficient for recruiting each Battalion may be given out to the Col. or commanding officer of the Battalion where it has not been already done by the Commissioners. This will be attended with some trouble, and occasion frequent applications to Congress: we are therefore of opinion that the easiest and best method would be for the Honble Congress to supply the Board with the whole bounty-money for eight Battalions, not already delivered out to the commissioners or officers, and we will then distribute to the field officers and take the receipts and transmit them to Congress.

Should they not choose to deliver it out to us in that manner, then request the Bounty money may be given out, as first above mentioned, to the Colonel or commanding officer of each Battalion as they apply, & take their receipts for the same, and should be obliged to you and the other Gentlemen Delegates for this State to apply to congress from time to time as may be necessary.

We have been deliberating about calling the Assembly, and are not yet determined. We doubt the severity of the weather will make it exceedingly disagreeable crossing the Bay and attending the Assembly in the very dead of Winter, and therefore do not think of calling the two Houses together, unless the necessity should be more urgent, or the Delegates for Congress from this State from their knowledge of public affairs should recommend the calling them before the Day of their adjournment. Tis very little more than thirty days before the meeting of Assembly in course; were we to send expresses immediately they could not be called together sooner than the first of February; and if we have any better weather it will probably be about that time. We have wrote the several Committees of observation to encourage the new Levies all in their power, and where there are no Committees, to the Colonels and other chief militia officers. The post is not come in, we are waiting with impatience for a confirmation of the good news. We are, &c

To Samuel Chase Esquire.

[T. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Gent.

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In Col^o Beatty's Battalion commissions are wanting for Van Swearingen Jun^r as Captain, Frederick Stample first and