

c. s. c. here is 22/6. You mention to me that M<sup>r</sup> Hollingsworth would send 500 pair, he tells me in his letter that he has sent 1000, but I have not yet had the packages examined all Col<sup>o</sup> J. Johnson's Battalion that may be expected about 250 are here, part of Col<sup>o</sup> Beatty's about 160, part of Col<sup>o</sup> B. Johnson's, about 120, part of Col<sup>o</sup> Bruce's about 150, and Col. Stull's I do not know the number are also here the other parts may be soon expected, and the whole of them will from what I learn average about 250. Some of the Montgomery Militia I hear are on the way, what may be expected from Col<sup>o</sup> Smith's Battalion, or from Battalion Harford and Cecil I do not know, but suppose not much. A good many of the Cumberland Militia I hear are here and on their way and that the Philadelphia militia and part of the Cumberland militia now at Camp are coming away. It appears to me that a strong reinforcement is now not only desirable, but necessary to keep our officers in their late course. I am anxious to contribute all I can to it, and from all that I can collect am persuaded if the militia would now generally and vigorously exert themselves we should have a fair chance of ruining the British army in the Jerseys. But a very few of my Brigade are yet arrived though I hope to get Col<sup>o</sup> Beatty and J. Johnson away on Tuesday, the rest as fast as possible for many reasons. Some of the Pennsylvania Officers have as I expected inlisted a few of our Militia. Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates and Lord Sterling, both now here, have concurred with me in stopping it, where we have found the men we have taken them back. I mention this that some of our officers may be ordered forward without delay, to inlist such as are desirous of entering into the service. I enquired on my coming here for the Flying Camp arms and accoutrements. I find what were fit for use were sold, and the rest I am told are sent to be repaired. Seeing your Sentiments, I shall receive none as belonging to our State, but it was much my wish to have got what good arms I could into my hands as a part of ours and to have carried them home, for presuming the Congress are not sufficiently supplied to return arms at present, I thought about 2000 stand wou'd be better to us than almost any sum of money.

I am indeed sorry that the congress did not correspond with you on the Subject of their resolutions relative to our militia and have had my feelings on the occasion. I knew you had no authority to order the militia of Maryland to Pennsylvania or the Jerseys, and would expect your permission only, which I thought you gave when you ordered me to have the militia got in readiness to march on further order that not a moments time might be lost. I have with the best intentions acted myself and pushed others to do what I thought