

Such indeed has been the weakness of the Regiments this Campaign that we have been obliged to incorporate two and sometimes more Regiments together to form one Battalion in the Line. These temporary incorporations are however attended with too many Inconveniencies and are too disagreeable to Officers & Men to be Continued. Some means must therefore be found to remedy this by putting each Regiment on such a footing as may enable it to form a Battalion of itself

I would beg leave to observe to your Excell^y That the earlier and longer the time for which the Men are Enlisted the more service they will render the Country, it has always been the misfortune of our Army that from the advanced Season in which our Recruits have arrived they have been of very little Service: during the three next months is the proper time for raising Men for the service of next year and was a Rendevous appointed for the Recruits to assemble at, Officers might be sent from hence to receive and exercise them 'till the latter end of Feb^y when they might Join their Regiments and then with very little Instruction they would render more Service than double their number of raw Recruits

I have the honor to be with
greatest respect

Your Excellency's
most Obedient
and very humble Ser^t
Steuben
Maj: General

His Excellency Thomas Johnson

Saturday 25th September 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Welsh 1 p^r Shoes for the use of the Comp^y of Invalids in the City of Annapolis

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Barnes, four thousand four hundred and thirty four Pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence for the use of William Johnson per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Phil^a Sep^r 26th 1779

Sir.

Your Excellency will be informed by the enclosed Deposition of a number of Villains in the States of Maryland &