

of these, admitting they should contain a few then belonging to the State, can make no material difference with respect to the deficiency to be levied and the postponing the business on that account would interfere essentially with the views of Congress and indeed entirely defect them, as to the time assigned for the Recruits taking the Field, I would observe before I conclude that the present Return bears the fullest number of Men under every description that the State can have in her Seven Battallions and the other Corps, which it comprehends, and they would most probably be found, if an actual inspection could take place, to fall a good deal short of the Complement, as there is always a material difference between an Army on Paper and its real strength. A comparative view between the Total amount of an Army as borne upon every General Return and the Column of present fit for duty and the Absentees that can be satisfactorily accounted for demonstrates this beyond question.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect & esteem Yr Excellency's Most Obed^t Servant
G^o Washington

P. S. According to an Abstract Return obtained from the Muster Master General in October, The German Battalion amounted in the whole to 208 Men, out of which number the Inlistments of 66 expire before September. There will then be, supposing all the men alive, 142 engaged for the War, but I cannot determine what proportion of these belong to Maryland or Pennsylvania. In December there were 53 men of the late Rawlins's Corps at Pittsburg, but the terms of their inlistments are not known, nor can I say whether they are now in Service.

I have this minute received a State of the Pennsylvania part of the German Battalion, by which it appears that 116 of the 142 men inlisted for the War belong to her. Hence it seems that Maryland is only entitled to a credit of 26 in this Corps G. W.

List of American Officers Prisoners who have Violated their Paroles belonging to the State of Maryland

Rank & Names	County	State
Capt. Rich ^d Davis	Maryland
L ^t William Piles	d ^o
James Tool	Baltimore	d ^o
Jacob Carsdorph	d ^o

[Henry Lee Junr Ma. Com Md. Annapolis to Gov. Lee]

Sir I had the honour to address the delegates in Congress from the State of Maryland on the subject of supplys of cloathing &c for the Officers in the corps under my command, subjects of this State. They were pleased to communicate my application to your Excellency; I beg leave to request a decision. I must also trouble

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