

September 17 making the least Discrimination as to their age, Size, state of flesh or eye sight, Of a hundred sent to Philadelphia I saw Eighty odd sent out, to Pasture (on friday last to the Meadows near the City) and of above a hundred I have here, I fear there wont be twenty received, tho I have rejected above forty, and sent them back, what I am to do, with the remainder, am really at a loss for, which your Excellency & Honors will please to direct me in.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter, I have sent to some of the County Commissioners, by which you will see my opinion as fully as I can give it. Please to advise me as soon as Possible, whether I am to Vendue the Horses or what, as they have eaten all the Forage at the Post.

I have been at Philad^a and am inform'd that the charges against me are gone forward, to Your Excellency & Honors and I shou'd have attended immediately had not I been acquainted by the Treasury Board, that they expected my attendance on them, The first day of October, which I agreed to comply with, therefore entreat that your Excellency and Honors, may not call on me in that week, any time after shall attend with the greatest cheerfulness.

September 17 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to the Commissioners of the Several Counties]

Dear Sir Your favor I rec^d by M^r ————— and am sorry to inform you that I cannot receive the Horses, they being unfit for use. the Horses wanted for the Army are those of the first quality they must be young and stout, or they will not be received. If they should they will only deceive us, as our men have done, fifty of the New Regim^t are now in the Hospital and a number have Deserted. I am very unhappy in being obliged to return the Horses and more so to reflect on the Partiality of the Leuts and Commissioners to their respective Counties, to the Prejudice of this State and the United States, is it Possible to suppose, that such men and such Horses will be either able or willing to fight our battles (I answer it is not) and they are deceiving themselves and the United States that offer such Imposture. I am unhappy thus to Expostulate, but if these horses were bought, the man who bought them ought to have them thrown on his hands, if they are taken of the Nonjurers, they ought to be return'd and better horses taken or the Tax Continued. for 'tho I have the fullest sence of the hardships, those Gentleman lay under, and sincerely wish to see them relieved, yet am Confident it was not the intent of the Legislature, to relieve them, by taking off their hands a part of their worn out, and useless Stock, at a time they can only be consumers of Oats and Hay, to the States for the remaining part of the Campaign, and of little or no use afterwards.