

Unless those which are now required are filled up to the full establishment no effectual opposition can be made; nor can I pretend to be responsible for consequences without it.

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Nothing on my part shall be wanting to discharge the duties of my command as far as my abilities shall extend or the means put in my hands are competent to the end. But without support I see myself devoted to ruin and the Southern States to subjection. And I wish these that now seem at a distance from the scene of operations may not rest in the shadow of security untill the ravaging hand of war begins to spread desolation and horror within their jurisdictions. I flatter myself as well from the past conduct of the Legislature of this State, as from the assurances of the Committee of the two houses, who did me the honor of a conference this morning, that they are actuated by too just principles and [have] too clear a view of their own situation to need arguments to induce them to give all the aid in their power.

I do myself the honor to enclose your Excellency a request for some supplies which are absolutely necessary for the establishment of the Southern Army, and which I wish to be laid before the honorable the Senate and the House of Delegates; and doubt not their ready compliance. In this persuasion I shall proceed to the Army, having instructed General Gist to wait upon your Excellency and take your orders from time to time relative to the several matters contained in the requisition

[Requisition made by Gen. Greene to the State of Maryland]

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1st That the State complete their five Reg^{ts} of Infantry agreeable to the establishment made by Congress the 21st September as soon as possible.

2^{dly} That they cloath, arm and equip them fit for actual service. The arms will be replaced as soon as they can be forwarded from the Eastern States.

3^{dly} That they immediately furnish one hundred good road wagons, with four horses a waggoner and harness complete to each.

4^{thly} That the State immediately furnish sixty good dragoon horses for Major Lee's Legion. These horses must be of the best kind, or they will be unsuitable for the service they are intended.

5^{thly} That the State immediately raise twenty two men to serve in the corps of Artificers; of whom ten should be Carpenters six Blacksmiths, four Wheelwrights and two Harness makers.

6^{thly} That they furnish immediately One thousand pounds in Specie for the purpose of procuring intelligence.

7^{thly} That the State give every necessary aid to the D. Quarter Master for the State, in forwarding all Stores for the Southern Army on his application.