

Our Recruits march to morrow under care Cap<sup>n</sup> Praul about 45 August 3  
in number recruits & Deserters

[Jos<sup>a</sup> Beall, Lieut P<sup>s</sup> Gs. Cty, Bladensburgh to Govr Lee] August 3

S<sup>r</sup> The Classes have returned 23 men for the new Batt<sup>n</sup> and 17 for filling up the Old Ridgments, There are but two men now wanting to compleat the Quota of men for the New Battalion, I am in hopes they will yet be furnished by those two Classes which will save a deal of Trouble to my self & the people of the county, in Clasing & Drafting the Militia for two men, agreeable to the Act for Regulating the Militia, which I find by the Act I am to do, to supply that deficiency.

By the Act for Expediting the raising an Additional Battalion (which has rather tended to perplex & prolong the Busness) in the last Section of the Act are the following words " And all property belonging to any Exempted person in such Class, as doth not find a recruit, shall pay five pound of the fifteen in the hundred heretofore imposed by the above recited Original & supplementary Act " Some of the Exempted persons in some of the Clases, though the Militia has not yet been drafted refuses to pay more then 5  $\pi$  C<sup>t</sup> towards procuring a recruit for the new Battalion, which would make it fall heavy on the other persons who Compose such Clases.

Whether the law (as the militia has not yet been drafted) will support me in issuing Executions against the property of such persons for more than 5  $\pi$  C<sup>t</sup> Or whether I must proceed to Clasing & drafting the militia to fill up so small a deficiency, remains a doubt with me I must therefore be Your Excellencys and Hon<sup>rs</sup> direction therein

I have inclosed to Coll<sup>l</sup> Forrest the returns and inrollments of all the men that has been recruited in this County, chief of whome I Expect by this time is in Town

[Eph. Blaine C. G. of Purch<sup>s</sup>, Kings Ferry to Govr Sim Lee] August 3

Sir The Committee of Congress at Head Quarters having Called upon the States to furnish Supplies of Provisions for Our Army (during the Campaign) which is Increasing fast, and makes the daily Consumption of Provisions very Considerable, and will require every possible Exertion of the States to keep them supplied. Your State is requested to furnish for the Commissary Department, Two Thousand five hundred barrels of flour and one hundred forty three Thousand and Thirty five pounds of Beef Monthly, and thirty Thousand weight of Bacon for the Campaign. There is fourteen Brigades Assembled in this Neighbourhood, and recruits hourly Coming in, which with the followers of the Army, now Consume One hundred Barrels of flour and Sixty five head of Cattle