

manner heretofore adopted will leave us precisely in the same situation. On the whole my opinion is against a simple renewal. Viewing the subject therefore as of important consideration, and earnestly anxious for the completion of the drafts I advise the Governor as Commander in Chief to request the Adjutant General to wait on Major General Winder, and communicate with General Samuel Smith who is in Philadelphia in writing consulting with them on the measures to be pursued for the accomplishment of the act of Congress and a speedy compliance with the Requisition of the President. If in the execution of this duty, it should be found necessary for the Adjutant General to call on the inferior officers I advise the measure, and request that he will also endeavour to procure the Returns of the Militia generally and that he report to the Executive a full Statement of his Proceedings. I am well aware that the Executive and the Commander in Chief have no authority to demand the performance of this trust by the Adjutant General, but I flatter myself a conviction of the utility of the Measure and an earnest desire to promote the interest of his Country will induce him to comply cheerfully with the contemplated objects.

John Johnson

The Council being called on by the Governor for their opinions and answers in writing to certain Questions proposed by him. I as a Member of that Body proceed to a Statement of the Governor's requisition, and my Opinion and advice on the particular Subjects submitted.

The Governor submits to the Council the following Subjects and requests their answer in writing.

First Will the Council take further measures and if so of what kind to recover the Arms due to this State from the United States.

Second. Will they take other Measures than a simple renewal of the application heretofore made to the Officers for the completion of our Quota of the 80,000 men and if so of what kind and to whom directed.

Third Will the Council advise a reparation of the Arms that shall be collected under orders lately issued by the Commander in Chief and also of those now in the possession of the State, which on examination shall be found defective.

On the first Question some difficulty arises as to the Claim of the State to those Arms which are the subject of our present inquiry at least so far as the Documents in the Council Chamber enable us to form a judgment.

In the Year 1794 when the Opposition to the laws of the General Government