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Application would obtain them for your Battalion
and ~~we wish~~ we wish, for the 300 Militia. If they should be ordered, unless
Monday is on the Spot to receive and attend to them, they may be half
the Summer in getting down. We shall send you more Tents as we get
them, if you get better at Philadelphia, these may be returned. There is
Powder & Lead in the Magazine in Talbot, take thence, what may be
immediately necessary; perhaps you may get the Cartridges you want in
Philadelphia; we have but few Cartridges and those of uncertain Size.
We apprehend that £10. for Servants is to be discounted out of the Bounty
and first Months Pay; if a Servant enlisted dies within the Month,
this State ought to lose the 50% or what of it is not due from the
Continent. As to the Manner of drawing the Pay, we should have no
Objection to its being done here, if our Treasury could bear it, but it
really will not, unless the Congress will supply it. We do not know
how the Money is drawn where Troops are stationed without a Genl.
Officer to sign the Warrt. or the Colonels Abstract, but we imagine,
if an Abstract was made of the Pay now due there might, well enough,
be an Advance of another Months Pay, and at the End of two Months
an Abstract for that Time, the Money due to be drawn and an Advance
again of another Months Pay and so an Advance of a Month before hand
for the Supply of Provisions, Quarter Master's Acct. &c. We think it
would be well, if it cannot be done otherwise, to apply to Congress for
such a Resolution and if it is too prolix or complicated for their
Attention, to give you the Power of drawing on your Abstract from the
Treasury in Baltimore, or have Money lodged in our Treasury for the
Purpose. — We are very unwilling to remove the Officers appointed by the Assembly
from one Regiment to another, and have not, therefore appointed W. Hindman in
your Battalion. From Col. Stonis Letter we believe there is no Difficulty in drawing
the Pay for the Part of your Battalion now at Camp. As Things are circumstanced
it cannot be expected to have the Officers and Men now returned; we presume
the not settling their Accounts immediately, cannot subject you or them to any
Blame and if there should be any Loss, it will not light on you. We think it
very likely that you will have the Whole of your Battalion together soon,
and therefore we have declined adding any Pieces of the other Companies to
yours, which would be creating new Difficulties in your Accounts.

Col. Price's Adjutant returned without the Drummer, we request you'll
send him over, it is very disagreeable to have Contentions about such
Trifles and more so to have the same Thing before us over and over
again. Genl Smallwood is not yet come, we shall, if necessary, have
the Sense of the Assembly, on the old Troops.

William Richardson }

We are &c.