

will deduct greatly from their ardour and of course from the number to be obtained. Besides the inconveniences already stated, these Corps are hitherto but partially equipped, and in order that no means may be neglected of encouraging them to serve, I would recommend that Swords and Pistols for one hundred horsemen or as many as can be spared, be forwarded immediately to Baltimore directed to Brigadier General Smith who will command the Detachment from this State. This will destroy a ground of excuse which otherwise would be conclusive and will I think greatly strengthen our means of complying with the requisition.

The Gentle
Alexander Hamilton Esq.
Secretary Treasury

I am &c
Thos. Lee

Annapolis September 5th 1794.

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ulto. came to hand on Friday and we are sorry to observe the backwardness of the people in Cecil County to contribute their Services on an occasion pressing itself so forcibly on every friend to his Country; should it happen as you have suggested that the single men leave the County rather than march on this expedition the law must be put in force by procuring substitutes for them where they have sufficient property, or by imprisoning them twenty days upon their return where their property is insufficient.

There being a Captain and an Ensign required from your Regiment the men ought to be put under their care with orders to march immediately and join General Smith in Washington or Allegany County with all possible dispatch. We do not think your Idea is correct relative to the Light Infantry Companies to each Battalion. Each Battalion is to consist of five companies out of which one Company of Grenadiers or Light Infantry is to be taken, and consequently, each Regiment is to consist of ten companies and no more; you have therefore already received a sufficient number of commissions for your Regiment. The companies composing your Regiment we expect will be formed as