

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 Honble  
Alexander Hamilton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary Treasury

I am &c  
Thos. Lee

Annapolis September 5<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Sir

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> 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  
forceably 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