

Council Chamber October 21<sup>st</sup> 1794

Sir

In a letter dated at Cumberland the 10<sup>th</sup> September from Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle I am informed that the Men required from your Battalion by my General Orders issued on the 14<sup>th</sup> August have not been furnished.

As Colonel Carlisle has mentioned this Circumstance without making any comment, I can form no Idea of the reasons that have prevented your Draughts from going on, but I think it incumbent on me even at this late hour to direct that you collect the persons drawn from your Battalion for the Expedition and send them forward under the Conduct of the Officer who by the accompanying the before-mentioned Orders was to be furnished from your Corps and whom you will direct to proceed in the most direct and expeditious manner to Cumberland, applying to Brigadier General Bayly at Frederick Town for Arms and Blankets for his Party.

Major Robert Morgan

I am &c

Thos<sup>l</sup> Lee

Council Chamber October 25<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant. The Appointment of Colonel Cresap was made in conformity to the arrangement proposed in your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> August, and to which by the one you wrote me on the 14<sup>th</sup> September you appeared to adhere. If subsequent Circumstances have indicated a different arrangement, and Colonel Cresap and Major Ott can be satisfied with the reasons you assign for dispensing with their services, I have nothing to object to the measure. The Staff appointments you mention appear to have been made on proper grounds, and the raising a Company of Rifle men may be justified by its expediency, of which however I am not able immediately to form any Judgment.

I am happy to hear that your Commands will not be so deficient as you seemed to apprehend, and that you are likely to be at the scene of action as soon as our Neighbours. The accounts you have received from the Western Counties are as we ought to wish, but I am rather of opinion that these pacific appearances will not stop the March of the Force now in the Country. I have communicated your suggestion as to the probability of a Counter March from Cumberland to N<sup>o</sup> Gale, who will certainly receive timely notice from the General Government, if such a thing should take