

misunderstood the object of your letter, I shall hope to be informed of
it and shall with great readiness take any further measures you
may indicate, that seem likely to secure the accomplishment of your
views -

I am &c

The Hon^{ble}

Edmund Randolph Esq.

Secretary of State

Tho^s J. Lee

Council Chamber October 25th 1794.

Sir

I have received your letter dated the 21st Inst. I intimated
to you in mine of the 11th that the forming a body of Cavalry to act against
the Pennsylvania Insurgents had been prevented by a variety of
difficulties. The most striking of these was the impracticability of
applying the operation of Draughting to these Corps without entirely
breaking them up in future, since few persons would prefer a
service that subjected them to greater expence than others of the
militia, and the principle of Draughting necessarily comprehend
that of serving optionally either in person or by substitute, and
of course would oblige a person to do the first or procure both man
and horse. on this consideration I rejected the idea of raising Cavalry
by Draught. The offers of service were in general vague. Yours was
the most precise; which circumstance has occasioned your being
called on at present. The General orders of the 14 August as they
respected Cavalry were not understood or were not Generally attended
to, and I remained ignorant of the force of many Troops and more so with
regard to their disposition. The only offer of service besides that from
your Troop was from a few of the Annapolis Troop and that on the
condition of their serving under their own Captain, who finding
the Number too small for a command and supposing that your
Troop would likewise prefer serving under its own officers went no
further than to express his readiness to go if desired. The Baltimore
own Troops called as General Smith says for orders, which as I have already
said I did not think it proper to give - at this Crisis the disturbance
happened in Washington County and the call I then made on the