

Council Chamber October 30th 1794

Sir

I lose no time in replying to your letter of the 28th enclosing the one you have received from General Smith. I am not able to account for the General's having said nothing to me on this subject, except that possibly he was piqued at an accidental omission on my part to inform him of the orders I had given for the march of the Cavalry. His last letter to me is dated the 18th and contains not a word on that subject. nothing can be more proper than the conduct you have pursued in this Dilemma.

However disagreeable it is to me to disappoint the ardour of the Volunteers under your command, it is impossible, considering the General's observation respecting supplies, that I should hesitate to countermand the orders I had given for your proceeding westward. I shall therefore beg the favour of you to present my warmest acknowledgements to the officers and Soldiers of the several parties of Cavalry at Frederick Town for the patriotic alacrity which they have shewn. Please to assure them that I am sensible of the discouraging circumstances under which they have given their services and that I estimate their merit accordingly. after this communication, I request you to acquaint them that they are permitted to return to their respective Counties. I need hardly say that your Troop which under the disadvantages stated in your former letter has turned out so many Volunteers is entitled to a large share of praise and acknowledgement. My particular thanks and applause are due to yourself, for your whole conduct in this Business. Your Expence will be paid the sum mentioned in your letter.

Captain Roger Nelson

I am &c

Tho^s J. Lee

In Council November 6th 1794

Gentlemen

The late Embassy Extraordinary from the United States to the Court of Great Britain induced the Board, with the concurrence of the Agent of the Bank Stock, to submit the enclosed Communication and Request to the President.