

The commanding officer of the Regiment, or a Battalion, within the limits of which such an offence may be apprehended, is to assemble his Regiment, or such part thereof as he may deem necessary, and take such measures as he thinks requisite for the protection of the State, till the orders of the commanding officer of the Brigade shall be received: and it is made the duty of the Brigadier to give the necessary orders for such aid from his Brigade as he may think necessary.

You ought to require of the officers, within your Brigade, a very particular account of the invading force as well as of the Militia, under their command: and can then best judge, whether any what aid ought to be afforded to them, from other parts of your Brigade. The grade of the officers, to take the command of them must depend on the number of Militia called out, and in all cases care should be taken, not to have on duty, officers, for whom there is no command. As it is not probable that at any time there will be occasion for the service of a whole Brigade it will not be necessary for you to take the command in person. An attempt was made to give to the officers power to force the attendance of those called upon to perform Militia duty but was unsuccessful. You will therefore be governed by the provisions of the late Law, in any future Requisition. How far they may answer the purpose for which they were intended, experience only can decide. If however we exercise faithfully all the powers with which the rightful authority has thought proper to invest us, and yet should fail to give to our Shores and property the protection which is expected, we shall have the consolation in any state of things to know that the failure is owing to circumstances, beyond our controul.

With respect to arms and so forth we are sensible that a considerable part of your Brigade is very miserably supplied and we feel every desire to gratify their just demands. The Arsenal is now empty, and an ability to procure will very much depend upon the success of our attempt to borrow Money. So soon as a loan can be effected, we shall dispatch a skillful person to Philadelphia for the purpose of making purchases and upon the receipt of them will endeavour to furnish, such means of protection, as you will in all probability want. Cartridges and Swords, we shall endeavour to procure for the Cavalry. But to avoid any useless expence to the State we would suggest that the employment of any considerable portion of this force does not seem to be necessary in the kind of Warfare which is now waged against us. As a different idea seems to have been entertained in some places, we would mention that the draughted Militia, until called into service, in obedience to a Requisition of the General.