

we take it for granted will be moderate, therefore expect you will send them to work hauling Timber, whiskey or continental rum, may be furnished to the workmen at market price in the manner you mention. We wish you could hire some persons to bring the show down to us, we want her much, we know not what to say about the boats, not having recd. your letter by Hutchings - when we do we shall take due notice of it.

we are &c.

To Jesse Hollingsworth, Augth 16th 1776.

Sir. we received yours of the 15th and have seen what you wrote to the major Genl on the state of public affairs in consequence of a resolution of the Convention now we have given orders to all the Independent Companies & in number to march Col. Barrell Ball & Col. Ewing, and six or seven Companies on the Eastern Shore have like orders to march, so that with Griffiths Battalion, we shall have near 4,000 men with you in a short time. This exceeds our proportion for the flying Camp, but we are sending all we have that can be armed and equipped, and the people of New York, for whom we have great affection, can have no more than our all. - Inclosed you have a list of the several Battalions & Companies. we depend in case of Invasion on being supported powerfully by our neighbours in Pennsylvania, New York & the Jerseys, besides having part of our own troops sent back.

Our Convention met for the first time after the late elections on Wednesday the 15th A. S. in the Chair, most of their time since meeting has been taken up in controverted elections. D. A. - P. G. W. lower dist^{ts} in Fred^{ts} sett aside, the members have been all discharged upon the principle of their having broke thro' the Resolves of the late Convention with regard to the qualification of the voters. Charles was controverted or rather it appeared on the face of the return that they had adjourned the Polls to a different place than that appointed by the late Convention, it was not sett aside for that reason - the adjournment being made by consent of all the candidates and voters; - some other elections are talked of, but we know not whether there will be petitions. A. A. for one, in Kent County they began right and proceeded so sometime, till interrupted by a mob - the Judges broke up, and are ordered to finish the election according to the old plan of qualifications. We shall loose a valuable correspondent we fear when you leave Philadelphia, our wishes are that you should stay; but we submit to your determination and that of the Double Convention.

16th Augth 1776.

we are y^r most obed^t serv^{ts}

P. S. These Companies are not all full armed and equipped, but we hope soon to collect enough.

To Deputies in Congress.

Sir. By direction of the Convention you are to march your Company, as soon as they are ready to Philadelphia, where you will receive further orders. The service requires the utmost dispatch & we earnestly request you will exert yourself this occasion - we have wrote the Committee to supply

(you)