

The arms heretofore belonging to this State furnished the  
Flying Camp were kept in Philadelphia or that neigh-  
borhood by the Board of War, acting, we presume, under the  
Authority of Congress, a copy of their order we send enclosed,  
we know not whether the General Assembly will consider  
those arms, as our Property, we make no doubt all the  
Militia have been furnished them, - many have been lost, or  
changed for worse arms; Congress is responsible to us for the  
deficiency at least, and we apprehend it would be improper  
to give an absolute order for them, until the Point is settled,  
we think it for granted arms will be found you by order  
from the Board of War at Phil<sup>a</sup>, and then we request  
you to apply, - Congress have said in their Requisition, arms  
should be furnished - 500 Pair of Shoes we have sent forward  
to Jesse Hellingworth through the Stages, to be sold out to  
the soldiers at 12/6 under your directions, and we have sent by  
the Post the commissions you wrote for - we heartily wish  
you success in the military line since it seems to be your  
choice, and would gladly gratify you in every thing but we  
apprehend it may involve this State in a dispute about the  
Arms; should we give an absolute order, it would be an evidence  
against us, that we consider them, as our own, which we think  
at present would be a disadvantage to the State. -

(Scribble)