

~~Strength~~ may be given out, as first above mentioned, to the Colonel, or commanding officer of each Battalion, as they apply, and take their receipts for the same. — and should be obliged to you, and the other Gentlemen. Delegates for this State to apply to Congress from time to time, as may be necessary. —

We have been deliberating about calling the Assembly, and are not yet determined; — we doubt the severity of the weather will make it exceedingly disagreeable crossing the Bay, and attending the Assembly in the very dead of winter, and therefore do not think of calling the two Houses together, unless the necessity should be more urgent, or the Delegates for Congress from this State from their knowledge of public Affairs should recommend the calling them before the day of their adjournment.

It is very little more than thirty days before the meeting of the Assembly in course; — were we to send Expresses immediately, they could not be called together sooner than the first of February. — and if we have any frozen Weather, it will probably be about that Time. — We have wrote the several Committees of Observation to encourage the new recruits all in their Power, and when no Committees, to the Colo and other chief Militia Officers. — The Post is not come in, we are waiting with Impatience for a confirmation of the good news.

Jan 4th 1777.

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