

- C. B. That the Armourer deliver to William Niven 20lb sterl.
By the advice of the Council Pardon was granted to Samuel Henley Condemned at the last General Court for the Western shore for Felony, on Condition that he enlist himself into one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army

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[Washington to Secretary Peters.]

Head Quarters Fredericksburgh Nov^r 18th 1778

Sir

The Troops of the Convention, have advanced considerably towards the North River, they will be guarded to that place by the Militia of Connecticut and from thence to Delaware by an Escort of Continental Troops; As I cannot with any degree of convenience send the Continental Troops beyond Delaware, I am under the necessity of desiring the Board to make a requisition to the Executive Council of Pennsylvania to give orders to the County Lieutenants of Northampton, Berks, Lancaster and York, to hold four or five Hundred of the Militia of each of those Counties ready against they shall be called upon by Colonel Bland of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons, who is appointed by me to superintend the March of the Troops the whole way The Militia of each County to march to the extent of their own Bounds which will make the duty very light. Be pleased likewise to desire that the Waggon Masters of each of the above Counties may be ordered to assist the Quarter Masters who attend the Troops with Waggons sufficient to transport the Baggage I could wish that no time may be lost in giving the orders lest there should be some unnecessary delay on the Road at this advanced Season I shall be obliged to you for making the like requisition to Gov^r Johnson of Maryland for an Escort of Militia and supply of Waggons thro the County of Frederick in that State I will give Colonel Bland directions to call for the necessary Guards from Virginia after he has crossed the Patowmack

The Troops have hitherto come on in very good order and with great Expedition, and I hope they will continue so to do thro the whole way

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t servant

George Washington

To

Richard Peters Esq^r