

matter, deem it essential to the success of the measures in contemplation to be carried on against the Enemy, to call on the States for certain Aids of Militia, in addition to the requisitions for Men already made, and that they should be at places of rendezvous appointed by me, by the fifteenth day of next month. The aid requested, in this instance, of your State, is founded on a principle of apportionment common to all the States from New Hampshire to Maryland inclusive, (the others on account of their distance and the operations in the southern quarter not being nor called on) and is Stated as *Two thousand two hundred and five* Rank and File. This number of Militia *well armed*, and equipped in every other respect for the Field in the best manner circumstances will admit, under proper Officers, I wish to be at the Head of Elk at the time mentioned by the Committee, which appear to me a suitable place for their rendezvousing in the first instance, and from whence they will proceed, on my orders as occasion may require. It will also be material, on account of disciplining and organizing the men, as well as on account of public economy, that they should be formed into full Regiments. If this is not done, it will render our arrangements extremely difficult and irregular, and will add by greatly increasing the number of Officers, very considerably to the public expence. I would beg leave to observe, that I think the whole number of Militia requested from your State should be comprised in four Regiments. This additional aid will not, I trust, and earnestly intreat, impede in the smallest degree, the filling up the Regiments of the State, by draft, to their full Complement, as requested by the Hon<sup>bl</sup> the Committee in their letters of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. This is a point of such vast importance, so absolutely essential to give the least prospect of success to our operations, and indeed on which they depend, that I could not forbear mentioning it. If the Regiments are completed by drafts, it is possible our demands for Militia may be a good deal diminished, but this must be governed by Events, and therefore for objects so very interesting, so important as those are to which we at present look, we should provide whatever may be possibly requisite

I have the Honor to be With great Respect and Esteem Your Excellency's Most ob<sup>t</sup> and humble Serv<sup>t</sup> G<sup>o</sup> Washington

[Richard Dallam Harford County, to His Excellency  
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Sir I am just returned from York & Lancaster where I sold the flour Rye & Corn M<sup>t</sup> Baily sent to York & Wrights ferry, at York Town I found 75½ Bushels of Corn at Wrights Ferry 401½ Bush<sup>ls</sup> Corn 19 Bush<sup>ls</sup> of Rye & four Barrels of flour. there must be a very Considerable Loss in the Corn which was stored part in a Continental Store the floor of which, was so open then I could run my hand through the Joints, & the remainder in a house very insecure & from

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