

Brown Book of the Militia in at furthest by the last of July. But this you will
 No. 1 be pleased to observe is only my opinion upon the Subject. As the
 Committee of Cooperation are yet at Morris Town, some distance
 from hence, I have taken the liberty, to save time, of putting this
 letter under a flying Seal to them, and have desired them, if they
 coincide with me, to forward it to you, with their approbation of
 the measure.

It cannot yet be determined whether the whole or any of the
 Levies to compleat your Continental Battalions will be wanted to
 the Southward, perhaps circumstances may require that part of
 them should be sent to that quarter, and part come to this. It would
 be therefore most convenient to form them into two Corps for the
 present, under the care of such number of Officers as Major General
 Baron de Kalb will be able to spare from the Line. The number I am
 confident will be but few, as the Regiments were most of them very
 deficient of Subalterns when they marched from this Army. In-
 closed you will find a letter to the Baron upon the Subject.

I cannot help impressing upon you Gentlemen the indispen-
 sible necessity of filling and forwarding the additional Battalion in the
 time I have before mentioned, or of having the whole, or the
 greater part of the Militia required, ready for service, in case you see
 no probability of compleating the Battalion as twenty five hundred
 Militia from your State we by our Estimates, deemed essential to
 the cooperation you will easily perceive that so great a diminution
 of force, altho the composition will be better, must be attended with
 many inconveniences. The compleating your Continental Battal-
 ions is a matter of equal importance.

Give me leave Gentlemen, to present through you, my warmest
 acknowledgments to both your Houses for their ready attention
 to and compliance with the several requisitions, more especially
 of provisions, which I have lately been under the necessity of mak-
 ing from them: And from the tenor of the letter which I have now
 the honor of answering. I am confident that no means will be left
 untried to furnish the men in question, either upon a permanent
 establishment, or if that cannot be done in a reasonable time, for
 a temporary service

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect Gentlemen
 Your most ob^t and most h^{ble} Serv^t G^o Washington

June 29 [John Carlile, Capt.; Michael Gilbert, Capt.; John Hughes, Capt.;
 Red Book No. 27 Joseph Lewis, Lt; Camp New Jersey to Gov. Lee]
 Letter No. 26 Sir We did ourselves the Honor of addressing your Excellency
 some time last winter on the Subject of our necessities. We were
 induced to believe that our grievances would soon be redressed
 from a Resolve of your Assembly which passed soon after enabling
 you to afford us the same supplies as were allowed the troops serv-