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Joseph B. Esquire

Richardson & Company

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I received your Excellency favour of the 19th instant ~~sent~~ late last Evening, and have in consequence thereof directed, the three Companies of Militia ordered on the 11th instant, and commanded on the 13th to Rendezvous at this place on the 26th instant, and March for Newfound in Bucks-County.

From the general refractory spirit of the Militia - I have reason to expect considerable trouble before I get them off, owing to the want of Nap-sacks, blankets, Arms & Accoutrements, of which Articles, we are entirely destitute.

Council will please to take notice, that a few weeks from now will complete, the tour of the Guards stationed here. - Some of the Counties I am informed are considerably in arrears (Lancaster County having furnished seven Companies since last November) - As Council is best acquainted with the Details of the Militia - I must beg, should my information be well founded, they would order Relief from such place, as they shall think proper - The Distresses, occasioned by the frequent Call in this County is indeed alarming - The scarcity of Money & small Demand for produce, oblige us to Levy & sell for the fines incurred, by many people (well affected) whose situation would by no means allow them to turn out when thereto required. - And what is more alarming is the disposing of goods, for less than a tenth part of its value (people being in general prejudiced

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against buying goods seized by virtue of the Statute law) to that goods to the value of a hundred pounds must be sold to pay eight or ten pounds, - and so in proportion. -

If Council can possibly avoid calling on us for more Statute, for some time to come, it will not only put a stop to the present great Murmuring, but give general satisfaction. -

I am Sir with the greatest respect
Your Obedt. Servant. -

Asm. H. B. L. C. L.