

14th July 1746 To
Colonel Adam Buxby
Lieutenant of the County
of Lancaster

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Sir

I receive your favour of the
10th. of June & am in business & believe I shall
always be glad to serve you in every thing in my
Power - in the present case of the Rifle Men you ap-
pointed out would have been very pleasing to some of the Officers
to the Council generally but we were hindered in a
great measure by the Nature of the Application
in what Gen. Washington assigns the Companies of
at the same time mentioned a Major Lane as the
Person he expected would command the Corps. He was
accordingly sent for ^{upon in the letter above} ~~commanded~~ of if Money could
be procured to recruit it is now so far advanced
in his hands that it would be not only impossible
with Respect to Gen. Washington but ~~indeed~~ ^{impracticable}
practicable on other Accounts to make any Alteration

Col. Miller of the Genl. from Lancaster seem to
be of Opinion that the Officers of Lancaster would

very well to all the Persons by which
Means much Expense of different Guards &c. might
be saved. We wrote a few Lines to Col. Wood Thompson
what we requested him to show you as the Messenger
could not wait for this Letter. Would you be so good
to inform that it was practicable if proper I should be glad
you would write accordingly to Mr. Wood of York Town
that he may govern himself accordingly. Intending to
send all the British Convention Persons to that Place
we would have to provide for them both Guards of Honour
but if our Post will do we would prefer it to two.
Be pleased to consult ~~the~~ Judge John Thompson his
Opinion could be very much assist. In any case
I would wish you to inform Mr. Wood that he has to
depend upon —
Some weeks the above your Letter
of the 8th Inst. came to hand by which I found that
you have 100 Men for the Lancaster Guard of 120 for
detached as Guards to York of Parliament. — Would the Persons

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would — But will it be necessary to keep 250 Men as a Guard
at Lancaster? if it is possible to open it at this time?
I think it would be a great Relief to the Country. We shall
make no Alteration without Col. Wood's of your Opinion
With Respect to the Pay of the Company?
Of course we have had no Difficulty here. — The Iron Breasts
mean the Difference between Continental Pay of Militia
Pay of was adapted to the Circumstances of the Paper Money
when (except year 50) Paper it was necessary to make an
Addition, this was the Price of daily Labour which was termed
a Bounty — but this has now ceased of the Officers respect
to receive the same Pay in hard Money as the Continental
Officers are entitled to. There is no Officer who could not be
entitled to more than 3/6 of pay so that there can be no differ
now for the Iron Breasts to operate upon — The Officers this
will also answer your Question what Pay an Officer &
then entitled to — as the Reply will be as to Officers
the same Pay as in the Service of the United States. Private

3/8 of Day.

Your Construction of the Militia Law
with regard to the Right of Privileges is just & agreeable
to consider the Rights of War of the Continental
Troops on all ways, deemed the Order of Government. They
they are in Continental Service as at present. On
Exercise of their Duty, or State Duty the Law is different
With respect to the Power of the Court to order a Court
Martial of delinquents in the presence. It has been used
for the discharge of a Detachment to demand Credits for
that but in all Cases of a Genl. Court Martial the
Proceedings have been sent to me for Approbation or
in my Absence to Genl. Polk or Genl. Leary. —

From the State of your Cavalry we
apprehend that Part of the Law is eluded which directs
every Horseman to be properly equipped or liable to be
sent for and serving in the Field — as here in Bucks
County ^{had a fighting in the Matter} ~~County cannot be sent to the Field~~ which at once
put the Troop in a desperate Condition. We would wish

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you to attend particularly to that Section of
the Law which is already a subject of Complaint
that these light Horsemen as they call themselves only
take a Ride unequipped, take round the Battalions of
then go home which they call doing duty of employing
with the Law. — As to a Volunteer Corps of Cavalry we
apprehend as the Law stands it is not practicable, but
it is probable that if a Detachment of Genl. would as
in the City equip themselves completely, after ready
to turn out at any Time without Respect to Press
of Duty to that the Legislature would indulge them.
As to Cavalry Equipments we have none of which Money
on Credit to procure them only the Militia Fund
could help us. We hope by this Time Genl. Polk has
made up his Accounts of Transfers to give the
State of his Proceedings — You know that you expect
difficultly with Respect to Loans for these Troops, the

are going to banking which leads us to ask whether
every time the Malika go out they expect to be
supplied with new skins - if they do it is the most
extraordinary Establishment in the World - if they do
not there must be some of the ^{the} European Malika of
Cumberland whom they are going to relieve - I would
ask you to write up to Mr. Mather of the
the Secretariat of Cumberland upon this subject
if the public supplies the skins they ought to be
left when the time of duty is finished. It is much
to be lamented that we are not on the same footing
in this respect as many of the states where every
Man buys his own Gun & accustoms of it
kind of he does not. —

With respect to the Gun Magazine Office
we apprehend it lays wholly with the Board of
War to appoint of pay. I am persuaded that we

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you should perform the duties without proper compensation
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