

To Col. Barn. H. Ly. Secretary of
Lancaster County

Sir

I duly received your favor
of the 6th Inst. The Council have this day considered
the Proposition of calling the Two Militia of Lancaster
to relieve the present Militia Guard on the Division
The Reasons you give for it have a good deal of
Weight & especially at the Scarcity of the Year - but
we are apprehensive that if the Militia should
be called to serve on the Frontiers, or with the
Main Army it would be the Occasion of great
Injury or Aids of the Difference of the Service -
At present therefore Council have concluded to continue
the Term or Rotation but have not made any Resolu-
tion thereupon until we shall hear from you
again. It is not in our Power to send any
more Arms from hence as we have within the Province
no Arms to procure them. We have from Expulsion of

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a Supply from Europe if they should arrive
I shall send we will pay a proper Attention to
the Safety of Lancaster. We are glad to find
you have so happily surmounted the Difficulties
with the Service of Drapery between the Militia
of the Light Horse in which we cannot think
the latter must to them: We should be sorry
that Difficulties should arise between them but
while the Militia are in the Discharge of their
Duty they must of course be supported. And we wish
as should the Officers of the Cavalry will give you
all reasonable Aid on such Occasions.

We have laid the Delinquencies of the
Militia Taxes before the House of Assembly for
their Consideration of course as they have determined
will let you know in the mean Time as think
at best to defer Collection except from such as

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are willing to pay or State Money of 75. - Your Will
Respect to drawing Candles &c. for the Guards there
have been always supplied by the Continental ^{Army} ~~Company~~
at this of the Service to the Militia who on Con-
-tentual Duty are entitled to them or that General

Your Observations with Respect to the Militia
I am an "unhappy" too find of the Lord is general
about all the ~~Draps~~, but as Money will probably
hereafter have a more decided Value we hope these
Difficulties will cease of them of better Character takes
the Collection. - There is a Committee now preparing
a Supplement to the Militia Law I shall communicate
you to them I hope they will make some
Provision for the Arrears you complain of.

Mr Patten will do well to hear the Guards
you mention regard of it will be a proper Charge
to be paid out of the Militia Taxes. - I am de-
Your Obedt Servant
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