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Sir

Acceptable to the late Act for recruiting the
Pennsylvania Line, passed the twenty first day of June
last. Herewith transmit to your Excellency a Tran-
script of the Men raised in our County in the whole as yet
but thirty and two Men whereof are supposed to be British
Quarters, but daily expect more to join, the Men appointed
by us near appeared more Active to raise Men for their
Classes, Numbers of the Men who Guard Burgoyne's Troops
would have also engaged, if the Commanding Officer had per-
mitted them

Yesterday the Township Officers
went with us to Col^o Thomas Hartley's State Mill, in
this Place, to make a speech, and explain the Laws
to all Persons, who have attended the Court of
General Quarter Sessions, & to encourage the raising
of these Men, and to make the Inhabitants more
Active. Numbers attended Court, who seemed to
approve of Col^o Hartley's Speech & Encouragement

The Harvest hath also been the Occasion
which hath prevented the Clashes of not furnishing
more recruits. And the Township Officers are
to meet and bring in their Returns the twentieth
day of this Instant, at which time, we hope to
have a number of Men more if they are to be
had, and the Evil that also attends is - that hard
money, has not yet circulated much in our County
those who have most thereof are the Disaffected
who will not lend any for that purpose, could
we be furnished with some, we might have a
better Opportunity of recruiting more Men
the Excuse which is often made is - if you
will pay me immediately I will engage -
by that means many of them escapes our
hands, if money could be furnished it could
in a short time be replaced - We

We have also obtained two receipts at our last meeting
for two more Men in the former Classes, the latter
had neglected to give us Information and were forced
by us, which made them comply to their duty

We are your Excellencies obedient
and very humble servants

Philip Ashbrook
John Simpkins
William Adams

To his Excellency the President