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Such indeed has been the weakness of the Regiments this Campaign that we have been obliged to incorporate two and sometimes more Regiments together to form one Battalion in the Line, These temporary incorporations are however attended with too many Inconveniences and are too disagreeable to Officers to allow to be continued: Some means must therefore be found to remedy this by putting each Regiment on such a footing as may enable it to form a Battalion of itself

I would beg leave to observe to your Excellency that the earlier and longer the time for which the Men are Enlisted the more Service they will render the Country — it has always been the Misfortune of our Army that from the advanced Season in which our ~~troops~~ Recruits have arrived they have been of very little Service during the three first Months in the Spring for raising Men for the Service of next Year and were a Rendezvous appointed for the Recruits to assemble at, Officers might be sent from hence to receive and exercise them till the latter end of Feby when they may