

19 Philadelphia June 1st 1779

We have the Honour to acknowledge your Excellency's Favour by this Post & in Answer thereto to advise that the Review of the last Recommendation was that Congress had appointed a Committee, in conjunction with the General, to use their best Endeavour to reduce the Number of regimental commissary Officers - that Regulation took Place in May 1778 - after which the Matter it was proposed would receive their Orders concerning the Regulation adopted in May 1778 - A Paper having a short Passage from Providence brings an Account of the British being defeated near Charles Town, with the Loss of thirteen hundred killed & taken - we sincerely wish it may be true, but at present it wants Confirmation - We have exerted ourselves to get as many Arms sent to our State as we could, but fear the Number will fall far short of what you may expect & want - tho' we flatter ourselves that you will not be under the disagreeable Necessity of wanting them - In Compliance with your Request we applied to the General, who has sent down Brigadier Gist to take Command of our Militia, instead of his ^{Successor} ~~Successor~~ to us - We have the Honour to be with the most perfect Respect Y^r Excellency's

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