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Sir,

Mr. William Jones a Young Gentleman of my acquaintance, has expressed a Desire of entering into the Continental Service, and solicited me for a Letter of Recommendation to your Excellency. — I have, in Conjunction with Col. Hayward and Waters, taken the Liberty to address you on the Subject; as we have Reason to believe from Mr. Jones's Experience that he would be more proper to take Charge of a Company, than an officer perhaps unacquainted with Military duty; and should your Excellency think proper, I am of Opinion he might be a proper officer to command the Draughts from this County. There does not appear to be a Probability of Recruiting an Quota of Troops for this County. A grievable to your Instructions to deliver the Recruits to any continental Officer, I have offered them to Capt Winder of Colo Stone's Regiment, but as they had not been Recruited for that Reg.t, refused to Receive them. I recd. Instructions from the Hon.ble Mr Lee to turn them over to a Continental Recruiting officer, but there is not one in this, nor Worcester County. We have Recruited about fifty in this County; they will be equip'd and ready to march to Camp by the last of this Week — You will please to direct me how I am to dispose of them. I am with Respect for your excellency's most Humble Sert.

George Dashiell

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