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Head of Elk 18th Decr 1776

Honoured Sirs

having just returnd from Philada am informd by Coll Rumsey of your order to hold the Battallion in readyness to march, which I doubt not will be obeyd with chearfullness, (so far as in our power) the want of Armes is the only deficiency that at present appears, which I fear cannot be supplyd but from your Citty, as I met a number of the Melitia going to Philada all without Armes. Coll Rumsey and myself yesterday examined some Chests of Armes said to belong to the Virginia State but found them old and most out of repaire, wor[illegible] time at present to repair them, as orders are expected immediately for marching, in which case, at the request of Coll Rumsey & in behalfe of the Battallion, I am imboldend to solicite that armes be forwarded, unless there be a certainty of getting good ones at Philada or some hold forward, as it will animate the Battallion much to be assured of good Armes, I doubt not of your nesessary Credentials to some person forward with authority to enable us to obtain Tents and every other nesessary for the Battallion, and am with much Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt Humble Servt

H Hollingsworth

To The Honourable the
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