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Cha: County July the 5th 1777.

Sir

I did not receive your's of the 16th of May until the middle of June. Since then I have called my Battn together twice, and altho' I have endeavoured all that lay in power to have the Companies required by your Excellency to be raised, am sorry to inform you that forty six Men were all that could be prevailed on to enroll themselves. I have inclosed a list of the officers of my Battn equable to order & have recommended others to fill up vacancys where there are any, but could not procure an act of the number of tolerable arms as the Battn was not more than half full at either of the meetings

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I am Sir

your most obd.
humble Servt.

L Lankston