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Head Quarters Ramapaugh 27th June 1780

Gentlemen

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I was last Evening honored with yours of the 22d Jnst containing propositions of both Houses for substituting a compleat additional Battalion enlisted for the War, in lieu of the aid of Militia required by the Committee of Cooperation in conjunction with me. The reasons urged by you, in support of this alteration, are weighty, and such as, all circumstances considered, I think are sufficient to induce an acceptance of your offer, provided you can be upon a certainty of filling and marching the Battalion to the ~~Place~~ place of rendezvous by or near the time fixed upon for the junction of the Militia — or at farthest by the last of July. But this you will be pleased to observe is only my opinion upon the subject. As the Committee of Cooperation are yet at Morris Town, some distance from hence, I have taken the liberty, to save time, of putting this letter under a flying seal to them, and have desired them, if they coincide with me, to forward it to you, with their approbation of the measure.

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It cannot yet be determined whether the whole or any of the Levies to compleat your Continental Battalions will be wanted to the Southward — perhaps circumstances may require that part of them should be sent to that quarter, and part