have much time to have some person, in or near Frederick Town, empowered to communicate on the Subject with Colo. Thomas Parker, of the eighth United States Regiment, to whose charge this business is committed, and who will be either at Frederick town, or with his Regiment at Harper's Ferry. —

Altho' it was my determination, when I accepted the Command of the Army, not to take charge of any military operations, unless the Troops should be called into the Field; yet, on the present occasion, I am urged to give some instructions for providing Winter Quarters for three Regiments which are to be stationed at or near Harper's Ferry, as much delay, and consequently injury to the service at this advanced season, would arise from waiting for communications from Genl. Hamilton, at the distance he is from that part of the Country. — It is therefore owing to this cause that I address your Excellency on this Subject.

With great Respect,
I have the Honor to be
Your Excellency's
most obedt. Servt.
G. Washington

His Excellency
Governor Ogle