Inclosed is a Return of Deserters specifying their Names Country & place of Abode I will not presume to dictate to your Excellcy what Steps might be pursued to bring such Incorrigibles as the Law to exemplary Punishment but if they are suffered to remain at Home the example will have a most pernicious Effect on the rest of the Militia — perhaps it would be advisable to issue your Proclamation offering a Reward to those who may apprehend them but I doubt whether such a Measure will have the desired Effect if the Co.ty Lieut.s were directed to select a Guard from their Militia of such Persons on whom they could depend to march in pursuit of absent the Place of their Residence, perhaps it would be the most effectual way of getting them back & certain return of persuaded that they may be sent forward under a strong & trusty Guard to my Post for legal trial — I am firm upon the subject that such will prove a most powerful following their Example

you will observe by Col. Johnson's Return what Muskets are wanting he has just received intelligence of another Detachment of his Regt. being on their March — this Remount will want Arms Blankets &c. a number of Blankets are also wanting among the Troops already here

Lord Dunmore