Sir, Charles County Febr 26th 1781.

Yesterday I received a letter from Baron Steuben inclosing a Copy of one from Genl Green to him, Copies of which you have inclosed, these I have thought necessary to transmit, that you might see the expediency of ordering the most speedy and vigorous Exertions to be adopted in raising and forwarding the Troops to be levied in this State to fill our Quota —

The matter has now become serious and alarming — the Carolina's if not subjugated are over Run — our stores and resources in that Quarter much exhausted indeed 'ere this probably in the Enemy's possession and unless Virginia & Maryland emerge from their Lethargy & try the most strenuous Efforts to ~~endeavour~~ to check the Progress of the Enemy the War must be brought into our Bowells immediately — you will therefore see the necessity of anticipating this event by ordering the men to be raised and forwarded with all possible dispatch —

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You will observe General Green's letter without Date or place the Baron supposes him at Charlotte, but I shou'd rather think him further on his Retreat and Cornwallis advanced at