Sir

Balt.r 23d Aug.t 1794 —

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I am Honor'd with yours of Yesterday and am happy that the Arrangement I propos'd, has generally met your Excellency's Approbation, Col.l Benson is a good Officer; I hope the field Officers will principally be Selected from those who have seen Service; It will tend to preserve the men from Maladies to which all young Soldiers are subjected from the want of knowing how to take care of themselves; Permit me to Observe that the final Choice ought not one Moment to be deferred; for it certainly will be inconvenient for any man to leave home at a few days notice —

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Inclos'd I Send a Return of the Officers and Men of my Brigade, Agreeably to your Excellency's Orders, by which you will see that I have taken the Liberty to Appoint the proper Number of Officers for the Detachment

The 5th Regiment furnish Volunteers, the Others have Drafted, I hope the whole will be ready against the time Appointed,