Baltimore 21st Sept.r 1794

Sir

I am Honoured with yours of the 18th Inst. In consequence of a Letter I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury 1000 pair of Shoes are sent forward from Philadelphia for the use of the Maryland Detachment together with Entelling & Its Apparatus I believe that Quantity may serve for a little time for It Appears to me that I shall not at most have above 1500 men Assemble at Frederick Town & many of those will Desert or Remain behind for want of Cloathes. I send you Inclos'd Copy of a Return of my Brigade sent by Major [illegible] after his first days March by which you will Observe a Deficiency of 48 men. This deficiency in my humble Opinion is not Owing to an unwillingness of the men, but in some Instances to sickness in others to I know not what perhaps want of Order — I have Inform'd each Col.o with the deficiency and requested that he would Immediatly Compliat his Quota. It will be with the Council to Order for by the Original Order Issuing to the Lieu.t Colonels the Brigadiers were left mere Cyphers — Gen.l Ridgely is gone to the Races at Hagers Town and as I am Inform'd has Appointed no

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