~~Sir~~ 13 Frederick 1st Octr 1794

The situation of the Men under My Command becomes daily more & more distressing In Colo Bensons Regiment there were yesterday 238 Men for duty & 63 sick, from the great Change of Air from Extreme Heat to being so cold as to require Fire, I fear the Number of sick will be much Increas'd, for the Great proportion of that Regiment are almost destitute of Warm Clothing, and many Destitute of any except a Shirt & Trowsers; I may prevail on them to go to Williamsport (altho they Hourly Desert) but it would be an Act of Cruel Barbarity to Attempt to force Men who have Willingly Off'd their Services to March further in the Situation they now are, Everything that Men can do has been done by the Officers, the Men are paid as well as the time would admit, Those from the Western Shore are not in a much better Condition as to Cloths.

The Number fit for duty under Major Watkins is 198 the sick 18, Major Speers Battalion is something better Cloth'd & has fewer sick, He was to March at 6 O'Clock this Morning & waits now for one Wagon which

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