

Ridgfield Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1779

Sir.

~~I am just~~

Agreeable to your Excellency's Dire<sup>c</sup>tions the dismounted  
Dragoons of our Reg<sup>t</sup>. have joined us at this place  
some time ago. We have been anxiously waiting  
for Arms, which we expected to have drawn near  
H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> - Disappointed in this an order was given  
to obtain them from the Magazine at Litchfield.  
An officer was sent to receive them, but finding  
none at that place proceeded on to Springfield, & is final  
ly returning without any. I am extremely anxious to  
have the men properly armed, for which purpose ~~the Of~~  
~~ficer~~ <sup>^</sup> Capt. Edgar who will Comm<sup>d</sup> them goes with <sup>^</sup> this letter to H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup>  
to receive your Excellency's further directions~

Since it is probable we may always have a ~~num~~  
part of the Reg<sup>t</sup>. acting on foot, I Conclude there can be  
no objections <sup>^</sup> to our filling up the Reg<sup>t</sup>. As soon as pos  
sible. Tho' the Infantry have had recruiting orders the  
last winter, we have rec<sup>d</sup> none, I conclude on acc<sup>t</sup> of  
the difficulty attending the purchase as well ass support  
of horses. There are some inducements to engage in  
[p 2]

a Corps of horse, in the Eyes of most People, which the  
Infantry have not. The Officers & men who have just  
come in from the Country, dismounted, inform me that  
during the late draught of men to serve in the In  
fantry, more than 100 men might have been easily  
engaged in this Reg<sup>t</sup>. during the war. I have men  
tioned the matter to Gen.<sup>l</sup> Howe who thinks it worth  
attending to immediately. If your Excellency should  
be of the same opinion we would attend to the matter  
~~immediately~~ after receiving the proper instructions.

I am &c

B. T.

(Copy)

[Right Margin]

Copy of a Letter to Gen.<sup>l</sup>

Washington Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1779

Benjamin Tallmadge Collection, Series 1, Folder 7, Item 3  
Tallmadge, Benjamin to Washington, George 1779 Aug 11

Preferred Citation: Benjamin Tallmadge collection, 1933-19-0, Litchfield Historical Society, Helga J. Ingraham Memorial Library, P.O. Box 385, 7 South Street, Litchfield, Connecticut, 06759.

Transcribed by Nadine Riggs  
Edited by Linda Hocking