

Ridgfield Aug^t. 11th, 1779

Sir.

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Agreeable to your Excellency's Dire^ctions the dismounted Dragoons of our Reg^t. have joined us at this place some time ago. We have been anxiously waiting for Arms, which we expected to have drawn near H^d Q^{rs} - 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 finally returning without any. I am extremely anxious to have the men properly armed, for which purpose ~~the Of~~ ~~ficer~~ [^] Capt. Edgar who will Comm^d them goes with [^] this letter to H^d Q^{rs} to receive your Excellency's further directions~

Since it is probable we may always have a ~~num~~ part of the Reg^t. acting on foot, I Conclude there can be no objections [^] to our filling up the Reg^t. As soon as possible. Tho' the Infantry have had recruiting orders the last winter, we have rec^d none, I conclude on acc^t 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 Infantry, more than 100 men might have been easily engaged in this Reg^t. during the war. I have mentioned the matter to Gen.^l 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.

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