

at Danbury in Connecticut - We are informed that some Regiments marched this Day. and it is expected that several others will begin their march on Monday next -

Upon every Occasion, we shall heartily cooperate with you in support of the great Cause we are engaged in

I am &c

J. Bowdoin Pres<sup>t</sup>

Council Chamber Dec<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir Your Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant was rec<sup>d</sup> by the President of the Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant and was immediately communicated to the Assembly, besides providing for the Intlistment of Schuyler our Quota of the new Army - the Assembly have passed an Act for a Raising a fourth Part of the Militia at home to march as soon as possible to recruit the Army & be in Service for three Months from their March, before the Expiration of which Time it is expected that our said Quota will be raised. The fourth Part of the Militia of the County of Berkshire and the one half of the fourth Part of the Militia of County of Hampshire are ordered to march immediately to Albany there to follow your Orders and I hope they will be on the Spot by the Time your Orders reach that Place

Gen<sup>l</sup> Schuyler.

I am &c  
Pres<sup>t</sup>

Council Chamber Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir This State agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress Letter to Jn<sup>o</sup> Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> have some time since taken measures for raising their Quota of the Continental Army. It appears by a Resolution passed by Congress the 16<sup>th</sup> of September last. that the Monies to be given for Bounties is to be paid by the Paymaster in the

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Department where the Soldier shall enlist, a Number of Men have enlisted into the Service & the Officers are at a Loss of whom they are to receive the Twenty Dollars Bounty for the Men, General Ward, informs us that the Paymaster has not as yet received any Orders to pay this Bounty Money & if he had, he has no Money to pay it, neither has the General received any Orders to draw upon the Paymaster for this Purpose, as it is of the last Importance to raise these Men for y<sup>e</sup> Continental Army, without the least Delay, we submit it to the Consideration of Congress, whether it will not be absolutely necessary to give Orders for this Purpose immediately & to furnish the Paymaster with a Sum Sufficient to pay the Bounties aforesaid

While the General Court were contemplating upon Measures for raising our Quota of the New Army, General Washington in Consequence of the Advice of a Council of War requesting that this State would as soon as possible send him a Reinforcement of four Thousand Men from our Militia to supply the Place of those who were about returning home to continue in the Service till the first of March next, by which time he hoped the new Army would be levied & this Requisition from General Washington was soon after seconded by General Lee who signified that a greater Number would be necessary, in Compliance with these Requisitions, this State have ordered one Quarter Part of the able bodied Men in the Militia at home to march to reinforce the Army near New York, In the midst of our executing this Business. We have been called upon by

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by the Governor <sup>Book</sup> of Rhode Island to afford Assistance to that State to defend them against the Enemy's Fleet & Army arrived in that State they consist of above one Hundred Sail of Ships and as Governor Book writes with not more than Seven nor less than five Thousand Troops They have got Possession of the Island of Rhode Island & it is probable are meditating an Impression into the Country - We have therefore ordered the One Quarter Part of the Militia of the County of Barnstable (which were destined for New York) to march to Providence and have also ordered the whole of the Militia of the Counties of Plymouth & Bristol together with one Regiment from the County of Suffolk and Two Regiments from the County of Worcester to march to the same Place for their Relief and Assistance, this will naturally lessen & impede the Reinforcement designed for the Army near New York, We have also in consequence of a Letter from Gen<sup>l</sup> Schuyler ordered the One Quarter Part of the Militia of the County of Berkshire & half the Quarter Part of the Militia of the County of Hampshire both of which was destined for Army near New York to march to Albany there to follow the Orders of General Schuyler - Notwithstanding these several urgent Calls the General Court are fully impressed with the Necessity of raising a new Army and are determined vigorously to exert themselves in accomplishing this all important Measure - This State

This State in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress  
have appointed Nathaniel Appleton Esq<sup>r</sup> Comissioner  
of the Loan Office thro they have little or no Expec-  
tation of his borrowing any Money upon the Terms  
prescribed by Congress -

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Boston Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir  
The Council have received your Favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
& agreeable to your Request have given Orders to the Com-  
missary General of this State to supply Mr<sup>r</sup> Josiah Draper Letter to  
with Two hundred & fifty Pick axes, Two hundred & Gov<sup>r</sup> Cooke  
fifty Iron Shovells, Fifty narrow Axes, and Twenty Iron  
Bars for the Use of the Troops in your States, They are  
charged to the State of Rhode Island. We heartily wish  
that they may be so employed as if possible to drive  
the Enemy from your State

In the Name &

J. Bordoin Pres<sup>t</sup>

Boston Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir  
The Board have rec<sup>d</sup> your Letter of 18<sup>th</sup> Instant  
& the Intrenching Tools are sent forward, and I am dire- Letter to  
ted by the Council to inform you that it is their Opinion Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln  
that it is of the greatest Importance to the united States  
of America that you should immediately proceed with  
the Troops destined to reinforce the army near New  
York