

Dover Aug^r 18th 1779

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To the Hon^{ble} the Committee of Safety at Exeter

Gentlemen though a vast Deal of
Trouble & Expence of time ^{I have got} Nine men ready to march
to Join the Continental Army ~~inlisted~~ ^{inlisted} for one year only ~~two~~
~~except~~ ^{one} during the War for Dover and Madbury & I Now
Send L^{ut}. Samuel Staggole to be informed how the men
are to be sent whether with any Continental Officer or
without or whether they are to have their packs Carried in
a wagon or not, & whether they are to be marched off im-
mediately or to wait for more to go with them, the
other towns in this Regiment are about procuring
their proportion as fast as possible they say it has not
been in their power to get them before, I have done every
thing in my power to procure them but their opposi-
tion create an indifferency in the towns in ge^l. I think about
the Matter tho they pretend to be very good but I am
In hope that we shall have them in a little time Now I shall
Make return soon to the Hon^{ble} Committee of safety & more
especially of those ~~not~~ ready to March by L^{ut}. Staggole

Gentlemen most Obed^t Servant

Step^r Evans

P.S. I should be very glad to have the best proportion
of the towns in my Regiment out of the Sec^y office & the
addition to the Statute act in regard to drafting men when
it impowers one field Officer to Issue Warrants for that
purpose

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Letter from Col^o Swam
to the Com^{tee} 18 Aug^r 1779

To

The Hon^{ble} M^r Ward Esq^r.
Of the Hon^{ble} Com^{tee} at Lancaster

att: the forwarding
papers to the Com^{tee}.
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