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Head quarters, June 12. 1780

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Gentlemen,

I have received information which though not official, I deem authentic, that some of the States have taken up the measure of augmenting their battalions by a draft on a less extensive footing than was used in your circular letter of the 25 May. Though I wish to pay in every instance implicit deference to the determination of the respective States, I think it my duty in the present crisis, and more to be desired with freedom, that I conceive the measure of filling our battalions to their full complement fundamental to a cooperation on a large scale. — That any thing short of this will infallibly compel us to confine ourselves to a mere defensive plan, except as to some little partial and decisive enterprises against some points, and will of course disappoint the expectations of our allies and protract the War. The force which has been stated as necessary, is as small as can give us any prospect of a decisive effort. If it is not furnished, we must renounce every hope of this kind. It remains with the States to avoid the consequences. I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect and esteem,

Gentlemen,

The committee of Cooperation

Your most obed. Serv^t
G^o. Washington.

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Letter from Gen. Washington to
the Committee of co-operation.

12 June 1780.

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