

Honour'd Sir Dover July 21: 1780

In answer to your letter by Express the last Evening. in regard to making any exact returns of the Men Proportioned to be my Quota to send forward to the army to fill up the Continental army & the Militia is not in my power at this time; I have taken all the pains & used every Method in my power to get the Men raised & marched but there is too much backwardness in both Men & Officers - The Commisary & Officers tells me from day to day that they have got their Men but that it is not in their power to raise the Money they demand of them for their pay before they go this is the Complaint from many towns & some of them say that they will never go to Kingsdown to be Mustred that they ought to be Mustred in their own Regt. but I am in great hopes that these difficulties will be removed & that by the first of next week I shall be able to get the greater part of the men marched & to make returns it is not in my power. Now I have done no other business but have spent I may say every moment of my time in the service ever since I had my first orders & have executed my orders as far as has been in my power & am still pursuing to have ^{them} completed I have sent through the Regt. ~~this afternoon~~ this morning in consequence of your last Night as to the Officers to go with the Militia that has agreed to go & that I expect will March as they have the orders for that purpose is for the Captain Timothy Emerson Lieut. Joseph Penkhurst & Ensign John Gage. if anything should happen that Gage should not go but he has engaged that ~~he~~ ^{he} will not sail going the first of next week. I should in case he should sail recommend one Mr James Burnham for the Ensign that has marched with Major Warhouth but in no other case than Gages Neglecting as he is a standing Officer in the Regt. & experienced - & the return of the Soldiers will be forwarded with the greatest dispatch possible

Yr most Obedient & Humble servant

Step: Evans Esq

To Mr Col. M. Mearns Deput.

N. one Lieut. omitted above in the List of Officers is Lieut. Tho: Hays to complete the Com

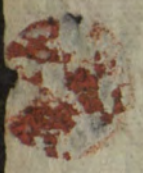
Colt Evans
21 July 1750

in Publick Service

To

The Hon^{ble} M. Beard Esq^r

President of the Committee for the
State of New Hampshire New
Hampshire at Exeter



Letter from Col. Stephen
Beard, abt raising men.
July 21, 1750.