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New-Hampshire Village Jan. 6th 1781⁽¹²⁾

S^r
Lieutenant How, the Bearer, is appointed recruiting officer for the 1st New-Hampshire Regiment agreeably to the late Resolution of Congress for the new Arrangement of the army. By which, he is to remain in the state to enlist and receive recruits for the regiment. I beg leave to direct him to you for Advice & Directions relative to the mode of subsisting himself and Party which will consist of a Drum & Rifle and several Serjts. as likewise to receive the Orders of the State, which may be enacted for the completion of their quota. Lt. How is an officer of real merit, and I am persuaded that he will be emulous to do his duty with propriety, and punctuality, with respect to the State as well as the Regiment. But as his duty will necessarily require his presence in different parts of the State, I presume that he will be unable to discharge the trust reposed in him without a horse. I therefore request that he may be furnish'd with a public horse by the State, that his usefulness in the recruiting service may be as extensive as possible.

I presume that the strength of our Line taken some time since came to hand seasonably. But I must beg leave to mention

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that it has suffered some diminution since
tho' perhaps less than any other line. a waste of
men, ^{even} in the most inactive campaign is unavoi-
dable. When the Regiments were organiz'd on the
new establishment the first Inst. they amounted to
an average of about 190 M^d & File. 30 Serjts and
nearly the complement of music. amounting in
the whole to 60 Serjts 380 Rank & File. The quota
assign'd to the State is 90 Serjts 1224 M^d & F
we therefore want 30 Serjts & 844 Rank & File.
By advice from the Commander in Chief several
of the other States have order'd a number of men
more to be rais'd than appear'd to be wanting
to complete by the Returns made to them, making
allowance for the deaths or desertions of their Troops
in the field as well as of their recruits previous
to their joining. I could wish that the Honble
the Council & the assembly of the State would in
their wisdom think proper to levy a number
considerably larger than are wanting at present.
Several years experience evince that the full
quota originally order'd to be rais'd have never
join'd the army. In the above abstract of our
Troops I have taken the men for the war only
into calculation. As we have had very few of
the three Years men remaining, and those will
be almost to a man discharg'd before the arrival
of any recruits. In duty to the State as well
as the Line, I have made the above representation.

The Honble
Messrs Weare.

I have the Honor to be with
every sentiment of respect
Yr. Most Obed^t & very Humble
Serv^t
Alex^r Scamwell.

From Col. Hamma
of Genl. A.
Paid Feb 10th 1781

The Honble
Messrs Weare Esqrs
Treasr of the State
New-Hampshire
By Lt. How.

Letter from Col. Allen
Newmarket.
Jan. 6. 1781.