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Dear Sir

Your's of yesterday was this morning delivered to me by Capt. Fairlie. I shall order Col. Fleming, who was to halt at Holt's Forge, to join you with the men under his Command, amounting to 510 Rank & File; I shall take every step in my Power to establish a Communication between us as pointed out. The enclosed is a Return of all the Troops collected in this Part of the Country, (Col. Fleming's excepted), & many of these about two hundred want arms, nor is there a Prospect of their getting them. The exposed Situation of Gloucester, whence the greater Part of Col. Nelson's Regiment has been drawn, has rendered it necessary to discharge nearly one half of the men included in the Return of that Regiment.

I am, dear Sir,
Your mo: Obed.t & very noble Serv.t

Major Gen.l Baron Steuben

Tho.s Nelson Jr. B.G.

