The United States have now from 5 to 600 regular troops at Plattsburgh, Rome, Canandaigua &c, where those arsenals are, and yet those recruits are now and must be for weeks to Come unarmed and unequipped in every respect although within musket Shot of arsenals. The recruits at Plattsburgh are within 50 miles of two tribes of Canadian Indians. In case of an attack upon the Frontiers that portion of the United States army would be as inefficient and ~~as~~ unable to defend the inhabitants or themselves even as [illegible]

The Melitia Detachments on the Western Frontiers received the news of war with Cheerfulness and determined courage; and I am happy to find they are united like brothers, highly improved in Discipline & ready to devote themselves to any Service or danger which the good of the Country may require. But they are in barracks from which they Cannot move a days march for the want of tents and other Equipage, and they are in Seperate and Independent Detach-ments without a General Officer to command them or Combine their exertions for the accomplishment of any desirable and important object

The only officer of the United States here