

taken to that point proceed and accomplish the object & return home in two months--amongst the reasons which makes it necessary to employ a large force, I am sorry to mention the dismay, and disinclination, to the service which appears to prevail in the western country. Numbers must give that confidence, which ought to be produced by conscious valour & intrepidity, which never existed in any army in a superior degree than amongst the greater part of the militia which were with me throughout the winter--The new drafts from this state are entirely of another character, and are not to be depended upon--I have no doubt however but a sufficient number of good men can be procured, and should they be allowed to serve on horse back Kentucky would furnish some Regiments that would be not inferior to those that fought at the River Raisin and they were in my opinion superior to any militia that ever took the field in modern times--Eight troops of cavalry have been formed in Kentucky to offer me their service and several of them were intended for 12 months volunteers. Govn. Shelby has some thoughts of taking the field in person; a number of good men will follow him--He thinks that an address from me to the people of the State would produce a good effect--I have strong objections to those addresses but will nevertheless have recourse to one, should other means fail of bringing forward a sufficient force.

Every exertion shall in the mean time be used to forward the recruiting service--for a few weeks I think that my services would be more useful in that than in any other employment.