COPY OF THIS LETTER WRITTEN BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. This letter was written 174 1/2 years ago.

Head Quarters near York 3rd November 1781

Sir

Col. Moylan's Regiment of Cavalry assigned to the State of Pennsylvania, being ordered to join the Southern Army under the command of Major General Greene, many of the men are reported to me unfit to move for want of horses, arms, accoutrements and cloathing. It being of importance to have these troops fit for the service to which they are destined, I have permitted Col. Moylan to return to Phila. to use his endeavors to have them put upon a better establishment and I take this occasion by him to request that the legislature of your state will give him every assistance that he may require for the purpose mentioned -- and that as early as possible.

Permit me to add this it appears impolitic and uneconomical, to have men raised at great expense, and kept on public pay, who for want proper equipment are unable to render at any service, when called to that field. With respect -- I am

Sir

Your most obedient servant

G. Washington

The President of the States of Pennsylvania