

every man to do his duty, and I can think better than I do know the Cause is likely to burst.

I have drilled the first Company of Rifles of our own Land, at the request of the Officers Capt. Frost - Lieut. M. Rob & ensign Follis. And I really cannot say too much in favor of both Officers & Men, as to willingness to be instructed. However I would beg leave to suggest for your Superior's knowledge and consideration, and for the speedy advancement of the Volunteer Companies that the dress be dispensed with in the mean time, even till after they get their arms. In 1812 we went with our own working clothes for the first two months after being embodied in the Garrison of Fort George and many of us all winter, in our summer dress as the enemy had taken our clothing coming up the Lake in the autumn of that year.

The Company alluded to are fine young men Farmers Sons, and Mechanics, Still, the greatest difficulty to be overcome appears to be the clothing in so short a time. I verily believe if the arms were here, and the men allowed to drill with them a day now & then, the Company would be fitted up in a very short time. I have agreed to drill them free of any charge, for it would be a pity not to keep up the excitement when they are in the spirit of enlisting, for they are the Company most likely to come to maturity in a short time.

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