

sorry for it but hopes before ten days is past we shall make a better appearance.

This will be delivered you by Captain Williams who can personally tell you the situation of the troops here more to your Satisfaction than I can by letter, to whom the further intelligence shall refer. The Discriptive list of Bladen and Cumberland I returned to Col. Davis & expects it will cause me a ride to his house, for which is about 45 miles. You'll see by the return that a Great part of the Men Never Joined.

Your Most Obt. Servt.

(*State Records* Vol. XIII, Pages 472-73.)

I am Colo. Withe respect

ROBERT RAIFORD, Capt.

GENL. ALEX LILLINGTON TO GOV. R. CASWELL

(From Executive Letter Book)

South Carolina, Boundary January 10th, 1780.

Please Your Excellency.

Sir:

After many difficulties, I have got what Troops have come up over the line on the 6th Instant, which are on their march for Charles Town. Agreeably to your Excellency's orders I have enclosed a general return of the Men, and shall esteem it a favor done me if your Excellency will at any time be pleased to let me hear from you. You will see, Sir, by the return how backward the cols have been in turning out their Men and providing for them. The Duplin men have at this time neither Cart, pot or any other necessary for marching.

I am, Sir, your Excellency's Mo. ob. Servt.

ALEX LILLINGTON.

(Walter Clark, *State Records of North Carolina*, Vol. XV, Page 317.)

COL. JAMES KENAN TO GOVERNOR CASWELL

(From Executive Letter Book)

Duplin, March 19th, 1780.

DEAR SIR:

I received your favor of the 16th Inst. It gives me real pleasure to find that my taking the Command of the Militia to South Carolina meets your Excellency's apposition, and be assured, Sir, I shall do everything belonging to my duty that can be expected from an undisciplined officer. I am exceedingly happy to find that I am commanded by General Caswell, whose abilities will do honor to the officers and men under his command.

I have sent a wagon for the muskets, Bayonets, &c., according to your