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[E. Gaither to Council.]

Gentⁿ

Elk Ridge 21 Jany. 1776

Whereas the Hon. the Convention has thought Proper to appoint me a field Officer to the Elk Ridge Batalion, I therefore apprehend the Nomination of the Capt. is with the Hon. the Council of Safety ; I am requested by my Company to beg leave to recommend Mr. Elisha Riggs, their Capt. if it should be thought Necessary to appoint one ;—he is the first Lief^t of the Company. I can assure you Gent^t he is much the Properest Person in my Opinion, and from the begining of our unhappy disputes discovered a disposition which does Honour to him as an American. They also beg leave to recommend M^r John Marriott, their first Lief^t, Mr. Joseph Walker Jun^r their Second Lief^t, and Mr. Aquilla [Ra]ndall Jun^r their Ensign—these Gentl. are officers

Company.

I am, Gentl. y^r mo ob^d Hble. Serv^tEdw^d Gaither Jun^r

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[Stricker to Council.]

Frederick Town 21 Jan^y 1776.

Gentlemen. I am informed that my Company of light Infantry are to arm^d with Rifles shall therefore esteem your giving directions to some person to contract for the same they being to be had here, the Gunsmiths have offered to furnish the Company with the same in a few weeks, nothing retards me now but the want of arms and recruiting cash I have recruited 21 select men in two days and make no doubt of compleating my Company in ten more. please to send by the Bearer M^r Benjⁿ Ford or any one of my Lieutenants the recruiting cash, imagine shall want about £250.

I am with respect Gentⁿ your most ob^t H^l Ser^t

George Stricker

N. B. If a person is directed to contract for rifles it will be necessary also to contract for Bullet pouches and powder horns.

Sir. None of the Council of Safety being in Town & understanding this Ltr. came from Capt. Stricker reques^s a sum of money by Mr. B. Foard for enlisting his Men, have taken the Liberty to open it & must request you to give M^r Benjamin Foard an Order on the Treasurer for one Hundred & Twenty pounds for this Purpose. I am Sir, y^r Hbl. Ser^t

24 Jany 1776

W. Smallwood

To Mr. Gabriel Duval, Clerk of the Council of Safety