

[Purviance to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore Feb: 17th 1776.

Gentlemen. In pursuance of your orders to mount the Cannon fit for use at this place, We have engaged a number of Workmen in making wheels & Carriages for the purpose, it being the general opinion of all who have a knowledge of such matters that it is best to mount them as Field Peices, which purpose the guns now here will be very suitable for as they are all light, say, 2, 3 and 4 pounders to the amo^t of 20 Pieces besides 6 of 9 Pd^s & 2 of 12 Pd^s belonging to Cap^t Stone We had the whole of the guns examined by M^r Geo. Mathews who has pronounced them good. The Comm^{ce} have directed me to apply to you for orders to provide a parcel of Shot suitable to the guns. M^r Dan^l Hughes is very anxious to have some person appointed to go to Antitem to prove the guns which his brother has cast. I apprehend Cap^t Fulford is the best qualified to do it of any person here, it may be of consequence how soon it is done, as those if they stand Proof, might be speedily got down here, We have ab 50 hands at work on a battery since tuesday at Whetstone, and near 200 more employed in providing timber, Logs, Smiths work &c for the Boom. I hope we shall have part of our Battery ready to mount some guns before the end of next week, M^r Alexander writes me that M^r Morris had promised our delegates part of some Powder w^h was arrived at Philad^a & which they w^d immediately forward to this Town.

I am with much respect Gentlemen

Your most h^{ble} Serv^t Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

[Veazey and Thompson to Council.]

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Cecil County 17th Feby. 1776

Gent^{rs}

We are told you purpose raising at the Request of the Congress a Second Battalion in this Province, Should that be the case, we beg leave to recommend M^r John Ward, son of John Ward Sen^r to your notice as an officer in the Battalion, we think him well Quallified for that Purpose, he is a young man of very respectable Parents of an Exceeding good Character is well attached to the Cause, and has behaved himself well as an officer in the Militia. We are

Gentlemen, your very obedient Ser^{ts}

John Veazey Jun^r

Jno. D. Thompson