

approved of by your Honnours. The troops as they arrive to be provided with waggons at Elk to carry the baggage &c to Xteen, whare shallops are provided or if not there at Newport or Wilmington, whare at furthest our waggons are to be relieved, whare there is Baracks provided for a Battalion and whare I have by the advice and recommendation of Brigade Gen^l M^cKinley appointed M^r Jonathan Rumford to provid provisions, shallops and Waggons as occation may require to forward them to Chester, whare there is good well finish'd empty Baracks for a thowsand men, and whare by the General's recommendation I apply'd to David Copeland to provide provisions, open the Barracks &c &c, so that by this method of proceeding the Troops will make the march from Elk to Philadelphia in three days (one day of 18 and two of 15 miles) and may have good Baracks and fresh provisions at each stage, by which means the tents and three forths the baggage may go by the shallops, as also the sick or ailing, and in some cases when there is room a company or two may go. In this Gentlemen I have far sirpassed my orders. Cap^t Alin Thomas was with me who highly approv'd the mode of proceeding. By him I acquainted the Honourable members of Congress for this province, as this method appears to me most comfortable to the troops, the cheapest and liable to the least delay, I flattar myselfe of your Honnours, and their Approbation. As these things are attended with considerable expence for which (with some arms I am compleating here for Cap^t Alexander's Company) I have advanced freely. I submit it whither some person being appointed in this county to pay the several expenses, may not be conduceve to the service and am

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P. S. My accounts should have come down, but have been too much hurried to make them out. 2. P. S. The 200 large Barrels will be a work of some time, how much I cannot say, as we have not been able to suckseed to my wish yet, and the call for Muskets bb^{ls} has been so great that I could not spare any hands from them, have now engaged a sett of Hands from Lanchester with intent to set them at the large Bbls. have got a pattern made and prov'd which am in hopes will do, have also got the Bayonetts making so well fix'd that baring accidents we shall finish forty a week. But few weeks happen without some interruption (from one quarter or other). the sarvice notwithstanding the resolve in our favour ridds me of many good hands, for when they will go I can't stop them, but have been yet able to procure others without any great disadvantage, more than must naturally arise from chaing