

inform you that the different officers are collecting arms as expeditiously as possible. Cap<sup>t</sup> Alexander hath got 14 guns in the neighbourhood which he paid for, and Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth is to supply him with 20 more which is to be charged to your Board. We fear from Cap<sup>t</sup> Alexander's report that he will not be able to procure more than 20 others. He will get a sufficient number of Blanketts. Cap<sup>t</sup> George hath got 50 guns which are paid for and will be able to procure a sufficient number for his Company. He hath also got 54 Blankets which are paid for and will get the remainder that his Company may want. We have followed your instructions in the purchase of Guns. We have been obliged to give such prices for Blankets as they could be purchased for. The cash in our hands is expended and if you wish us to proceed any further a supply will be necessary as there necessary accoutrements cannot be had without it. We further desire to know whether these troops are to be continued in quarters. If cartouch boxes are difficult to be procured with you, they may be had here at the same price as in Philadelphia. We have purchased 6 canteens at 4/6 each fearing you might want them.

I am in behalf of the Committee Gentlemen,  
Your Most obedient  
John Veazey J<sup>r</sup> chairman

[Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

Sir. I am going on a Bout the timber and other things for the Gundeloes, which I shall purchase and bring into the Yard as fast as possible, but have made no Bargin with you a Bout it. I shall charge the same for my time as when I superintended the Frigat Business which was 22<sup>s</sup>/6<sup>d</sup> per day and I had the liberty of furnishing her with all the Bar Iron delivered at the place at £26 per Toon. I mean M<sup>r</sup> Well's shop and the Pich Tar and Turpintine at the Market prise in Baltimore and payd all my bill for mony advanced for all kind of nesaryes such as shee wants. Sirs, you may at first look on this to much but I have a good deal of my own business to doe and a great number of other peoples. I have myself and 2 as good clarks as any in Baltimore and we are early and late at our business. I am on horsback from morning till night, driving amongst the people, have another hand riding after teems getting nesaryes and two horses is not enough sometimes nor 2 clarks with my sellf at the head of them. I shall bee from home in Patapsco neck this 2 weeks geting timber with 20 hands from home day and night and 2 or 3 teems, up to my middell or neck in water rafting and freting mysellf and a thousand disapointments that you no nothing of. I shall be as puntual