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No. 186.

[Council to Rumsey.]

To Col^o Benjamin Rumsey

Sir. We received your letter by the Post and observe what is said about the expenditure of the three hundred pounds formerly sent the Committee of Harford. We need say nothing in answer to that at present, nor to what you say about the Committee of Observation refusing to act; with regard to arms and blankets in Harford, we are willing that the Comp^y which is first ready in your County should have them [we expect it will be from your Battalion, but if otherwise the first ready must have them] for their encouragement. We have given M^r Steele the Bounty Money and one months pay, for a Company to be raised according to y^r letter of recommendation on Saturday last. We shall hereafter advance for another Company when we receive the recommendations.

We have heretofore wrote you about attending the Council of Safety to which you have given no answer, from whence we conclude you have not received it—the Convention would not proceed to any new Appointment only in the room of M^r Hands who declined—pray let us have your personal attendance here for two or three weeks as soon as you can, at furthest by the first of next week.

P. S. Get Linen for Tents if you can procure any upon reasonable Terms. You are as good a judge of the Price as we are.

Sept. 23rd 1776.

No. 187.

[Council to A. Hall.]

To Col^o Aquila Hall

Sirs;

We send you the Bounty and advance money for Cap^t Francis Holland's Company; Col^o Rumsey wrote this day about the guns and blankets collected in your County, for the Public; our answer was that the Company first ready must have them, by way of encouragement to exert themselves. M^r Ray's order on the Treasury was for the sum of four hundred and twenty nine Pounds Curry.

Sep^r 23^d 1776

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[Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. I understand your going to strip the Schooner Resolution, I dont pretend to direct you, but think shee had best bee loded with bread which you now have ready and sent to some market whare it mout be sold to advantage, and loded