

proper person, to deal out the provisions, for the Companys c. c. stationed here, I spoke to severall pepole none of which inclined to undertake it for less than one hundred pounds he says he will do it for £60. p year, & belive him to be as Capable to do it as any one in this place, I suppose the Provision will be Cheiftly laid in by some other person.

I proved eleven guns a few days ago for M<sup>r</sup> Dorsey which were all good, he desired I wou'd mention to you that he was in want of steel to dress them, which he says the State were to supply him with

I Observe in the last Maryland Gazette that there is an Act to give Soldiers thirty Dollars more then the Continental Allowance. I think the officers of the Artillery may be Able to enlist more men, then any other officers in this place, they can be enlisted to march to the Camp whenever Ordered, & kept at Drill at the Fort, till ready to march, if you think Proper, will Recomend to the officers to git all the men they can which may go into any Regiment you may think proper to Order.

I should be glad to know wheather we can enlist men for the Artillery & give them the thirty dollars Bounty.

I am very sorry that I think myself obliged to mention to you the treatment I Rec<sup>d</sup> from Cap<sup>t</sup> Cook a few days ago which was as follows (when Cap<sup>t</sup> Cook came here from Annapolis, I came in Company from the Point to Town, he did not mention that he shou'd want any Assistance from me) in less than a half hour after he Came to Town he went in a perematory manner without my knowlege & ordered the guards under my Command on board some Vessells, at the County wharfe. as soon as I was informed of it I waited on Cap<sup>t</sup> Cook & told him I did not think he used me well, he told me he had a Right to demand Assistance from me. My Answer was that I was ready & Willing to give all the Assistance in my power to aney Officer in the State, but that I did not think any officer & perticular one belonging to the Naval department had a Right to Command me, or my men without my knowlege unless I had Orders from you.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Cook placed at the Fort one M<sup>r</sup> Gillis (who I was afterward informed was second mate of the Ship) to bring all Vessells too. I was told he went so far as to insist on a Gentleman (going to North Carolina) showing him his private instructions after showing his other papers, & that he had Ordered one of the Serjants to Assist him in stopping the Vessel or pepole without informing aney Commissioned officer his Bussiness there, I then went to M<sup>r</sup> Gillis & asked him if he had Orders to take Command of the Fort, he told me no, I asked him if he had Orders to Act in the maner he did, he told me