

[Stricker to Council.]

Original.

Frederick Town February 12<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smyth my 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant waits on you to receive the money necessary to arm and equip my Company, the sum you will see by the enclosed estimate. I hope you will not delay sending the money as we are retarded by nothing but the want of Necessaries.

I am Gentlemen, Your most obedient Servant,  
George Stricker.

[Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

To the Honourable Council of Safety. Gentlemen. On my return home I find our Commissions for this Battalion are not come to hand, which induces me to conclude they are not made out, and in the return now with you, I apprehend an adjutant is omitted, I am this day desir<sup>d</sup> (by Colonel Charles Rumsey who is now called from home) to recommend to your Honnours, M<sup>r</sup> James Luker as a suitable person for adjutant for this Battalion, and to pray in his behalf, that a commission be made out for said Luker (as adjutant) to come up with the other commissions for the Battalion, with the bearers Messrs Ewing & Gilpin if convenient, as some of the Companies are rather tickelish, the forwarding the Commissions may be of particular service, permitt me in behalf of Colon<sup>l</sup> Rumsey to stile myself Gentlemen,

Your most Ob<sup>t</sup> & most Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Cecil County Maryland. H. Hollingsworth Leu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>  
Head of Elk. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1776.

[Ewing to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1776.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sirs. I now acquaint you that agreeable to your orders directed to Major Gist and myself, I have prov'd all the guns made by the Gunsmiths in Town, as below, in Company with M<sup>r</sup> Vanbibber, who has seen them several times try'd in England. M<sup>r</sup> Keener after seeing the rest try'd refus'd to have his proved but upon my threatning him a good deal he comply'd. We charg'd all the guns with one ounce of powder and two Balls. I have a proof stamp with which I stamp'd all that prov'd good, which stamp I will not deliver to any without your orders. I have the Honour to be y<sup>r</sup> most Obed<sup>t</sup> H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
1776 Tho<sup>s</sup> Ewing

Feb <sup>y</sup> 7.	Peter Lydick	72 Guns	64 good.	8 Bad.
" "	Sam Missersmith	27 do.	23 do.	4 do.
" "	" Keener	32 do.	13 do.	19 do.