

Resolve of the last Convention are to provide Houses for their c. s. c. respective Companies and such Sums of Money are to be advanced out of the Treasury of that Shore where the Company may be stationed by Permission of the Council of Safety, as may be necessary for the Purpose. Capt. Gunby will therefore procure Houses for his Men upon the best Terms he can, and advise us thereof that we may give him an Order for the Money on the Eastern Shore Treasurer if it should be necessary to advance any: but as it will be expedient the Station of that Company should be first ascertained, and as we are not so well acquainted with your County as to determine satisfactorily to ourselves and most advantageously to you upon a particular Place where it might reasonably be expected the Troops would render the greatest Service, so we should be glad if the Committee of Observation would take the Matter into Consideration and give us their sentiments upon it, and as in all Probability we shall approve of the Station recommended by them we would have the Captain engage proper and necessary Houses there immediately.

As Bedding is an extreme scarce Article, where we have had an Opportunity we have preferred the Captains of the several Companies to endeavour to furnish their Men with new Blankets, but where they were not to be had, with such as could be got in the Neighbourhood, tho' a little worn, upon reasonable Terms, the new not exceeding 15/ or the others 12/6. If Capt Gunby's men are yet unprovided we would have him adopt that Method as the best under our Circumstances & will answer his Drafts for them.

It is very ambiguous from any Thing that appears in the Proceedings of the Convention who are to find fuel for the Troops, and as we conceive the Captains respectively can most advantageously provide that necessary Article so we request Capt Gunby will take the direction of that Matter for his Company and occasionally advise us of the Expense that it may be properly defrayed.

We have confidence in your Recommendation of M^r James Geoghagan and therefore shall be obliged to him to supply the Company with Provisions until the Contractor (to whose notice we will recommend him) can do it.

17th Feb^y, 1776

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Mount Clare Feb^y 19th 1776

Gen^t I had this morning some conversation with Dr. Weesenthal, and inclosed I send you what he wrote me in consequence of it. I do not recollect that we have any Power on removal of the troops to increase his salary. The drugs