

and by letters from Captain Kent the Commander, dated Snow Hill 9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1776 is the following, "I was always flattered that our orders and ammunition were lodged here but find there is neither. The C-v-n have so managed matters as to distress me exceedingly. We find there is no provision made for Camp Equipage such as cooking utensils &c. That no person is authorized to pay the men their wages, nor any provision made for getting back when relieved which the Convention recommend to be at the end of eight weeks after our encampment, not considering that these men enrolled only till the first day of March. I believe a request or recommendation from the Convention to stay eight weeks wou'd be agreeable provided proper accommodations were procured, but when ordered to stay six weeks longer than they enrolled for is looked upon as a stretch of Power, and taking from us what we are contending for, Liberty.

It is reckoned to be from 100 to 110 miles from Hansons to this place and we are told it is about 80 miles further to Northampton Court House, near which it is imagined we shall encamp.

I have seen M<sup>r</sup> Probart our Commissary who has nothing to do for us only to procure the Provisions agreeable to a Bill of Fare made out for the troops by the Congress or Convention. Utensils for cooking &c we must find or go without. This expence will be too heavy for me as I expect one hundred pounds will not carry us down. Many of the poor young men are bare footed and I am obliged to advance the money or leave them behind. I have also paid 5 or 6 $\text{£}$  for repairs to our Firelocks such as were absolutely necessary. We hope the necessary steps will be taken to relieve our brave country men from their difficulties and as speedily too as it can possibly be done.

We are y<sup>r</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup> Turbutt Wright.  
Th. Wright                      So<sup>l</sup> Wright

Tuesday 20 Feb. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday. M<sup>r</sup> Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M<sup>r</sup> William Spear One hundred and sixty eight pounds twelve Shillings and two pence, being the Ballance of his Account with the province, as p<sup>r</sup> Account filed.

Commission issued to Felix Lewis Massenbach appointed 2 Lieutenant of Capt. Fulford's Company of Matrosses.

Also to Fielder Bowie appointed Capt. of a Company of Militia in Prince George's County belonging to the 11th Battalion.