

[Gunby to Jenifer.]

C. S. C.

Princes Ann Som^t County 29th Feb^y 1776.

Sir. M^r Forrest my first Lieutenant waits on your board for instructions with respect to several matters relating to my Company. In obedience to your instructions communicated to me by M^r Scott, I have provided houses for my Company & Ruggs & Blankets for as many of them as I could. I have also provided them with fuel & such utensils as Judged absolutely necessary for dressing their provisions, all which things I have purchased out of my own & my officers money, as the £200 ordered me from the Eastern Shore treasury was not more than sufficient to pay the advance money directed by the Convention to be advanced with soldiers & non Commissioned officers the subsistence money has also been advanced to the several recruits as it was necessary. If it is not going further than your board may think themselves justifiable in I would submit it, whether it would not be expedient in order to save the trouble of frequent applications to the Council & expresses to the Treasury, to advance to the several Captains of independant Comp^{ys} such a sum of money as may provide their respective Companys in fresh articles as are to be proved by the captains & also to pay up the arrearages of subsistence money, each Captain to render his account with proper vouchers for the money by him expended for the use of his company. If the Board think this ought to be done, I should be glad to receive by M^r Forrest your order on M^r Hindman for such sum as you may judge necessary for the purpose. I am also to request of the Council that they will take such order as they think proper for furnishing the Company with Musketts Drum & Fife, as they are at present absolutely unable to exercise for want of arms. The Committee have fixed the station of the Company at Princess Ann, the County Town for this County, where I have been able to provide for them very sufficient cover at reasonable rates. I am exceedingly anxious to have the Company provided with arms as soon as may be, as most of them are entirely without & it is impossible to do any thing with them, (tho too many of them are very raw) until furnished with arms & from their situation it is not improbable but they may be pretty soon called into action :

I am with Respect,

Your mo. ob^t serv^t

John Gunby.

To the Honble Dan^l of S^t Thomas Jenifer.

[A. Beall to Council.]

Original.

Bladensburgh 29th February 1776.

Gentlemen. The reason I have not waited on your honours for a Commission as a field officer, is that there has been so