

C. S. C. to you the necessity of having two drummers and Fifers, indeed little can be done without them I beg you will allow M<sup>r</sup> Steward to get them at any rate if purchased they are the servants of the public and their wages (if they live) will soon pay for them, tho times are such that I hope you will not stand for trifles. Cartridge paper is indispensibly necessary I beg we may have some permit me to press you to consider the naked situation of the County and to request that M<sup>r</sup> Steward may be allowed to look out for arms &c. The money you ordered me is all expended and the people not yet supplied or near it with Clothes & Blankets, I beg you will send me a sum of money immediately, the purchase of Provisions Clothes &c exclusive of the money already received will take at least between two & three hundred pounds. I hope I may not be stinted for I have but little Cash of my own indeed what I have has been expended in the service and the public is now considerably in my debt. The men are allowed rum & molasses neither of which articles can be got here, I wish some method could be fallen upon to get us some. If you think proper to form two companies I hope the Gen<sup>l</sup> now in my Company will not be overlooked they well deserve your notice and the two young Gen<sup>t</sup> Cadets, their names are Robert Chesley and Henry Carberry. For any particulars M<sup>r</sup> Steward will wait on you to give you any necessary information.

I am Gen<sup>t</sup> Your most ob<sup>t</sup> hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Jn. A. Thomas.

Original.

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gentlemen. On talking with the Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for this town I find they will be much in want of Provision for the Men now here, as the Commissary is not to be found. They have I think made a reasonable agreement to have the Men supply<sup>d</sup> with Victuals ready drest at 1/ p<sup>r</sup> Head. At their desire I sent the Inclosed Letter to Col<sup>o</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Dorsey, my Reason for sending it to him was his having had Orders to hold his Men in readiness from the Council, I suppose therefore they would be prepared to March.

They have here about 300<sup>lb</sup> of Powder, if more should be wanting I shall give them an order for some on Cap<sup>t</sup> Gaither, as I recollect he has the keeping of some belonging to the Province. There was an immediate want of a Surgeon for the Ship Defence, neither the Surgeon we had thought of or his Mate being here, I therefore directed Doct<sup>r</sup> Wiesenthall to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Coulter or some other, and to get all the Lint Bandages &c he could, for the Payment of which he should have an order. Brigadier Buchanan finds himself much dis-