

c. s. c. them can only be used for want of better; I wish we could be happy enough to be better furnished. But we must do the best we can I know the gentlemen of the Council of Safety, and with a real pleasure can say, I have a confidence in them, and that they will do the best, in this, as well as every other part of their duty, I freely express these sentiments to the people. Your candor will not think there is any flattery in this declaration, there is really none, but I think it not at all improper to express myself freely, and shall do more so from your last letter; the information you there mention to have received from this county, I think must have a very slight foundation, should the Council think it convenient to allot a pound of powder per man for the numbers in the several Potomack Companies, I believe it would have a great & good effect on the spirits of the people, as the Companies on Patuxent lay less exposed there may not be thought so great an allowance necessary as on Potomack where we must expect any attack on these parts most like to be. I would wish to be understood, as to my sentiments of the powder being lodged under the direction of the Committees of Piscataway & Bladensburgh, not to mean jointly but that a part to each place under the direction of those of the Committee of observation in each neighbourhood, that no obstruction to the use when required may take place, but, after takeing the freedom to trouble you with so much, submit the whole to the determination of Council. Please offer my best compliments to the worthy members of y^r able Council, and be assured (to you and them) I am with real esteem,

D^r Sir, Y^r ob^t hble Serv^t
Jona. Beall.

I hope to hear of your recovery from your late lameness several Gen^t (deserving attention) in this County have asked my mentioning them to the Council, as desirous of acting as officers in any other regular force that may be raised in this province either continental or provincial, the names follow, viz^t Luke Marbury, John Addison, Hezekiah Wheeler, Thomas Dent, John Beanes, William Duvall, Walter Cox, John Burgess. The three first are captains in the militia, and hope to have not a lower Commission, as above &c.

To the Honble Daniel of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r

[Gist to Council.]

Baltimore 15 M^a 1776.

Gentlemen. Having sundry accounts open against me for Iron Pots, Ammunition Chests, making hunting shirts, repair-