

manufactured in Pennsylvania. I am sorry it is not in my power to render you a proper acc^t the Powder received from M^r M^cLure, is from the best information I can get 34 Bbls came from Philadelphia which was imported, the remainder of the 43 was brought here by the Committee & now for the Province the other 70 Barrels came from Philadelphia without any acco^t therewith, and cant get any information from the Committee here. the people who brought it could not give any acco^t only that it was put in their care from Bush Town. Cap^t Tibbit was here a few days ago and he informed me 18½ Bbls of the 70 was some he brought and he further said the other was imported. I have received some oznabrigs Roles and Hessing from Lux & Bowley and also 12 large Roles Lead. I informed the Council of the quality of the Powder, I also informed them of 119 p^s Hessing instead of 149 I note what you say in regard to the receipts and deliveries.

I am sir Y^r very Humble Serv^t
Gerrard Hopkins

Original.

[T. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town April the 9th 1776.

Gentlemen. Cap^t Veazey as well as some other of the Independent Captains on this shore are very uneasy that they are not yet furnished with any arms nor amunition, more especially as they understand the troops on the W. Shore are generally well armed & provided with Cloaths. I am surprised that the arms &c which the Council determined before I left them to order from Baltimore to this place for the use of the E. Shore are not yet arrived. I am fearfull some accident has happened to them.

I have been told that the militia on this shore begin to be dissatisfied that they have not some proportion of ammunition sent them. I hope there is some on its way before now, since my return home I have purchased of the Gunsmith in this Town 10 Riffles at £5. each which will be ready to be delivered in two or three days & ten more may be had in about two weeks more. I have also bought 80 p^r shoes for the troops at 7/9 p^r pair and if the Council would have me contract for the 200 p^r which was talked about I can do it at 10/ & not under, of this they will please to write me :

Cap^t Veazey has bought as much cloth in the County as will make 80 sutes & hopes to get as much more as will cloath his whole company. if the Council should not have procured Blankets enough for the troops some may be had in this County.