

Water Grist Mill proposes instead thereof to erect a powder mill and retain the property in the premises on the sum of one thousand pounds Convention money being advanced to him without interest for the space of four years to be repaid in the following manner:—one fourth part thereof in Gunpowder at the price given by the Continental Congress at the expiration of one year from this date; one other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of two years from the date hereof, one other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of three years from the date hereof and the other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of four years from the date hereof.

The said Elisha Tyson proposes to appropriate a large part of the above £1000 to the purchase of Salt petre and other materials from private hands in this and other colonies.

He also proposes the province shall furnish him with one half of the salt petre imported into or manufactured in this Province as also one half of the Sulphur that shall become their property.

He will engage to manufacture powder at as cheap a rate at it is in the Province of Pennsylvania and in equal quantities in proportion to the quantity of materials found him for the use of the Province of Maryland.

He will give bond with good security for the performance of the above propositions.

June 28th 1776.

Elisha Tyson.

Original.

[Worcester Committee to Gist.]

In Committee June 14th 1776.

Sir. We recommend to your favour the bearer hereof M^r William Brown, being a person well attached to the common cause of America and has been very useful to the Militia of this County he will make his intentions known to you. We are Sir your mo^t ob^t and very humble Serv^t p^r order of the Com^{ee}

Benton Harris Chairman

To Major Mordicai Gist.

Original.

[Lux to Council.]

Snow Hill 28 June 1776

Gentlemen. I have already wrote you that I had made enquiry after & seen M^r Brown, he is willing to wait on you and this will be delivered you by him. The members of the Convention from this County have orders, as I am told by one