

tract: is it to the Council of Safety, or must I mention the names of you gentlemen of the Council of Safety, please advise me, &

I am Gentlemen,
Your Ob^t hum Serv^t
Will Deakins Jun^r

Original.

[Stricker to Council.]

Gentlemen:

Agreeable to your direction I applied to the Committee of this place for an order on Col^o Joshua Beall to supply me with arms for my company of minute men. But they satisfied me they had no such power by pointing out a Resolve of the convention, which authorizes the council of Safety alone to direct concerning the distribution of the public arms in Col^o Bealls possession.

I beg leave to refer you to that Resolve, and must beg you will as soon as you conveniently can give proper orders for my being supplied. The arms here are now in good order & what number I get shall be kept so. I'm likewise willing to give bond, & security if required, for their being returned barring the accidents of the Field, or such others as human wisdom cannot foresee or prevent. I hope you will think this request reasonable and that you will speedily grant it, & I am with much Respect

Fred^k Town

4th Oct^r 1775

Gentlemen, Your most hum. Serv^t

George Stricker

Original.

[Matthews to Purviance.]

Sir: I intended writing you, on Thursday last on the subject of Iron Ordnance, but some unexpected business calling mc from home prevented my making the proper estimate of the Boring & other Apparatus necessary for carrying on that Business, so that I could not say any thing with any degree of certainty till now as I have fully considered the matter I find that it will require about £200 worth of Apparatus to go into the Business of mak^s guns w^{ch} will be of little or no value for any other purpose, the expense of Making Boring drilling & finishing compleat will be about £40 Currency p ton & any size or bore from 9 Pounds downwards may be cast at this Country Furnaces.

If any gentleman sho^d incline to have any information respecting the manufacturing of Iron guns, I will give it cheerfully. Or I will engage in it myself.

Kingsbur^y 14 October 1775.
To M^r Sam^l Purviance.

I am Sir your hum Serv^t
Geo. Matthews.