

We have no Intelligence from New York since the 19th Lord Howe's fleet not then arrived. We shall be obliged by the Communication of any Intelligence worthy of notice and at all times ready to obey your Commands.

We are, gentlemen, with respect
Your most obedient Servants,
Sam^l Chase
T. Stone

Original.

[Hanson to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Green Hill July 23rd 1776.

Inclosed I send you a list of my proportion of men raised as part of the Flying Camp. This return I should have made sooner had I conceived it a necessary step. Officers that have made their returns taught me to believe that by this opportunity the end would be equally well answered as if I had come up a few days sooner. I was unwilling too, to leave the Province, whilst I thought I might have been of service in repelling Dunmore's men from Landing. I hope therefore I shall not be suspected of Negligence or Inattention as my Design was for the best.

I should thank you for any information respecting Arms for our men. If any money is allowed the officers to purchase arms, or when the men are to march,

I am Sir Your obed^t Serv^t
T. Hanson

Original.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.]

In Committee of observation Dorchester County

July 23rd 1776.

Gent. We received yours of the 16th Inst requesting our assistance in furnishing Firelocks and Blanketts for the use of the flying Camp which you may be assured we shall endeavour to comply with as farr as our situation will admitt of; but we think we should be wanting in our regard for the Publick Cause and the safety and wellfare of our Country, if we omitted to repeat to your Honours, what we have on severall former occasions informed you of our weak and defenceless state. We are satisfied at this time there are not more than a fourth part of the militia men in our County, who have arms that can be depended on, and these only Fowling pieces and squirrell guns not fixed with bayonets, there are others which are defective some of which may be repaired, which we are endeavouring to have done, but a great part of them can never be made fit for service. As to public Arms, we have none that we