

know of in our County and but two of those taken from non-enrollers and non-associators.

As to Blanketts, there are none we know of in any of the Stores here, nor is there any way that we can think off by which there appears any probability of getting any, unless it be by applying to different Familys, some of whom may on this occasion perhaps furnish a few, tho' this is uncertain, as there seems a scarcity of Blanketts among the people, however on our receiving cash you may be assured, we shall endeavour by every means in our power to procure them.

We know of no person this way that can be engaged to make Knapsacks with Haversacks, priming wires and Brushes, Camp Kettles, Canteens or Wooden Bottles, if we should hereafter be informed of any such we shall advise you of it.

We are Gent. Your obd^t & very hum^l Serv^{ts}

p order of the Committee of observation

James Murray, Chairman.

P. S. We learn from M^r Goldsborough that we are to receive a supply of powder and ball or Lead. We should be glad to be furnished with it as quick as possible being in great want of it.

[Dent to Council.]

Original.

Gent^a

Charles County 23rd July 1776.

The Inclosed is the commission under which I've had the Honour to act, and more especially by your late order, until the 21st Instant when, an order was presented to me from your Honours appointing Major Thomas Price to the command.

Be pleased to take notice that I will not in future accept of any Commission from any body of men, under whom the same controlling power exists that has depriv'd me of the late command. If you've had any insinuations touching my conduct during the short time I have been in actual service, justice requires I should be heard, when, I flatter myself I shall be able not only to justify my conduct, but in some measure entitled to the Thanks of every sensible and judicious man, which, together with the success of the American arms have been and still shall be, the study and sincere wish of your obed^t Servant.

Jno. Dent.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore July 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen. Your order of the 16th for the purchase of Blankets and arms was yesterday taken into consideration by