

our Comm<sup>ee</sup> by whom we are directed to inform you the measures resolved on to accomplish your intentions. Several persons of Judgement and Activity and the most Influence are appointed to ride through different districts of the County, to use their best endeavours to prevail on the inhabitants to spare part of their Blankets on the present Emergency. The same persons are instructed to purchase all Musquets which either are good or capable of being made so. We conceived there was so little chance of borrowing any, that it appeared to us vain to attempt it, as those who are well disposed to defend their Country will use their own arms, and those who are otherwise disposed will be more influenced by the money than any other arguments. In order to dispatch this very urgent Business the more expeditiously we have borrowed a few hundred pounds, & given it to several of the Gentlemen appointed for the purpose who set off to the Country this day.

As we have recommended the greatest industry to the Gentlemen who manage this Busin<sup>s</sup>, we shall probably be able to inform you against next week of their success.

We have some Information which induces us to expect that a quantity of new country made Blankets may be procured in York county, therefore shall send an express this day to a person in York Town who can inform us on this subject.

The House Keepers in Town spared all the Blankets they could in the Spring to accommodate the regulars that were stationed here, so that few can be expected from them. Please to send the committee a thousand Pounds to answer the intended Purchase. Should we not be able to procure to that amount, the surplus may be returned. We are with much respect, by order and on behalf of the Committee,

Gentlemen, Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Purviance Jr. Chairman  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Aisquith  
 Jno. Boyd  
 Ja<sup>s</sup> Calhoun.

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[T. Johnson to Council.]

Frederick Town 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1776.

Gent. M<sup>r</sup> Peter Hanson who was appointed a Lieutenant in Cap<sup>t</sup> Hardman's Company of Militia having been named by the Committee as Lieutenant of the Company of Riflemen now raising in this county, Capt Hardman has had the aid of one M<sup>r</sup> Morris in Hanson's stead. Morris is a fine lively young fellow, has been very serviceable in raising the men and I think, from what I hear of him, will make a good officer.