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[Stricker to Chase.]

Fred^k Town, 25th July 1776.

Samuel Chase Esq.

Sir. I arrived here on Monday last and have since seen divers of my recruiting parties which have not been so successful as I could wish. The Flying Camp and Militias turning out hurts our Recruiting much although the four Captains appointed in this Province have already compleated 30 men each. I could wish we had it in our power to enlist the men who have engaged in the Flying Camp, as there are many of them would willingly go with us. the 1520 Dollars I received for the two Captains bounty money for this County shall make use of for purchasing blankets and arms if you see proper as the Captains had allready received the full bounty money for the recruiting of their companys. I have already advanced £50 to one of the Captains for the subsistence & expence money for raising the Company and I expect the others to call upon me for the same purpose. Should be glad there might one of the Companys of our Battalion be a Rifle company as I think could arm them in this Province, for musquets I am afraid can get but few thats good here. Shall esteem the favor of a reply and to receive any further instructions you may please to favor me with being the needful. I remain with compliments to the Gentⁿ the Delegates from this Province.

Sir, your most obed^t Serv^tGeorge Stricker L^t Colonel

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[Purviance and others to Council.]

Baltimore July 25th 1776

Gentlemen. Messrs. Gordan & Patton Sadlers in this town have informed us that they had made proposals to you for making a quantity of Napsacks and Haversacks for the service of the Flying Camp; and that a recommendation from the Committee or some persons here well known to you, was necessary before a contract was made. As there may not be a meeting of the Comm^{ee} before Monday, We conceived it might further the Public Service, to give you our opinion, that they were both men of character & equal to the Undertaking and we doubt not they will punctually fulfill any engagement of the nature in Question which they may make.

We are Gentlemen,

Your most humb^le Serv^{ts}Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

Jas. Calhoun

Jno Boyd