

It is by no means agreeable to the Council that the Officers C. S. C. of the flying Camp should have any command over the stores of this Province and they cannot look upon you as acting in the Line of your duty in disposing of them to any of them without orders from their Board they are to be in Continental pay and no regular account can be kept against the Continent without such commands issuing from the proper place.

They will however take the eight hundred and fifty Havresacks made in consequence of Colonel Ewings request to you which you are to deliver only to the order of the Council of Safety, they again desire to know whether you mean Havresacks alone or Knapsacks with them.

Inclosed is a Letter open which you are desired to seal and deliver to Mess^{rs} Gordan and Patten, it contains proposals for making a quantity of Knapsacks & Havresacks, the pattern and price, and they are requested to give an answer speedily.

27 July 1776

I am yours &c, C. D.

[Winters to Council.]

Original.

Chestertown July 27th 1776

Gentlemen. I gladly embrace this opportunity to inform you I shall have 28 musquets ready to deliver to your order by Monday 3rd Aug^t making up 40 musq^{ts} p Month agreeable to my contract.

I remain with much respect

Gent y^r most Hble Serv^t

Elisha Winters

[Chase and Carroll of Carrollton to Council.]

Original.

Philadelphia 27th July 1776.

Gent. Colonel Smallwood apprehending that his battalion would be in want of many necessaries at the Camp applied to us for a sum of money and we advanced him 1335 dollars for which he is to be accountable to the Convention of Mary^d. We hope this advance will meet with their and your approbation, as not much can be expected from soldiers badly provided; and such is the discretion & œconomy of Colonel Smallwood that we are persuaded he will make a very judicious application of this money.

The Congress has allowed a regimental paymaster to each battalion in the Flying Camp, the appointment of which officer is left to the several States from which those battalions come. In the recess of our Convention, the appointment is in you, & we beg you may appoint one as soon as may be. Colonel Smallwood recommended to us for this place M^r