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[Council to Talbot Committee.]

Gentlemen. In Consequence of an information we received that there were one or two Bar^s of Bullets and a quantity of gunflints belonging to this Province in the Possession of M^r Leeds, we wrote to you the 14th July requesting that you would make enquiry into that matter and if you found it true, that you would take them under your care and send them to the Council Safety by the first safe conveyance; but as we have not received any answer to our letter we presume it must have miscarried, and therefore we send you this, and beg that you will immediately examine into the truth of the above information.

Original.

[Dent to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Charles County August 1st 1776.

Inclosed you have my commission as Brigadier for the Flying Camp, which I return for the same reason of that I dont doubt you've received 'ere this viz. that you have a controlling power therein under which I am resolved never more to act.

I am Gentlemen with due respect,

Your Hble. Serv^t &^c

Jno. Dent.

Original.

[Thomas Smyth, Sen., to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Chester Town August 1st 1776.

My son waits on the Council for his and his Officers' Commissions and for such orders as they may think necessary to give him. I am afraid the Companies raised in this County will be delayed a good deal for want of arms, those that are tolerably good are very difficult to be got, most people that have guns will rather sell than lend and are very pressing for their money. it will be necessary to send some money to the Committee to pay for Guns & blanketts the latter I believe will be furnished without much difficulty.

The Committee in pursuance of your Honours request has employed a Cooper in making wooden Bottles, a sample whereof you'll receive by the Bearer the price is 2/6 each. You'll please to say how many you wou'd have made and the time when they must be finished. I am with much respect

Y^r most Hble Serv^tTho^s Smyth