

may get. Steel Ramrods can be had here. We cannot as yet find that there are any more than three or four public arms in this County and we have not received any Guns worth any thing from the non associators or non enrollers. We beg leave first to inform you that the Companies here are compleated and that the men from being thrown out of all kind of employ express great uneasiness at their situation especially as many of them are daily at expence for their support and are to receive no pay untill they march. To mitigate their uneasiness and prevent their deserting the service We have advised the Captains to call all their men together and then Quarter them at the expence of the Continent until we can have your advice how to proceed and for their support we have been obliged to advance part of the money sent us by your Board to the officers. We have been very sorry to take this step without your orders but in our opinion the public service must greatly have suffered unless something of the kind had been done, indeed the men think they out to be under immediate pay. We request Gent<sup>n</sup> that you will as soon as possible inform us whether it is agreeable to you to keep these troops in Quarters, and whether we may assure them that they shall be under pay from the time they entered into them. Should this be refused we fear the service will be discouraged and that it will be very difficult to recruit men here in future. We have procured thirty camp kettles made of Iron. The money we have will not be sufficient to answer all the purposes, if you think proper to send us any more we shall take care to dispose of it to the best advantage for the public service. As Cartouch boxes, Belts and slings, Knapsacks with Haversacks, priming wires and brushes are not to be had here, the sending them up by the first opportunity will expedite the Companys marching.

I am in behalf of the Committee Gent<sup>n</sup>

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John Veazey Jr. Chairman

Original.

[Secretary of War to Council.]

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Gentlemen.

By a Resolve of Congress on the subject of Prisoners it is determined "that a List of the Prisoners in each Colony be made out by the Comittees of the Counties, Towns or Districts where they reside and transmitted to the Assembly, Convention or Council or Committee of Safety of such Colony respectively, who shall send a copy thereof to Congress." The Board of War who have by Direction of Congress, the