

to be relieved and I am convinced Generals would rather have those whom they can with more propriety command. The Captains here have come to a resolution of buying linnen & having hunting shirts made for all their soldiers. Cap<sup>t</sup> Posey with his company arrived here 9<sup>th</sup> & I expect Cap<sup>t</sup> Forrest this day or to morrow. You will please send an order for things to equip Cap<sup>t</sup> Forrest out. Capt Posey will write you for some money, which please send. the gunsmith wrought all night and works all this day. I am as industrious as I can but can do but little without your assistance. for God sake if any way possible, let me have some arms. The Gentleman I sent to Frederick and Virginia has bought none which is a great disappointment to me. He tells me they give £4. 5. 0. in Virginia for muskets that currency. The present accompanys Cap<sup>n</sup> John Hawkins Low who goes down to settle his acco<sup>t</sup>. I dont expect I shall be able to get his or any of the companys from this before Wednesday next. There will be a quantity of Haver and Knapsacks made together. You will please send me an order for a sufficiency to supply 4 companys and I will not lift the others. I shall esteem it a favour your not detaining Capt Lowe as he will be wanted here.

I am with due respect Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Ewing

NB. Cap<sup>t</sup> Young has got iron potts, for his company, which he would be glad to have exchanged for Camp Kettles with the troops who stay here on acc<sup>t</sup> of carriage, Wooden Bowles and Trenchers, spoons and knives awaiting for the use of Battalion, would be glad to know, if you are to furnish them or not. I am geting scabbards made for bayonets which I suppose is agreeable.

Original.

[Thomas to Council.]

Head of Elk 11<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1776.

Gent<sup>n</sup> After a tedious passage of almost four days I arrived here this morning, the other Boats are all in sight. On my arrival here I applied to Col Hollinsworth for provision, and was informed by him that he had no orders from you for that purpose. however I have procured what Beef and Bread I want for the present, and propose to start from hence early on the morrow. Col Hollingsworth informs me that if you would give him a general order to supply the troops that come here with provisions, baggage waggons, he would take care to have all those necessarys on the shortest notice, but without such order he thinks twould be wrong in him to do it. I have