

[Perkins to Jenifer.]

Original.

Kent County M^d August 13th 1776.

Sir. Our company of militia destined for the Flying Camp I am in hopes will be fitted with musketts by the middle of next week, but have not as yet received any tents, Catridge boxes, priming wires and brushes, nap or Haversacks or Canteens, some of which articles M^r Thomas Smith informs me are sent to this county but has received no orders for the distribution of them. Canteens with your permission I could get here for our company. The privates complain loudly for being kept so long here after haveing broke off from their homes and now no provision found them nor as yet no assurances of wages till they march altho many of them has been enroled six weeks. I think if we were ordered to assemble together at some convenient place for exercise and provision found them it would much forward the cause as some of our men are entirely undisciplined and would by no means be fit for action as soon as they arrive at the Rendivous. Some of the men are indebted and are threatened to be stopt for the same. Pray inform me your opinion if they should be kept back if the province will repay me the money that I have advanced to them agreable to the Resolutions of the late Convention. I am with due respect.

Your very Humble Servant
Isaac Perkins

[Stone to Council.]

Original.

Gentⁿ

I am very glad to be informed that L^d Dunmore and his fleet have quitted the Bay and am hopefull this circumstance will induce your militia to lend Assistance to the neighbours with more alacrity than could be expected while an Enemy was hovering on their Coast. You may be assured they are much wanted in the Jersys and at N. York when an Attack is daily expected and at both which places our strength is by no means sufficient to oppose the Enimy with that certainty of Success which every man who considers the Importance of the Event must wish. Cap^t Thomas is arrived with his company. I shall rejoice to see Col Griffith with his Troops and shall with pleasure afford him and all other officers and Troops from Maryland any assistance in my power. I shall shew particular attention to Col Griffith. Your recommendation entitling him to peculiar notice.

The Difficulties you have experienced in raising your Quota of the flying Camp I am convinced have been distressing, but I hope they are now pretty well over. You may have any money you want from Congress upon application. The Enemy's strength at Staten Island is 15,000 men. the