

C. S. C. You must be sensible that all the arms we can procure in the Public way will be immediately wanted, therefore send what you have already made and all you can make down to Gerrard Hopkins the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore.

It will be necessary that the Barrels should be proved, the common Proof is the weight of the Ball in Powder and one Ball; this may be done before Mr John Rumsey and Doc^r Thom^s Andrews or either of them and a Certificate taken thereof, as also of their Delivery to the Commissary, unless you incline to have them proved before Captain Smith in Baltimore.

10th July 1776

No. 22.

[Council to Whetcroft.]

To Mr. William Whetcroft

Sir.

The Council of Safety have been informed that you have a Servant who understands the Business of Tent making—if so, and you are desirous of having him employed in that Business, we will immediately set him to work and find employment for him some time.

10th July 1776.

No. 23.

[Council to Dorsey.]

To Colonel Tho^s Dorsey

Sir. The Regular Forces in the pay of this Province leave this City this evening; the sooner therefore the Company you are to send get here the better. It will be proper under the Resolves of the Convention, that three Companies of our Neighbouring Militia should be stationed in Annapolis until the place of the Regular Troops ordered from here can be supplied by the Militia to be raised for the Flying Camp. When Colonel John Dorsey was with us, we conceived that your Company of Militia might be discharged when the Company of Militia raised on Elk Ridge for the Flying Camp marched here, but upon further considering the Resolve, apprehend there must be three Companies of the Neighbouring Militia in this City, until the places of the Regular Troops can be supplied by the Flying Camp Militia. You may rely on it however that the Company of your Battalion which comes down shall be relieved as soon as possible.

You must be mistaken in what you wrote about the Vote of Congress, those only of the Militia that compose the Flying Camp are to March to Philadelphia or any where out of the Province.

July 10th 1776.