

Original.

[Griest to Council.]

Baltimore Town Aug^t 19th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have been with the Tent makers and find M^r Johnson has made up all the tent cloth he had. M^r Jacobs has two boys at work and has stuff by him to make upwards of 20 tents and has sail makers at work on old sails, he says he has orders to get more tent cloth from Elk Ridge, but I am certain Johnson will do them much sooner as he has now 4 or 5 hands idle. No tent cloth came from Parker, no Brushes or Priming Wires save 150 to be had here in less than two weeks. The Knap & Haversacks for the two companies are painted this day and to morrow if possible shall send them over the Bay. Shall send down the Cartouch boxes &^c by the first opportunity. I can find no cloth in town at less than 25/ p^r yard, and 'twill take more than two yards to make a Blanket. Colo Ewing has taken almost all the canteens that were made, but have been with the coopers and desired them to work night and day, and not take time to muster till they have served the Flying Camp for which I hope you'll excuse me. I have delivered cartouch boxes and Gun Slings to the Capt^{ns} of the 3 Companies here and 12 Bayonets which were all in the Magazine. I dont know what will be done for Blankets. All our guns are in bad order and very few Bayonets, the Smiths are all at work upon them. I shall do all in my power to obey your orders.

& am Gentⁿ Your most ob^t hble Serv^t

J. Griest.

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[Bourk to Jenifer.]

Sir. I have this morning received your orders, and will obey them with pleasure. I hope to set off for Annapolis on Wednesday or Thursday at farthest, on my way to Philad^a this I take to be the least expensive mode of travelling.

I believe I shall receive fifty guns from the Committee; there are some which want repair. I shall omit having them repaired till I get to Annapolis or Philad^a. From some disappointments I met with the number of Blankets is not completed. I wish I may be able to furnish myself in Annapolis; 'twill give new spirits to the men. I am Sir, with respect your

Cambridge Aug. 19th 1776.Most obed^t Hble Servant

Thomas Bourk.

C. S. J.

Tuesday August 20th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members, as on yesterday. Copy of Letter N^o 153 was sent to M^r Jesse Hollingsworth.