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[S. Dorsey, Jr., to Council.]

E[lk] R[idge] Furnace Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. I have at last got a Tent for a pattern which I think is by no means a suitable one for the Purpose, therefore I have sent one of my make with the patern received from Baltimore for your directions which to pattern after. If they are made with leather on the slit holes & turned Rings and double slit holes cannot be done compleat for less than Twenty Two shillings and six pence. They take to make one of the Linnen of that size twenty three yards and no more. I have Hands engaged to make two a day from this time. I have sent you likewise a sample of Tent poles which I will likewise engage to make if you will send me up your price for them. If I can afford to make them at it I will proceed on them immediatly. As you will want some Arm Tents should be glad to know whether I shall make you any of them and how many. They will be quite different from the others, but will make them as cheap as possible. If the Tent I have sent down to you, should think it too small, I will make the rest larger; but my man says they are full as large as any the tents at England. I have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Ellicoult concerning the Bayonets and they inform me they have but just got their steel from Philadelphia and are just beginning, shall see them in a few days, when if an opportunity serves will fully inform you about them in the mean time remain

Gentlemen

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[Richardson to Council.]

Gentlemen. I have just received a letter from Capt<sup>n</sup> Dames, giving a state of his Company, which I inclose. He and his Company being very anxious to go to the northward, they having taken much pains to procure arms and blankets for themselves, of which they have picked up a good many the order of your Hon<sup>ble</sup> board directing Capt<sup>n</sup> Dean to take so many of the arms of Capt<sup>n</sup> Dames's Company as will replace those borrowed conditionally by Capt<sup>n</sup> Dean, gives the whole company great uneasiness and Capt<sup>n</sup> Dames, thinks he is, by that means, robbed of the little merit his industry and attention in the premises entitles him to. As Cap<sup>t</sup> Dames is so very anxious to get in motion, & thinks that with some small assistance he shall be ready by the beginning of next week, it is very much my wish that he should be assisted with such necessaries as you have, and that he be indulged to keep his Arms, if it can be done without injury to the service; for I