

would by no means give a check to the ardency of his spirit. C. S. C.
Cap^t Fiddeman is pushing to arm his Company and hopes to effect it so as to be able to march some time in the course of next week. Cap^tⁿ Burke will I expect, be with you in a few days. Cap^t Goldsborough I have not heard from, but have dispatched a messenger to him. Cap^tⁿ Potter, I am doubtful will not make up his men, the collecting our officers together takes up more time than I wish, have sent an express to Somerset for Maj^r Hopewell, another for M^r Edmondson our Quarter master whose assistance I much want, but am unlucky enough not to have it. I hear he is at Annapolis, if so, pray drop him a hint that I wish to see him. Col^o Whitely will set off on Monday next, and I hope will head the first division of our Battalion into Philad^a I am on my way to Kent & Cecil, and hope to see the several Companys before they get off, shall take care to make a return of all their military stores & so soon as I got an acco^t of the whole Doct^r Hindmin is at a loss to know who appoints his mates & where he is [to] be furnished with medicine &c. As numbers of the arms bought of the Militia will want considerable repairs, I beg leave to submit it to your honours whether they will not be sooner and better repaired in Philad^a than down here. I am afraid it is almost impossible to get Tents for so many of the Companies as will be otherwise equipped, & we cant do well without them; I therefore wish to know if there is any chance of procuring them on the way to Camp, if there be pray say where, and at whose expence, the continent or our colony:

I am with due respect Gentlemen, Your mo
Obed^t Serv^t W. Richardson

P. S. If the Convention appoints the surgeons mates I wish Doct^r Zabdiel Potter to be one, and hope he will be mentioned, he has taken great pains to make up his Company, but cant I believe do it, he is very desirous to go to Camp, and will go in that Character. I believe too his appointment to the mates birth will forward the service, because there is a man as well qualified that will make up the Company he was to Command in a few days:

[Dames to Richardson.]

Original.

Sir.

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It is with pleasure I acquaint you my company is nearly arm'd and are vastly anxious to receive their marching orders. We are still unprovided with Camp equipage. We have I suppose 20 Blanketts and expect some brought in to day to