c. s. c. they may be immediately made. As soon as the Tenting Linen arrives from Parker which will be in a day or two at farthest, deliver it to Johnson to be made up into Tents.

21 August 1776

No. 156. [155.]

[Council to Hancock.]

To the Hble John Hancock Esq^r President of the Congress.

The President Informs us that by the order of the Convention he wrote to you for Ten Thousand Pounds for Money advanced by this Province on Account of the Congress, if the Requisition in that letter is complied with, we shall be obliged if you will order the Money to be paid into the hands of Mr Stephen Steward who will Convey it safely to us.

21 August 1776

No. 157. [155.]

[Council to Dames.]

To Captain Dames

Sir. It was represented to our Board that your Company had but about Forty Musquets, those very indifferent, and that there was not any probability of your getting a sufficient number to make up the deficiency; upon this Information as the Convention had directed us to despatch all the Companies of Flying Camp Militia that could be armed with the utmost Dispatch and as Capt Deans wanted but a few effective arms to compleat his Company we issued the Orders, which we should not have done had we been truly informed of your circumstances. Advise us of the number you have delivered to Captain Deans and we will replace them as soon as possible that your Company may march. We have not any Linen.

21 August 1776

No. 158. [156.]

[Council to Dorsey.]

To Mr. Samuel Dorsey, Ann Arundel County

Sir. We approve your Patterns for a Tent, but cannot give the price you ask, one of the Baltimore Tentmakers was here and says he will make them with a round seam for two Dollars—if you will make them with such seams on your moddle, we would have you proceed, otherwise be pleased to make some agreeable to the Baltimore pattern at twelve Shillings—if you do not care to make on those terms, send the Linen you have to Baltimore Town to William Johnson who has agreed to make at those prices.

The Tent Poles we will pay you for according to the price given at Baltimore, which we cannot now ascertain.

We wish to hear more fully about the Bayonets.

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