

[Dames to Council.]

Original.

Queen Ann's County Aug 21st 1776.

Gent: Yesterday Cap^t Dean produced an order from your board, ordering the arms out of the hands of my company into that of Cap^t Dean's, which I think exceeding hard, as I myself the rest of the officers and many of the privates have taken very uncommon pains to collect arms for the use of this Company.

I suppose the situation of my Company may have been misrepresented to you, M^r Joseph Nicholson one of your board informs me it has, that is that there was not a probability of arming my company. I can venture to answer you that by Saturday next, we shall be well arm'd. I make not the least doubt Gentⁿ but in that case you would prohibit the culling of my arms.

My men are exceedingly distressed for want of linnen, it is not to be had here, therefore shall be much obliged by 2 bolts of linnen, please dispatch it immediately, as we are daily expecting orders to march.

Am Gent your very ready Hble Serv^t
John Dames

[Garrett to Council.]

Original.

Harford County Aug^t 21st 1776.

Sirs. I received by the hands of Col^o Aquila Hall the sum of fifty pounds to be applied towards the Salt petre works, under my care, the same is continued carrying on but what is the reason I cant say, we cant produce the quantity I have heard made at some places. We are assiduous at the Business and loose no time from the work, except when applied in collecting the stock. the exact quantity made I cant justly say, having not weighed of for sometime, I expect some odds of two hundred weight, we daily increase the same something. I have sent down by this conveyance seventeen Bayonets and seven Muskets fixt with Bayonets, the Muskets and Bayonets were to have been presented to the Committee of this County for the use of the public, but this opportunity offering immediately to Annapolis, and M^r John Hall Lieutenant in Cap^t Paca's company, Informing there being immediately wanted, I thought it adviseable to send them down, and trust your Honours will have them valued and allow me what they may be valued to, and pay the same and of the Bayonets as p^r acc^t inclosed to M^r Hall who will receive and transmit it to me. There is also in the Box a gun our committee agreed to give a man forty five shillings for, which I paid him, some small repair I did to the lock, and is charged in the accompt.