

c. s. c. remainder you will keep till further orders. Be pleased to have them valued by two Gentlemen who may be indifferent and the price shall be paid to you or your order on transmitting the Account.

23 August, 1776

Original.

[J. Nicholson, Jr., to Jenifer.]

Sir. Cap^t Dames who has been exceedingly active in endeavouring to arm his Company of the Flying Camp to march to the Northward, has nearly got them equip'd for that purpose he only wants 30 firelocks which he can procure from Winters provided he can obtain the consent of the Council of Safety, without which he will not spare them as he looks upon them to belong to the Publick in consequence of his contract.

Cap^t Dames has been encouraged by me to make application to you for them, upon a supposition that that part of the Flying Camp which belongs to the Western Shore will be armed there, indeed if Cap^t Dames obtains the consent of the Council to get Winters's arms, it will be a means of getting off Cap^t Feddeman's company likewise, because Cap^t Dames will then be able to spare some guns from his company which are inferior to Winters's arms, but at the same time are so much superior to any Feddeman is likely to procure for his company, that he will gladly accept of them and march off early next week.

I shall do myself the pleasure of waiting upon the Council next week as soon as M^r Johnson is elected for Caroline, which will undoubtedly be the case without opposition. I speak this from assurances made me by every man of interest and note in the County, every one of whom I have had personal interviews with. I congratulate you on the favourable turn our affairs are likely to take in Canady.

I am with much respect Sir
Your very Hble Servant
J Nicholson Jr.

Aug. 23rd 1776, Queen Ann's County.

c. s. j.

Saturday August 24th 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Mary Tipllett sixty Pounds for Barracks.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Benedict Edward Hall for use of Amos Garrett forty seven Pounds eleven shillings & six Pence for Bayonets & arms.