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[Dames to Council.]

Chester Town Kent County Aug 28th 1776.

Gentⁿ I take this opportunity by M^r Smith to inform you my company is now on their march, have received knappsacks, haversacks, Cartouch boxes, Bayonett belts and gun slings, but are at a loss for Camp Kettles, Tent Cloth and Blanketts, not having more than about forty blanketts, the men complain much for want of them.

If we cou'd be furnish'd with cloth we cou'd soon have tents made here. Captains Smith and Perkins's company are exceedingly well fitted with Tents.

It seems from the number of troops that have marched to the Northward, it will be almost impossible to be supplied there. Gentlemen if your board should think proper to furnish me with tent cloth, camp kettles and some blanketts, shall think myself infinitely obliged. The things might be put on board a rock hall boat, where we may get them very handily. I have had no cash for the support of my Company, which I am much in want of. M^r Winters has not returned from Annapolis, therefore have not got our arms yet from him.

I am Gent your

Most obed^t & Hble Serv^t

John Dames.

C. S. J.

Thursday 29th August 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Bond three pounds, ten shillings for a Blunderbuss.

Ordered That Captain Maybury & Joseph Middleton be requested to value the vessels engaged to go for Coal to Virginia, and report to the Council of Safety an Estimate of their real Value.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Kelty and John Ball twenty two Pounds nine shillings & six Pence for going to the Eastern shore.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col^o John Ennalls one hundred & six Pounds, seven shillings & six Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o Ennalls sixteen Pounds, & two shillings for Militia on duty

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut^t John Deaver for use of M^r Galbraith fifty five Pounds, five shillings & six Pence for Militia on duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Manyard eighteen shillings & six Pence for Barracks for Flying Camp.