

part of his men already. I have no doubt but the Company will be filled up in the course of this week, and ready to begin their march, if your Bord can assist him with some of the arms brought up by the Defence, which I hope will be done. He has picked up some arms already and will want cash to pay for them, the money lodg'd in the Committee's hands being expended on Cap^t Fiddeman's Company. All the Companies are I believe now on their march to Camp except Capⁿ Goldsborough's and the above, Cap^t Goldsborough I expect will set off in a few days and I hope he will soon be followed by the Caroline Company. I set out to day on my way to camp.

I am with due respect Gentlemen
Your mo: obed^t Serv^t
W^m Richardson

[Nicholson to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore Sep^t 1st 1776.

Gentlemen. The Bearer M^r Morris waits on you with an application to have M^r Middleton's privateer stop'd and examined for 4 Deserters from the Frigate. Circumstances are very strong that they are or will be on board her, for the particulars of which refer to him, this I hope you'll think necessary, for should there not be an example made of those, if to be found, 30 odd likewise from the Eastern Shore I expect will leave her in the same manner.

I have sent three craft from this to wait your orders to get a load of coal. The first two went before I expected or should have wrote by them, and the last was out of the way. The Resolution returned here yesterday, the officer says by your direction. The Defence has required so much caulking that I do not expect she can be down before the last of the week. I am fitting and victualling her sufficient to go to sea should you think proper to order her. I have found great difficulties in getting her about two months salt provisions and as I did not use your order in Philadelphia for that purpose (for the reason refer to Mess^{rs} Chase & Paca) you'll please to send by M^r Turnbull £514, one months pay, which shall apply to pay the ship's necessary disbursements.

I am Gen^t Your most obliged Hble Serv^t
James Nicholson

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

Head of Elk 1st Sept. 1776.

Gentlemen: Some time since I wrote you how necessary it would be to have cashed lodged in the county in some person's hands that I could call on occassionally as the service