

Committees of observation, was held on Friday last by appointment previously advertised for the purpose of nominating officers for two companies of Militia to march immediately for New York which nomination was accordingly made.

On Saturday I met my Battalion to publish the same and solicit volunteers, they were very backward in offering, until some officers of the Companies turn'd out, this in some degree roused the Ranks and each (the officers of three companies) got a considerable number of their men to offer to go. I met all these officers yesterday in town each tells me he has engaged some, on the whole I think about a number sufficient for one company mostly of this Battalion and say if they had money to discharge the bounty advance and purchase of arms they have no doubt of succeeding. Here we wait not only for the money, but also for an explanation Respecting the offers of companies, whether they are to be confined to two and therefore supersede our nomination, or wheather all volunteer companies together with the two by us nominated are to be taken into pay. not that I have the least expectation that the whole county can turn out more than the two companies properly equipped in good time, one of which we would have a good chance of effecting by consolidating the three offering companies of my Battalion with one of those nominated.

I know not whether I have been right in telling the Volunteers that so high a bounty is given to enable each to equip himself with a blanket as well as other necessaries for their immediate march. this will however be the most expeditious method of procuring blankets, should they be paid for by the State, which is by some expected. The Bearer Cap^t Teams one of our nominated Cap^{ts} will be a good opportunity to send money by for this business; he waits upon you for that purpose and for further instructions therein to

Sir Your most obed^t & very Hble Serv^t
W^m Buchanan

P. S. Some directions for the subsistence of the troops is also wanting.

Wednesday September 18th 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Chaille eighty five pounds, nine shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

M^r Nich^s Thomas appointed a member of this Board attended, and having taken the oath prescribed by Convention, took his seat accordingly.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o