

[Council to Buchanan.]

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To Col^o William Buchanan

Sirs.

We have given Frederick Teems a warrant for Enlisting a company of volunteers in Baltimore County. We take it for granted from what you say, that he has been recommended by the Field officers, altho no regular recommendation has been returned. it will be proper to return the recommendation and we will send warrents for the other officers—the County money and one months pay being advanced the soldiers are expected to find themselves all necessaries except arms.—this is the construction we put on the Resolve of convention about raising the last two Battalions: arms are to be got as you will see by borrowing or impressing on receiving the appraisemts, we shall pay for what may be necessary for two Companies for Baltⁿ County.

18th Sept. 1776.

[Rumsey to Council.]

Original.

Gent. In the last Ire. wrote you by the Harford Committee of which I was lately a Member I was desired by them to inform you of their transactions in a particular department under the signature of the Chairman and also of their dissolution which they in consequence notified to the People by advertisements set up in the most public places in the county.

Since my writing the above I received a letter from M^r Ashmead in which he informs me he had sent down to Harford the remainder of his Guns & Blanketts and also the inclosed account proved which closes the affair of the £300 and there remains in my hands a ballance of two pounds eighteen shillings and one penny.

No expectations can be formed of our Committee's acting longer without a new Election. They universally looked upon the Convention's continuing them beyond the time for which they were elected by the people to be unconstitutional and laying a foundation and precedent for one of the most alarming stretches of power the continuation of some future Convention or publick Body for many years. This was their opinion before the resolve of the convention. I have no right to think it changed.

In obedience to the commands of the convention I called my Battalion together on Monday last and on reading their resolves, three Cap^{ts} in the Battalion with their commissioned officers, to wit Cap^t James M^cComas, Cap^t Alexander Cowen and Cap^t Rob^t Harris the first with thirty one the other