

with thirty of their privates offered to serve their Country agreeable to the resolves of the Convention and to day the Field officers meet in order to decide who shall go and I believe the lott will fall on Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris as he is a single man of spirit very desirous of going and the furthest from the water and internal enemies in case of an attack.

I should be glad to know of you if the arms & blanketts in this county collected and now at Harford could be spared for the use of the Company in my Battalion. It will be necessary to inform me immediately and also to give Hollingsworth orders to make Bayonetts for them. They can be sent there directly and before they march I think I can have the residue with some difficulty got from the people in the same manner they were collected by the Committee.

Money being the life of all business and the sinews of war it will be absolutely necessary to send up immediately and lodge in the hands of some one of this Battalion a sum of money large enough to discharge the bounty and month's pay advance and also gun and blanket money.

I sett from our place of meeting to attend 6 companies to morrow at Deer Creek to assist our Cap<sup>t</sup> in compleating his company and to endeavour to inspire as many as I can with a love of their country and desire to serve her and shall assure those that inlist with their speedy getting the money, tho' it would have the most charms if glittering in their sight.

Tents will be necessary. The soldiers that will go will be chiefly Farmers and their sons. What price will the province pay per y<sup>d</sup> if they find it or can the Council of Safety furnish all the troops.

Joppa 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1776.

I am Gentlemen  
Your most Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Benjamin Rumsey

Original.

[Petition of Fulford's Company.]

Annapolis Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

The humble Petition of Captain John Fulfords Company the Royal Train of Artillery or second Maryland Montross's Humbly sheweth

That your worthy Patriots that is filled with a due sense of Liberty and was enlisted under the Banners of the same ; and is ready to advance into the Field at a Moments Call, and there to fight our daring Foes in the present Cause, and behalf of America and in the highest Spirits, like the bold Soldier willing to go to the Field conquering and to conquer, undaunted like Tyrants, not fearing to die, you will give them a Hearing