

There have been very few applications made to the Field officers and as we were of opinion no time was to be delayed, if any service was expected this fall from the Company to be raised in this Battalion, we met yesterday and have recommended; but I am really apprehensive there will be great difficulty in arming them, if it is to be done with the militia arms. There may be a few musketts offered for sale and I believe but few; as for impressing which the Convention has given authority for, I shall not chuse by any means, to do it and believe the other Gent will not.

I most heartily wish some mode could be adopted to restore harmony to this distracted County, but which way it can be effected I know not. Some are displeas'd with the Convention or Council of Safety appointing and others I believe are not.

I have been inform'd the Convention has adjourn'd till Monday week, which is the reason of my giving your board the trouble of this; but am determin'd if I can make it convenient, to attend their next meeting, in hopes that something may be done to settle the unhappy Disputes.

I am Gent your mo: obed^t Serv^t
Th: Wright:

[Porter to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen.

Cecil County Sept 20th 1776.

From good authority I can inform you that D^r Morrow is gone on board a vessel of war from Philadelphia, therefore I imagine the Battalion to which he was appointed Cyrurgeon, is still without any, I am always ready at one minutes warning and should be much oblig'd to you for an appointment thereto.

I am Gent your most obed^t
Andrew Porter.

[Dugan to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore 20th September 1776.

Gentlemen. Having a large quantity of bread belonging to the publick on hand already bak'd, and a vessel to dispose of, that we think must answer your purpose thought it most proper to advise you thereof. She is a large schooner that will carry abo^t Eleven hundred barrells flour, completely found ready for sea, a good sailer & as tight as a bottle, the price we ask for her is £850. that if she will any way suite you beg youl advise me immediately for my government, as if she dos not answer you, hope very shortly to dispose of her to some people of this place; dare say the quantity of bread we have baked belonging to you, together with what M^r Spear has baked for you will intirely load this Vessell, and if imme-