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C. S. C. No. 190. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Observation for Balto Coty

Gentⁿ We approve y^r choice of M^r Ezekiel Towson to command, the guard at the Magazine, & request that he would hire twelve men to keep guard alternately according to orders he may give them the highest Price we have allowed for privates at other Magazines is forty five shillings—some are got for forty. we leave it to Lieut^t Towson to hire the men upon the best Terms he can, not exceeding 45/ per month, the public to find them rations.

26th Sept 1776.

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[Charles Rumsey and others to Council.]

Cæcil County Sepr 26th 1776

Gentlemen

Agreable to the Resolves of Convention we have Indeavoured to have a Company Raised under Capt Samuel Evans, Leiutenant Henry Dobson, 2^d Leiut. Thomas Ramsey, Ensign William Stuart, which hope you will Commission, They haveing Raised Sixty Six Men, which Leiutenant Dobson will return you lists of, And Expect the company will be full in a few days, Coll Hollingsworth will furnish them with Twenty Guns fitted, and we will Buy out of the Militia Twenty five more, which is all can ingage for, as the Battalion has furnished most of her best Pieces before. Majr Parker can furnish us with as much Lining as will make Ten Tents, which beg you will give orders to have made in Philadelphia, as the Capt has Raised a number of his Neighbours, that would not go into the Servise unless they had them, at this advanced Season, or would he Receive his Commission without them, Blanketts may be had but very High. We can purchase Cartouch Boxes & flints if ordered. Knapsacks wire & brushes with Canteens, the residue of Arms we expect to be furnished with. the Company is now on Rations, as it is impossible to keep them otherwise. A Drum and fife we can furnish if ordered. I have Received three hundred and thirty three pounds Ten Shillings, which will not be near Sufficient, therefore hope you will furnish us with at least five Hundred more, by the Bearer Mr Henry Dobson, and dont Doubt but every thing will be had, so as the Company may march by Monday comin week

We are Gentlemen

Your Most Obt Servt

Charles Rumsey H Hollingsworth Edw^d Parker