

nours, by M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Gilpin three hundred pounds. M<sup>r</sup> Gilpin informs me there was an order sent me on the Eastern Shore Treasury, for 300 more, but I have not received the order or money, if the order should come to hand shall return it, as all the monney now drawn for is due. I submitt it to your Honours whither it would not be conducive to the sarvice, to lodge a sum of monney in this county, in some Gentleman's hands who your Honnours could confide in, who I might apply too, as my advancing as much as I have done heretofore, (this is soposing the troops that are now raising to go forward) may be rather prejudicial to my other concerns. The quantity of muskett barrels and Bayonetts, that I have made amounts to about the sum recd on that acc<sup>t</sup> the accts of which I shall bring down with me as soon as in my power, together with the accts for forwarding, and arming the troops, it appears to me, that I have a quantity of barrells and bayonetts now by me, that M<sup>r</sup> E. Winter will not want, as I sent him seventy Bbls and ninety Bayonetts the other day. I shall therefore send them by first opportunity to your Honnours, as I have not locks (or I would have them fitted).

I have now began in earnest with the large Bbls, I tryed it some time since with some of the best workmen I had, and found that without stone coal, we should spoil many Barells, which would make the others come high, as soon as the passage was safe I sent a vessel for a load to Virginia, which has returned with 500 bush<sup>s</sup> coal, which answers well. I shall make six a week as I shall keep our Forge with three hand forging these bbls, and they can forge one each day, some of which I shall send down for your inspection first oppertunity, if locks could be had which M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Johnson informed me he thought might at Frederick. I could have musketts finished hear (as I think to advantage) as they would be ready for the Troops as they pass along to the Northward or Southward, and if locks could be made of proper size at Frederick, for the large pieces, and sent by way of Baltimore to this place, I would have them fited also, at your Honour's pleasure, as the size and weight of them will make the carriage of them troublesome and expensive this with the whole I with much diffidence submit to your Honours, and am with much esteem,

Gentlemen Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. Pray gentlemen excuse the freedom I have taken with your Honours as 'tis meant to promote and forward the sarvice.