

c. s. c. be made up of the Bread belonging to the Province now at y^r Town. We shall send you some money by the first safe opportunity.

Oct^r 5th 1776

No. 202.

[Council to Lux & Bowly.]

Mess^{rs} Lux & Bowley

Gent^m

We have rec^d y^r favor of the 1st ins^t and provided you will engage to begin making the cordage for our armed vessells within ten days from this Time & will continue in that business until a sufficient q^{ty} is supply'd, we desire you will immediately come down & contract with us for it. If you cannot, be pleased to signify it to us by the first safe opportunity.

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[Petition of Chew's Company.]

The humble petition of a majority of Cap^t Rich^d Chew's company of militia belonging to Colo John Weem's battalion.

These humble petitioners doth petition this honourable house of Convention for a new choice of commissioned officers to serve under in the Militia, as they thinking themselves ill used by the present ones for the reasons hereafter mentioned.

First: We do complain of an unfair election for a second lieutenant on Friday the ninth day of August last, two judges being appointed to take down the votes, and one of the candidates desiring to see the poll after it was closed was denied the sight of it, for which reason he thinks himself ill used.

Secondly. We can and are ready when called upon to prove our officers have been partial in regard to fines upon the people for not attending on field days, and offering to clear all their back fines that would vote for M^r Richard Harrison to be second Lieutenant.

And thirdly and lastly we do complain of our Captain and Ensign, speaking in public company against the poor people in generall as you do see in M^r Gilbert Hamilton Smith's form of Deposition above mentioned.

Signed Octob 5th 1776.

John Birkhead Jr.

Gideon Shoemaker

William Whittington

Gilbert Hamilton Smith

Thomas ^{his} + Turner

Francis Whittington Jr.

Nehemiah Birkhead

Francis Wettington

Isaac ^{his} + Tucker
mark

Seaborn ^{his} X Tucker
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