

the steel not good, though the best I could then get, the want of Experienced hands in the mill, all plead for their Honour Indulgence. I have sent M^r Winters some since much better and have now by me about 200 which I flatter myself will merritt their approbation, which with some muskett barrels and large piecs, I fully intend down with as soon as the service above resighted will permitt, you will please to lay this before their Honnours though wrote in much haste (as 'tis all truth) I should have wrote to their Honnours but have received no censure from them save what Col. Benjⁿ Rumsey gave me at Philadelphia verbally who I am much obliged to for his assistance in dispac^ting me and am D^r Sir

Yours & the Hon^{bl} Council's mo obed^t & Hb^{le} Serv^t
 To Joseph Gilpin Esq^r H. Hollingsworth
 Convention at Annapolis.

Original.

[Capt Teams to Council.]

Baltimore October 27th 1776.

Gentlemen. I take this opportunity to lett you know that the most of my company is willing to enlist for during the war with me provided that I might give them twenty dollars as Bounty without deducting the sum of eight dollars which they have received of me as bounty for their former enlistment. My men says that they will serve their time out with me according to contract and then that they will enlist with another person in order that they may receive the sum of twenty dollars without any deduction, my men that has not as yet received their months advance insists that I should pay them this week, therefore I should be glad to know whether I must pay them out of what money I have now in my possession. I find that by the Resolutions of Congress the private men is allowed but six shillings per week for rations, which I think it would be impossible for any officer that draws rations for his men to find them in provisions for that price. I should be glad gentlemen you would lett me know what pay pr. month the private soldiers and officers has according to the resolutions of Congress.

I am Gentlemen with great respect yrs. to serve.
 Fredrick Teams.

C. S. J.

Monday October 28th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ch^s Carroll (Bar^r) thirty one Pounds, ten shillings, for forty five days Attendance in Council of Safety.