

to transmit it to us by some safe Conveyance. After the Bond is executed be pleased to deliver to Cap<sup>t</sup> Handy the enclosed commissions and instructions.

Benton Harris Esquire.

Oct. 29 1776

[Steward to Council.]

Original.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentillmen. M<sup>r</sup> Gideon Odair waits on you for a comition as Captain of Morreens on board of the largest province schooner which I hope to have riged and fit for sea in 10 or 12 days, as sailers are very hard to be got I should think it would be well for you to put from 20 to 30 landsmen on board after being a cruse they will become half sailers, which will be of great use to this State. M<sup>r</sup> Odarer as I have said to you before is as fting a man for the servis as any of my acquaintance. He has the offer of going out in that sation in a small privateer in this Nabour Hud, but now coms to you to give you the prefernce. If you should think of giving him a commition, its high time he was recruiting as there is several recruiting parties about this place and Petoxen.

I am Gentellmen  
Your Humble Servant  
Stephen Steward.

If you should give M<sup>r</sup> Odeir a comition it will be well to tell him to git as many young cuntry born lads as he can.

[Garrett to Jenifer.]

Original.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1776, Swan Creek.

Sir. Captain Holland's company, marched last Wednesday, one of the gentlemen that assisted me was pretty fortunate in procuring blanketts, the whole company was well equipt therewith, and have remaining now in store at Susquehannah Ferry, Fifty three, with the remainder of the Cartouch boxes and knapsacks, they were all equipt with good guns, and all fixt with bayonetts but two or three tho very few scabbards, but these were to be got in Philadelphia, all the exertion in my power was used, and by the assistance of some Bayonetts I had by me and my smith to fit them believe the gunns will answer, being mostly old tryed gunns. I have near One hundred and Fifty yards of linen they took none of that article, on being inform'd they were to have Barracks but wish they may not want it. I paid the Captain near Fifty pounds for their subsistance to Philadelphia, and have still a little left, the whole account I will render as soon as I can get in one of the Gentlemen's accounts that assisted me. I shall wait your order