

[Johnson to Council.]

Original.

Fred. Town. 16th Dec^r 1776.

Gent.

Your letter of the 14th by Express came to me this moment 12 o'clock, and I shall not lose a minute in sending to the Col as you direct. I am afraid we shall be able to arm only a small proportion of the men these parts having been much drained of arms, and those of the Flying Camp who have returned, having left their guns behind them. I am told no Field officers are yet appointed to the Battalion of which Wells was recommended to be Col^o. If there's no capital objection I wish the commissions were sent. I would not intrude advice but if no steps are already taken for the purpose, I wish to submit to your consideration whether it would not be well to remove our magazine further into the country, it appears to me that if our Enemies succeed against Phil^a, our stock of powder may be an object. I intended to have set out in the morning for Balt., but shall now wait till I hear from you, or am well informed of a considerable change in our affairs.

I am Gent.

Your most obed^t Servant
Th. Johnson, Jun^r

[Claypoole to Council.]

Original.

Chester Town 16th Dec. 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have sent p^r Rock Hall boat one hogshhead containing 200 pair Shoes and expect to send 200 pair more in 4 weeks, I have been disapoint'd in hands, or shou'd have comply'd more fully with my contract, which I hope you'll excuse. If you think proper to let me have 100 pounds shou'd be greatly oblig'd by your sending it to me p^r first opportunity.

from your Hble. Serv^t
James Claypoole.

Tuesday, December 17. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. M^r Jenifer attended. Ordered that Capt. Paddison immediately proceed with all the Hands he can procure, to the Head of Elk, there to assist in bringing down the Vessels containing the continental Stores, to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doctor Richard Tootell all the medicine in the Store.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Paddison two