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[Deakins to Ridgely.]

George Town Dec^r 18th 1776.

Dear Sir.

The Bearer, M^r John Youst, who has contracted with the Council of Safety for a number of Muskets, now waits on them for cash to enable him to carry on his buiseniss. He has employed a number of hands and is now in a good way of doing much work, if he is properly assisted with cash, without which he cannot go on, and you may assure the Council he is a man much to be depended on, and will not deceive them, I have been in his shop and find him well prepared (as far as I can judge) to carry on the buiseness extensively.

I wrote you some time past for commissions for the officers in a Militia Company in the 29th Batalion and they have not yet come to hand therefore please send them by the Bearer, and you will much oblige

D^r Sir,Your humb^l Servant,
Will Deakins Jun^r

Since writing the above, Col^o Murdock has received orders from Brigadier General Johnson, to call a meeting of the 29th Batalion, and whole them in readiness, till further orders, to march to Philadelphia, and as the said Batalion have very few effective arms, Col. Murdock requests you will represent to the council that M^r Youst has fifty three of the publick arms finished which we would like to have orders for from the Council to receive.

c. s. J.

Thursday December 19th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except M^r Jenifer

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Carroll, Barrister Esquire fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles and Joseph White twenty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert and Alexander M^cKim fifty Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Fulford seventy six Pounds sixteen shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven fifteen Pounds three Shillings and eight Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henshaw and Ozmond twenty Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Hopkins eight Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Copy of N^o 64 was sent to Major William Deakins.

Ordered that the following notice be given in the Maryland Gazette.