

duced an order from you on us which we offered to pay in c. s. c. dollars at 7/6 but he refused to receive them unless we added the advance of 25 p cent for his disappointment in not receiving goods.

It gives us concern that you have not any prospect of passing your bills upon us: times may alter, and opportunities may offer, wherein you may dispose of them. Should that be the case, be sure to embrace every opportunity that may present itself. We are well pleased with M^cCreary's shipping the goods you mention, and hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing them soon.

There cannot be a doubt that we ought at least to receive for our Powder sold at Charles Town the price that was given for it at that place; if not a share of the Profits on the returns: But this business we leave to you to settle in the best manner you can for our State. We have debited you for it in the manner you advised.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bills of Lading for ——— which we wish to a good market. For God's sake send us all the Salt you possibly can. Our people are in the greatest distress from the need of it, next to that article send us Blankets & other Woolens, Lead, Musquets, Hats, strong shoes, stockings, Col^d Thread, & Butts for Cloths, Medicines agreeable to the inclosed Inventory, sail Cloth for Tents & sails, course white Linen, ten thousand needles of different sizes, and five thousand strong clasp Knives for Soldiers,—Thread for the Linen & Twine for the Tents & Sails. We have a pretty good stock of Powder. Send no more 'till you hear from us on the subject.

Dec^r 19, 1776

[Johnson to Council.]

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Frederick Town 20th Dec. 1776.

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Some Time ago the Comm^{ee} of this county formed James Wells's, W^m pepples, Henry Stevenson's Lucien Meredith, Henry Baker, Basil Dorsey, William Bressledan and David Moor's companies into a Battalion and recommended Upton Sheredine Col^o David Steiner L^t Colo. David Moore 1 Major, Ephraim Howard 2 Maj^r and Charles Warfield Qr master it is said here the recommendation was sent to the council of Safety and is lost. Afterwards, as it is said under the countenance of some of the Committee and after a very general agreement on time and place, and two or three weeks intervening, most of the officers and some of the men though from what I understand not a majority of the privates, met