

c. s. c. fitted there, if possible, and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done as expeditiously as you can. We desire to know how many Arms you have which have been delivered in by, or taken from those who have not subscribed the Association or Enrolled in the Militia. We have already a sufficient quantity of Cartouch Boxes, Bayonets Belts and Slings, and have advertized for Persons to contract with us for making Knapsacks with Havresacks, Priming Wires & Brushes, but if you can recommend to us any who will engage to supply the Public with either of those Articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel Ramrods, we presume, you will be able to get made, but are doubtful as to bayonets, however if you can provide them also we would have you do it.

Mr Hanson will deliver you this and we request you will lay it out in the purchase of arms and blanketts. We have not hitherto exceeded four pounds five shillings for a Musket with a Steel Ramrod and Bayonet, but upon this occasion would have you go as high as four pounds ten shillings, Guns which you may purchase without either ought not to cost so much, that the necessary repairs and providing Ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above four pounds five shillings unless they are very good, in which Case we will allow four pounds ten shillings.

July 16. 1776

[Dashiell to J. Tilghman.]

Worcester County July 16th 1776.

D^r Sir: When Captain Kelly was down my sloop lay at such a distance that we could not go to her as they were in such a hurry; but I promised to send up her dimensions, he heard her carector of being the fastest saylor in this place—her standing rigging in good order, sales & running rigging very indiferent: 46 feet long on deck, 14½ feet Beam, 6 foot Hole. I consider her sales and riging as nothin worth to the Province except her standing rigging & should not haue mentioned her only for her fast sailing. I gave one hundred & fifty pounds for last yeare and if better to answer the purpose cannot be got, I am willing to take the same for her now.

This comes by a French Gentleman who I have had at my house and sent him part of the way to Annapolis. he has papers which will show that he is desirous to enter into our Service in defence of Liberty & from his experience hope he will be sarvicable. If you please lay this before your Brethern, & oblige Sir

Y^r humb^{le} Serv^t
St. Joseph Dashiell