

officers, I should have expected to have had notice given me upon the appearance of an Enemy as soon as possible, but no such thing have I had.

I am Gentⁿ in haste
Your most obed^t Serv^t
Jno. Dent.

[Skinner to Jenifer?]

Original.

Baltimore Notting^m Iron Works 16th July 1776.

Sir.

I am favoured with yours of the 8th Inst. concerning the casting some small cannon for the use of the province; in answer to which, I have to acquaint you, that the Nottingham Comp^y's furnace under my care, blowed out about five weeks ago. The remainder of this year will be employed in providing stock for another blaste, so that we shall not be able to gitt to work again sooner than sometime next January. I am with respect,

Sir, your most obedient humble Serv^t
John Skinner.

[Tyler to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen.

Agreeable to your orders, a Company out of my Battalion will be at Annapolis to day, they are not quite compleat but will be made so to morrow. The notice I had was so short, there was not time to collect the whole Battalion which is the reason that some of them are badly armed. It was past seven o'clock on Monday morning before I received the orders. Colo. Williams waits on you with this, and if necessary will attend the Company till relieved. I should have waited on you myself, but have just recovered from a spell of sickness and being a good deal fatigued by attending the Battalion yesterday it would have gone hard with me.

16th July 1776.

I am gentlemen
Your very humble Serv^t
Rob. Tyler.

[Portteus to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore 16th July 1776.

Honored Sirs.

I have been told that your Honbl. House has done me the Honour of promoting me to a Third Lieu^t in Capt Nath^l Smith's company of Artillery now stationed here. If what I