

c. s. c. give must depend in a great measure on the Numbers, Situation and movements of the Enemy, we request you will communicate to us by the return of the Express all the information you can collect relative to these and be very particular therein. We have countermanded the orders, given Captains Thomas and Hindman to march to Philadelphia and expect them here to Day or Tomorrow, upon receiving intelligence from you, we shall be able to form an opinion whether it will be necessary they should be ordered to your assistance. Powder, Lead and Flints are sent off this Morning to Leonard Town and we hope will arrive there to morrow Night or on Friday morning. We approve of the Committee's detaining Captain Forrest's Company, and think it would be best if the Militia will part with their Guns that that Company should be armed with them and immediately be subject to your orders.

17 July 1776

No. 49.

[Council to Kent Committee.]

To Mess^{rs} Thomas Ringgold, Aq^a Brown, and Doc^r Ringgold
Gentlemen

We have sent a Barrel of Gun Powder and four hundred pounds of Lead addressed to you for the use of Kent Island and doubt not your care of it. We think ourselves obliged however to tell you we have seen the ill effect of distributing ammunition among the Militia and to desire you will lodge such a proportion of it with the Captain of the Companies only as you may think proper, and they upon Emergencies will deliver it out to their men. [Ordered that Major Price detach a guard to Kent Island with the said Powder and Lead.]

17 July 1776

No. 50.

[Council to T. Smyth.]

To Thomas Smyth Esq^r

D^r Sir. We send you by the bearer four hundred pounds currency for paying off the Waggon and to answer other contingent expences.

We are sorry we cannot comply with other requests you have made us relative to the two companies raised in Kent, our Province is actually Invaded by Lord Dunmore with his whole Fleet who are now come into Potowmack and are Landing at S^t Georges Island, our own Battalion and Independent Companies are marched off to the eastward by order of Convention. In this distressed situation every Gun we can muster from M^r Winters and all other parts must first be first