

applied to arm the Battalion and Independent Companies that are to stay in the Province to supply the place of those who are gone to New York. As to Tents we will write you more fully hereafter, when we know certainly what Canvas we have at Chingotigue. Were we to make the ample provision you wish for two Companies in the Eastern Shore Battalion and leave the others bare of every thing, we should justly subject ourselves to the Charge of Partiality; you may depend we will do as much for those two Companies as we possibly can, at least equal to others in same Battalion.

17 July 1776

[Council to Barnes and Elliott.]

No. 51.

To Captains Barnes and Elliott

Gentlemen. We received your favour of the 16th Instant about an Hour ago, and are sorry to find the People of Kent Island so very uneasy from an opinion Dunmore will attack them. We do not apprehend unless he should receive a considerable reinforcement that he will attempt any thing of that sort, as from the best information we have of them his party is unequal to such a measure; however hearing of the apprehension which prevailed among you and that you were not sufficiently provided with ammunition by the Committee of Observation for Queen Anns who we expected would supply you and being desirous of guarding against every possibility of danger, we had ordered before the receipt of your Letter a Barrel of Powder and four hundred pounds of Lead to be lodged with Mess^{rs} Thomas Ringgold, Aquila Brown and Doc^r Ringgold for the use of the Island and that Captain Deans Company of the Flying Camp Militia should, as soon as they could be armed, march down for your Protection. We have wrote the Committee to provide Barracks for the Company, but as your recommendation of such as would answer the purpose, would probably expedite the Business we think you had better make the proper enquiry and write us.

17 July 1776

[Jordan to Council.]

Original.

St. Mary's County St. George's River July 17th 1776

Gentlemen.

I arrived down here on the 15th Inst with about one hundred of the Militia, where I found Cap^t Beall with part of his Company and one Company of Colo. Barne's Battalion. About daybreak yesterday we were visited by a Row Galley or Row Gondola carrying 5 Swivels on each side and