

C. S. C.
No. 65.

[Council to Dent.]

To Brigadier General Dent.

Sir: Your favors of the 19th & 20th instant are before us. We approve of your ordering an additional Number of Militia from Colonel Hawkins Battalion, and dont Doubt your doing everything necessary to repel the Invaders, we have ordered Major Price down with Three Field Pieces, and one nine pounder, with Cap^t Thomas's Independent Company, which we rest satisfied are arrived with you by this Time. These will enable the Major and you to speak more properly with the Row Gally than you hitherto could do. You apprehend the Enemy are moving up the River, it is not improbable but they may, you will (as you have done) continue to watch their motions, and from time to time inform us. We wish to be acquainted how many and what sort of deserters have come over; whether they be Soldiers, Sailors, Tories or Prisoners taken by them.

Please to say in your next how Captⁿ Beall may be.

21st July 1776.

No. 66.

[Council to Perkins.]

To Captain Perkins

Sir.

The Council of Safety will fix upon some Day not far distant to issue the several Commissions for the Officers belonging to the Flying Camp, when you may depend upon you and your Officers receiving yours. We have no Muskets to supply your Company with or any other belonging to the Eastern Shore Battalion; it at present remains doubtful whether or not we shall after all our endeavours procure sufficient Arms to Arm the Battalion to be stationed upon this Shore in the stead of Colonel Smallwood's which is marched to the Northward. We expect to be supplied from Baltimore with Knap and Havresacks, a part of which when received will be appropriated to the use of the Eastern Shore Battalion. At present we have no tents nor are we possessed of the necessary materials to make them. When your Company is equipped for marching, and any of the Men at that time should prove non-effective, we think if others offer to supply their places you may safely incorporate them in your Company.

P. S. Orders are lodged with E. S. Treasurer.

22 July 1776