

being at home, I was wrongly informed, but have since bought c. s. c. it and have delivered it to the Tent makers to be made immediately. You have herewith enclosed an account of it. I have this day received from M^r Richardson and M^r Cannon 250 pair shoes of each, and can inform you that M^r Cannon's are deserving of 2/6 or 3/ more per pair than Richardson's.

I am, Gent. Your obedient Serv^t

Gerrard Hopkins, son R^d

The Honble The Council of Safety Annapolis

[Memorial of Chew's Company.]

Anne Arundel County Jan^y 29th 1777.

The company of militia commanded by Capt. Richard Chew, beg leave to represent to the Honourable the General Assembly of this State, that they did on the 11th day of September 1776, present a commission to the late Honourable Convention, praying that new officers might be appointed to command their company, they being unanimously averse to serve under the officers then commanding them, on account of sundry misdemeanors committed by them therein mentioned, which petition from the multiplicity of business was then not answered. Colonel Weems having issued orders to the officers to collect the several companys, they take this public method of testifying their willingness to turn out in the service of their country, on this urgent crices, provided they are commanded by-officers, whom they can rely on for their bravery and conduct. They therefore pray that the Honourable house of Assembly, would issue orders for a new election of officers in their company, or (if the exegency of affairs is such as not to admit of the delay) to appoint such officers belonging to the company, as the Honourable House may think proper, and that their late officers be emediately discharged as persons unfit to hold such commissions.

To the Honble Council of Safety of Maryland, at Annapolis.

[John M. Burgess to Council.]

Gent.

January 29th 1777.

I understand you have honour'd me with a commission, and am sorry to inform you it is not in my power to except of it, through an indisposition of body I find myself not able to recruit men this winter and as there is an immediate call for men, I think I do justice to the State as well as to myself in refusing, as I am not able to do my duty.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most obedient & humble Serv^t

The Honble. Council of Safety
of Maryland

John M. Burgess.