

this sort; they submit it to y^r Excellency & the Honble Council, whether it will not be proper (at this particular crisis & on so important an occasion, to make use of the authority of Government & to compel the agents of these furnaces to do the public work on their receiving a valuable consideration; perhaps some of them may only want an excuse to justify their engaging in an undertaking of this nature; If Capt. Joy is able to make contracts for the shot & shells which are required, there will be no occasion for a measure of this sort; in case he is unsuccessful, the Board have directed him to apply to y^r Excellency & the Honb^le Council for y^r assistance

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[Cha Thomson, Secretary's Office of Congress, to His Excellency
The Governor Lee]

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(Circular) Sir I have the honor to enclose you an Act of Congress passed yesterday by which you will perceive that commissions &c for private armed vessels are to issue from this office. In consequence thereof I embrace the earliest opportunity of forwarding to you for the use of your State fifteen-blank commission bonds and instructions as agreed to the 2^d day of May last, and have it in charge to inform you that it is the intention of Congress that all commissions and instructions in force on the 2^d day of May last be cancelled as soon as possible and that commissions, bonds and instructions of the new form be substituted in the place thereof.

You will please to order the bonds when executed to be returned into this office when more commissions &c are wanted for your State they shall on the first notice be forwarded

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excy Govr Lee]

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(Circular) Sir By the Act of Congress of the 25 Instant herewith enclosed you will observe those States which are called upon to furnish Waggons for the Service of the United States are authorized to make such Allowance for the Hire of Waggons as they shall think adequate, until Deputy Quarter Masters are appointed for the states respectively, which it is expected will be soon.

[Jos'a Beall Lieut P. G's Co., Malbro to Gov. Lee]

July 30

S^r I recev^d Yours of the 26 instant at this place yesterday, it being the day & place appointed for the different classes to make their returns, by which I find there are 21 men Enrolled for the additional Ridgment, And 16 men towards filling up the old ones. As there are but 4 men Wanting to compleat the Quota of this county for filling up the new, and a prospect of their being procured without the trouble of Drafting the Militia to make good that deficiency I have prolong^d the time till Wenesday Next. I sent off Chieff of the men procured about Bladensburgh on friday morning by John