

[September] We further witness that we are his near Neighbours and we never knew that he permitted People to stay about his house to drink

W<sup>m</sup> [Crookshank?]      Matthew Logan      Moses Crabstone

We the subscribers Do certify that William Watson the within Mentioned Petitioner hath behaved himself inoffensively and orderly and we believe that he hath herein truly represented his Case and we recommend him to the Notice of your Excellency and Honors more especially as he hath been a Deserter from the British Army, about the Commencement of the Present war and we believe his Mistake arose from a vulgar Error of People which we now apprehend will no longer exist

Ja <sup>s</sup> Maxwell	Andrew Willock
Samuel Kilpatrick	Tho <sup>s</sup> Russel
William Brumbiel	John Guffey
Arthur Allexander	Matthew [Malaklaun?]

October 1 [Doct<sup>r</sup> Ephrm. Howard of H<sup>y</sup>, Elk Ridge, to the Gov. & Council.]

By the waggon you will receive one hundred and seven shovels forty spades and fifty four Pick axes. The spades and pick axes are well steel'd the shovels are not steel'd, not conceiving it necessary. My manager informs me the spades are not so neatly finished as he could wish; in consequence of the workmen hurrying themselves to furnish as many as possible this week; tho' the quality not in any manner inferior & they will answer the purpose intended equally well. The spades are made with sockets as they are sooner finished & will answer equally as those made otherways & have this advantage should a handle brake another can be easily put in, a circumstance of consequence in the Army. The manager writes me that the ensuing week, he can supply a considerable larger number than now sent; also will furnish a few dozen axes & some hatchets; several circumstances combined last week which impeded expediting the business. When the next parcel are sent down, I shall send or bring the acc<sup>t</sup>

October 2 [Doct<sup>r</sup> James Murray to His Excel<sup>y</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Lee in Council respecting Mr. Muir a Draught from Dor. County]

From the appearance of the wound on M<sup>r</sup> Muir's Leg & the Testimony he has produced from several Gentlemen on whose Veracity there is the strongest reliance I am induced to believe that he is incapable of severe Active Duty in the Field as a Soldier.