

*In Council 20th July 1777.*  
Sir. By Intelligence we have just received from one of the Delegates of  
N. 131. this State in Congress, that a Fleet of 255 Sail of the Enemy's Ships  
on Saturday last, were off Egg Harbour, and other Movements, We  
think it necessary to request that you hold the Artillery Companies  
under your Command, in Readiness either for an immediate March  
or any other Military Duty the Exigency of Affairs may render  
necessary for the Security of this or any neighbouring State.  
Majr. Nath. Smith. We are &c.

*In Council 30th July 1777.*  
Sir. We have just received Intelligence from one of the Delegates of this  
132. State in Congress that a Fleet of the Enemy's Ships consisting of 255. Sail  
were on Saturday off Egg Harbour and of other Movements, we  
therefore think it proper that the Matroses under your Command  
should hold themselves in Readiness and we request that they may  
be held in Readiness either for an immediate March or such other  
Military Duty as the Exigency of Affairs may render necessary for  
the Security of this or any Neighbouring State. We have no Doubt  
of your Attention to this Requisition with your usual Assiduity  
Major Fulford. } We are &c.

*In Council 5th August 1777.*  
Sir. Capt. Dorsey and Furnival have received Orders on the Commissary  
here for a sufficient Quantity of Linen &c. for the Use of their respective  
133. Companies. With Regard to Haversacks and Knapsacks, we presume  
they will not be immediately wanted, and therefore, at present, we do not  
think it necessary to give any particular Directions about them. If you should think  
the Stores you mention to be at Baltimore Town, can be left there with Safety, or  
removed to the Fort, we shall have no Objection to your removing the Guard to that  
Place at your Pleasure. We have given Licut. Judah an Order for £800. for  
the Purpose of reimbursing you the Money you have advanced in the Purchase  
of Beef and Bacon for the Use of the Matroses and for the Purchase of Salt  
and Provisions and shall immediately send up to Baltimore twelve Barrels  
of Beef and three Barrels of Pork for these Troops.  
Majr. Nath. Smith. } We are Sir &c.

*In Council 8th Aug. 1777.*  
Sir. Your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> of July did not get to Hand, til this Day Week  
134. We can conveniently enough let Mr. Hooe have the two three Pounders and  
would, though hitherto omitted, send them round, but we suppose his Neglect  
gone or that the Matter is some how adjusted without them. As to  
Mr. Hooe as to the Wages you give the Lieutenants, we can expect the best  
to be done and he is very able and we believe willing to assist you. We  
inclose you Instructions, which we have requested Mr. Hooe to give you  
if he should be of Opinion that they are necessary. We have &c.