In Council Annapolis 17th March 1778

Sir

Lanamore Rumney who you brought hither as a Recruit says that he has not made Choice of the Regiment to serve in, and that he does not know

No. 120. that any of the others have made their Election. Rumney seems rather inclined to serve in the fifth Regiment — Major Howard who passed his Receipt for the Recruits, is not here. Adjutant Edgerley says that the Men were asked if they had any Objection to serving in the second Regiment and that they had none. It may be necessary, in determining which Regiment these Recruits are to go into, to have well ascertained whether they did or did not agree to go into the second Regiment and we request your Affidavit of what passed; and to prevent any Dispute hereafter, you are to mention in the Inlistment what Regiment and Company the Recruits chuse to serve in.

We are Sir &c.

Mr. John Chalmers
Cambridge

In Council Annapolis 19th March 1778.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Letter which came under Cover to the Governor from the War & Ordnance Office. The Subject of your Letter is mentioned in his. We have never been able yet to obtain an Account of the

121. Public Lead which was in the Baltimore Magazine or what of it remains. We wish you would make Inquiry and, if there now remains more than four Tons, receive one Half of it and send it forward, sending us a Receipt, on the Continental Account, unless any Quantity is to be purchased in Baltimore, and we hear there is, if there is it ought to be purchased for the Continent at once and ours kept for our own Use, for we are so short in that Article, that we ordered a Purchase of a Ton or two ~~[illegible]~~ on the Sea Board at 5/. ~~[illegible]~~ Colo. Jos. Dashiell tells us that the Goods purchased by Colo. Simpson, are coming by land, as well as ours, to Cambridge, and that it is by no Means advisable to trust the Goods under your Direction below, by Water.

We are &c.

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