

No. 339.

We also inclose you a List of sundry People who have petitioned to be relieved but we are not furnished with a proper Evidence of their being "compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations" and also of their having taken the Oath of Fidelity according to Act. We wish to give the intended Relief where due, and to avoid any Impo- sition and therefore we request you will make known to those who desire our Order, that we expect Affidavits to be transmitted to us, proving the Fact of their having been compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations and for how long, and that if the Fact was so their Property was taken away, destroyed or damaged or their Crops or Fences injured and also a Certificate from the Justice who administered it or the County Clerk that the Person took and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation according to the Act.

In many Instances you may know that those who are charged with the Absentment are intitled to Relief, in such, we request you will indulge them till their Case can be evidenced to us and our Order obtained.

We are &c.

John Strawbridge }
Sh^{ff} of Cecil }

In Council Annapolis 1th Dec^r 1770.

Sirs

330.

We have just now received a Requisition for a Guard over the Convention Troops in their way through Frederick. We are apprehensive that there are not Public Arms sufficient in that County, wherefore we wish you to have packed up in Cases and sent forward to Col. Norman Bruce in a Waggon 100 good Muskets fix'd with Bayonets, with twenty suitable Cartridges for each Musket. We cannot direct, but we request you to expedite this Business and that if a Waggon cannot be otherwise procured, one be immediately pressed.

Capt. Geo. Shepards.

We are &c.