

to Colonel Clem and Colonel Stricker to take Bonds from
the officers of the several Companies with a penalty equal
to the value of the arms &c. The Executive have in all
cases exacted Bonds, previous to the delivery of the arms,
which we hope will be done in the present instance.
We also transmit an order relative to the distribution
of the arms.

General Samuel Smith

we are &c.
Mr. Henry

In Council August 9. 1798

Sir

I have sent by the Packett 45 stand of arms, 15 pounds
of Powder and sixty pounds of lead. The rule which
the Council have adopted will render you and your
Officers answerable for the return of these arms. In
all the cases heretofore where the officers have
applied for arms they have been obliged to give
Bond to the State before the grant has been made.
In this case the danger has induced me to forward
the arms immediately. The officers will transmit the
Bond by the Packett.

I have directed Captain Coats at Easton to hold
himself in readiness to march at the shortest notice
to cooperate with you in any case of danger. I request
that you will open a correspondence with him so as
to have an understanding upon this subject.

I desire you to give me early notice of the numbers
and condition of your Company.

You have enclosed a copy of the order to Captain
Coats.

Inform me what arms can be found in and about
Cambridge in the hands of the militia, or others.

Captain William Robinson

I am &c.
Mr. Henry