

Gentlemen:

By order of the last Convention a sum of money was appropriated for the erecting a manufactory of Salt petre in every County of this Province and Supervisors in each County were appointed to carry the same into execution.

It was also earnestly recommended to the people to manufacture crude nitre in their private families and an ample price was directed to be paid them for what they should make and deliver to each Supervisor.

We are not insensible of the natural advantages & are hopes for manufacturing that necessary article and have some men skilful in promoting it residing among us, but are nevertheless greatly indebted to you for your kind ^{and obliging} offer of instructing such persons of our Province as may be thought necessary at your public works, an offer we shall communicate to our Supervisors.

To Committee of Safety

Philadelphia.

And are &c.

Sir.

The Council of Safety have stipulated and agreed with a contractor for supplying the regular forces of this Province with provisions, but as some time must be given to provide the several articles which compose a ration and it cannot reasonably be expected he will be able to furnish them earlier than about the 10th of next month, The Troops must be subsisted on the $\frac{7}{6}$ pence allowed for that purpose in the Instructions enlisting them.

The Captains of Independent Companies agreeable to a resolve of the last Convention are to provide Houses for their respective Companies and such sums of money are to be advanced out of the Treasury of that Place where the Company may be stationed by permission of the Council of Safety as may be necessary for the purpose. Capt Greuby will therefore procure Houses for his men upon the best terms he can, and address thereof that we may give him an order for the money on the Eastern Shore Treasury if it should be necessary to advance any: but as it will be expedient the station of that Company should first be ascertained and as we are not so well acquainted with your County as to determine satisfactorily to ourselves and most advantageously to you upon a particular place where it might be reasonably expected the Troops would render the greatest service, so we should be glad if the Committee of Observation would take the matter into consideration and give us their sentiments upon it and as in all probability we shall approve of the we shall approve of the station recommended by them we would have the Captain engage proper and necessary Houses there immediately.

As Bedding is an extreme scarce article, where we have had an opportunity, we have persuaded the Captains of the several Companies to endeavour to furnish their men with new Blankets; but where they were not to be had, with such as could be got in the neighbourhood, this a little upon reasonable terms - the new not exceeding 15 for the others 10. If Capt Greuby's men are yet unprovided we would have him adopt that method as the best under our circumstances and will answer his draft for them.

It is very ambiguous from any thing that appears in the proceedings of the Convention where we are to find fuel for the Troops and as we conceive the Captains respectively cannot advantageously provide that necessary article so we request Capt Greuby will take

the direction