

supplying a sufficient quantity of ball proper for those guns and as we are advised some of the shot furnished the ship defense are not round, that you will be particularly attentive to the casting of them and receive none but what are truly sound and fit for service.

We have not yet seen write to by Mr Hughes for a proof master to try the Cannon he agreed with the last Convention to furnish for the use of this province or had any satisfactory information in what forwardness they are; however as we are anxious to expedite this business and presume Mr Hughes must have run some of them by this time we have appointed Capt Bullford to prove them and have wrote him upon the subject; and from a wish to have every thing in readiness against the guns are best down we desire you will immediately contract for fit and proper Carriages for them to be supplied as expeditiously as they can.

To Committee of Baltimore -

This are &c -

Gentlemen:

We perceive by the proceedings of The Convention that one half of Capt Regim Bealls' Company are to be stationed in your County, we understand the officers of that Company are drawing their men together, and are desirous of knowing where they are to be stationed so as to care for the purpose intended. We know not where proper houses can be got in your County and therefore request you would make inquiry and let us know your sentiments where the men ought to be stationed and whether convenient houses can be got for them.

To Committees of Observation.

And are &c:

Gentlemen:

We some time since informed you that we had appointed a number of persons in each County of the province to collect all the gold and silver coin that can be got. Within this week or ten days we have had application from several of those who were appointed to furnish them with cash to exchange, without which they tell us many people will not part with the gold and silver. We would willingly supply provincial money, but the state of our Treasury prevents us. - The demands are very considerable for raising cloathing and paying the Troops and furnishing rations to our, nothing of other disbursements. If you do not send us down the plates and paper soon the Treasury will be totally exhausted. - therefore we take the liberty again to remind you of forwarding them to us. - With regard to gold and silver we think something handsome might be collected but cant say how much. Should the Congress approve of sending down Continental money we will engage to return gold and silver for whatever they may send not exceeding 8.000 pounds or to return the money again without this we apprehend gold and silver cannot be procured in any considerable quantity until the new emission of our money, when we can supply the collectors with cash. We lay the affair truly before you and must leave it to yourselves to move the Congress as not as you may think best. We wish to hear from you on every important occasion and are much obliged to Mr Alexander for the intelligence he hath been so kind as to communicate to us from time to time. Our troops encamping together very fast we should be glad to have the arms intended for this province as soon as possible that we may distribute them. The Manufacture of guns proceeds but slowly amongst us from the best information we can get. Pray

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