

In Council of Safety
Annapolis March 22^d 1776.

Sir
We received your letter of the 11th Inst advising us what price Sulphur bears in your County. We do not think ourselves authorized to exceed the price ascertained by the late Convention, which was 6^d per lb, therefore have to inform you, we cannot advise the purchase of it at 8^d per lb.
We are your most obed^t Serv^t

To Chairman of Committee of M. D. Frederick County.

Sir
We hope to have a powder mill erected early this Spring and as we must depend on our own works for a supply of Salt Petre, are anxious to know how much we have already in the Province and what it may reasonably be presumed we may expect to be provided with by the middle or last of April and therefore request you will immediately inform us of the quantity of crude nitre you have made and what you can supply per week. We have great dependance on your works from your abilities and fidelity and the sum of money furnished you by the former Council of Safety to carry it on extensively.
We are your most obed^t Serv^t

To Doct^r Howard & Coale.

(Circular to Committees of Observations)

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Gentlemen

The great difficulty we find in providing Blankets for the regular troops raised for the defence of this Province obliges us to apply to the Committees of Observations for the several Counties earnestly requesting that they would use their endeavours to procure from the House Keepers in their respective Counties all the Blankets or Rugs that they can with any Convenience spare for which the Council will pay such price as the Committee shall agree on as well as any expense that may arise in collecting them together and when you have procured any they you will send them to Annapolis to Col. Smallwood or in his absence to the Commanding officer on the Station who will receive the same and give orders to the Council for the payment thereof. We hope that the friends to our cause in your County will contribute every thing in their power to the comfortable subsistence of the soldier in this respect. It will be an act of great humanity and undesign'd essential service to the Public.

To Committees of Observation
Respectfully

We are your most obed^t Serv^t

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Gentlemen

On the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant for Mr Wm Houston we took the subject matter thereof into our consideration and resolved to send Mr Houston to Philadelphia with a view for all the powder and arms imported in the hold. Dr. Capt. Tibbitt to be sent to Chester to your care for the use of the E. Shore.

We are much pleased with the commendable spirit which the militia of your County manifested on the late alarm but are concerned to hear they are ill provided with arms. The Council think it unnecessary to order the Militia Companies

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