

Annapolis April 2nd 1776.

Sir. Yours of the 18th ult^{mo} we only received the 30th. We cannot conceive that any letter that we wrote to you can justify the inference that you have drawn that if your is to be at Leonard Town that your Company is to defend that place only. It was preferred because it was more central than any other in the County that you might be within a few days march of any part of it. But if the Committee of Observation should be of opinion that any other station is more convenient we shall readily confirm and order you ^{to} it or if they should be of opinion, that your Company should be divided and stationed at the Mouth of Patuxent and Point Lookout we shall concur with them, when we know their reasons for it, if we approve of them. But we presume that let your Station be where it may, that you will nevertheless march to any other part of the County wherever its defence requires it, and why you should wait positive orders to do your duty we cannot conceive; If you take care to make within the line of it, you need not be under any great difficulty to excuse yourself to the people of St Marys or the public in general, or to justify yourself to the whole world. Our care has and shall be as diffuse and extensive all over the Province as its funds and our abilities will allow and therefore we are not under the least apprehension; but that our endeavours will meet with the approbation of our Constituents.

We sent you by Lieut Steward £150; if that sum is short of what ought to have been sent, you have only to make up your accounts to the 3rd of this month and every shilling that will be due to that day shall be paid. We are determined to have Vouchers for whatever sums of money we may pay out of the Public Stock and therefore you will excuse us for not advancing large sums in prop.

We are surpris'd that the Contractor has not employed some persons before this to furnish your Company with its rations; surely he will soon do it: in the mean time, you must do as well as you can towards supplying them. We expect to receive Hats and Breeches every day. We ordered 2 1/2 Barrels of Powder to you from Charles County which we suppose you have received. Lieut Steward had 50 musquets and bayonets delivered to him with 100 Cartouch boxes & and as soon as we get more arms you shall have your proportion.

To Capt Thomas.

We are yr M^o; obed^t Serv^tIn Council of Safety Annapolis 2nd April 1776

Sir. You have our consent to discharge Mr James Warren. We think he is entitled to pay.

To Capt Rogin Beall.

Gentlemen,

You have done perfectly right in detaining Mr Henderson. If he is friendly to America he could have easily got a permit from the Committee of the County wherein he resides, - As he has not done it, we think he ought to be the expense of obtaining a certificate of his character, before his boats are released.

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We are gentlemen

The Committee of Observation

Your obed^t Serv^t

In Baltimore County.