

muskets, ten bayonets, ten swivels and two blunderbusses with their furniture, belonging to this Province are lately arrived in Chingoleague in Accomack County in Virginia and are now under the care of Capt. Matthews of that County, as waggons cannot be procured in any of the lower Counties we request you would immediately here and dispatch as many as may be thought necessary to convey the same from thence to Talbot County houses or to such place as B. Genl. Chamberlain shall order and direct, a guard will be appointed by the Captain of the Independent Company stationed in your County (to whom we have wrote on the occasion) to escort the above articles.

To the Committee of Kent County

We are Gentlemen your hble Servts
 By order Dant. of St. Thomas Senifer

D. Sir. We send you by the bearer 400, currency for paying off the waggons and to answer other contingents expenses. We are sorry we cannot comply with other requests you have made us relative to the two companies raised in Kent, our Province is actually invaded by Lord Dunmore with his whole fleet who are now come into Potowmack and are landing at St. Georges Island, our own battalion and independent companies are marched off to the eastward by order of Convention, in this distressed situation every gun we can muster from Mr. Richters and all other parts must be first applied to arm the battalion and independent companies that are to stay in the Province to supply the place of those who are gone to New York. as to tents we will write you more fully hereafter when we know certainly what canvass we have at Chingoleague. Were we to make the ample provision you wish for two companies in the Eastern Shore Battalion and leave the others bare of every thing, we should justly subject ourselves to the charge of Partiality; you may depend we will do as much for those two companies as we possibly can, at least equal to others in same Battalion.

We are &c

To Thomas Smyth Esq.

Gentlemen. We recd. your favor of the 16th Inst. about an hour ago and are sorry to find the people of Kent Island so very uneasy from an opinion Dunmore will attack them. We do not apprehend unless he should receive a considerable reinforcement, that he will attempt any thing of that sort, as from the best information we have of him his party is unequal to such a measure, however hearing of the apprehensions which prevailed among you and that you were not sufficiently provided with ammunition by the Com. of observation for Queen Anne who we expected would supply you and being desirous of guarding ag^t every possibility of danger we had ordered before the receipt of your letter a barrel of powder

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