

how many and what sort of deserters have come over; whether they be
soldiers, sailors, Tories or prisoners taken by them. wishing you all success
I am &c.

Please to say in your next how Capt^m Beale may be.

To Gen^l. Dents.

Sir.

23^d July 1776.

The Council of Safety will fix upon some day not far distant to issue
the several commissions for the officers belonging to the Flying Camp, when
you may depend upon you & your officers receiving yours. we have no
muskets to supply your company with or any other belonging to the Eastern
Shore Battalion, it at present remains doubtful whether or not, we shall
after all our endeavors procure sufficient arms to arm the battalion to
be stationed upon this shore in the stead of Capt. Smallwoods which
is marched to the northward. we expect to be supplied from Balt^m with
Kaps & Barresacks, a part of which when received will be appropriated to
the use of the Eastern Shore Battalion. At present we have no tools nor are
we in possession of the necessary materials for making them. when your
company is equipped for marching, and any of the men at that time should
prove non-effective, we think if others offer to supply their places you
may safely incorporate them in your company.

— Captain Perkins.

P. S. orders are lodged with C. S. Tramm.

Sir.

23^d July 1776.

Your letter of the 17th of July was this day handed to the Council of Safety
and agreeable to your requisition we have sent you enclosed an order upon
the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £300— to be applied to the pay & subsisting of
the militia within your District when called into service. Your arrangement
of the militia meets with the entire approbation of this board. We have
just rec^d information that a part of Dunmore's Squadron have moved
from the mouth of St. Marys River pretty far up Potowmack with intent
to wood and water which they are in the greatest distress for the want of,
when they obtain those articles it is not improbable but they may think
proper to visit you for fresh provision; should that event happen we
have full confidence that every military exertion will be used to give
them a proper reception.

To Brig^l Gen^l. Cooper.

Gentlemen. we received by Capt^m Berry the following articles viz. 50 barrells
Powder, 4th Bl^{ts} &c. 15 chests of arms two large & 2 small p^{rs} of Lead.
we send him back again for another load, and the schooner Resolution
is to follow her to bring away every thing she leaves, the money for
waggons, teams and other contingent expenses we have ordered into the
hands of Mr. Thos. Smyth. Sixty barrells or 6000 weight of powder and
lead in proportion is to be left for the Eastern Shore Magazine.
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