

five barrels for your County, we want the swivels blunderbusses &c. to fill out a small vessel immediately - should Elisha Winters have any guns please to let them come down by the schooner Resolution.

We are y<sup>r</sup>. most h<sup>ble</sup> serv<sup>ts</sup>

P.S. we expect the 60 barrels for the Eastern Shore, magazines were left at Talbot Court house.

Committee of Observation, for Kent County.  
Gentlemen. You are hereby requested to deliver the barrels of Gun powder and lead in proportion, lately lodged with you by the Council of Safety for the Defence of Kent Island to Capt. Thomas Barnes and Capt. Thomas Elliott or their order and take their receipt for the same.

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Thomas Ringgold, acquilla  
Brown and Doctor Jacob Ringgold  
Sir.

p<sup>r</sup> order  
22<sup>d</sup> July  
23<sup>d</sup> July 1776.

We are very desirous of knowing exactly what arms you have ready for the publick, that we may send for them as soon as you get a waggon load, or such number as will be worth while sending for, let us know by first good opportunity, and if none offers, and your arms be ready here an express and we will pay him.

your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>ts</sup>

To John Yost, George Town.

Sir.

In Council of Safety July 23.

We have in consequence of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> July sent to Fred<sup>l</sup> Town 800<sup>lb</sup> lead, ~~we~~ desired the Committee of the Middle District to forward it to you.

To Lem<sup>l</sup>: Barnett Ch<sup>m</sup>: of Shipton Dist.

July 23<sup>d</sup> 1776.

Sir.

We have received your favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> and are very glad that the militia of Frederick are so ready to turn out, on the present occasion, we think their service will not be wanting, for altho' there are many of the enemy ships in Potowmack, yet there are but few men in them, those sickly and die fast. The Trowey and Otter with about 50 sail of vessels are still at St. Georges. The Roebuck with three ships and a few small vessels are as high up Potowmack as Mattawonaw where it is said they are watering. We have already contracted for a large number of camp kettles of Iron and Copper & expect to procure some Tin.

If your Bathers Iron is suitable for casting guns, we could contract with you for 50-3 pounders, 50-4<sup>th</sup> & 75 swivels to carry 1<sup>lb</sup> ball. Capt. Nicholson informs us that the length of the swivels is not material, the 3<sup>rd</sup> pounders ought to be somewhat shorter than the common standard, should we find it necessary we will hereafter give orders for the march of a Battalion from Frederick County. We are with respect and esteem.

To Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup>: Johnson.

Sir.

your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>ts</sup>  
In Council of Safety July 25<sup>th</sup> 1776.

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