

men of war. have so openly invaded this Province that we could not discharge our duty without passing such order, at least we thought so. Mr. Woldenholmes case may be attended with particular circumstances, he must however submit to the lines. We hope both General Dent and yourself on reflection will be of opinion that we have done right. The suffering gentlemen to go off on board the men of war or tenders or any other vessel that may have communication with them is attended with great danger to the colony, every means of intelligence must be cut off if possible;

Col. Richard Barnes, July 25th 1776. We are yr. most obed^t. serv^{ts}.

Gentlemen. We are informed that there are a number of pieces of Cannon in your County that have lain there some years, ever since the Spanish wreck on the seaboard side of your County. We request you would immediately cause these Cannon to be examined, and let us hear from you by express what state and condition they are in, and how many there are, and what weight of metal they would carry, as also who claims any property in them; and if anybody claims them, under what contract or agreement they were purchased and of whom. We expect your answer as soon as you conveniently can, and are.

Yr. most obed^t. serv^{ts}

July 26th 1776.

To Committee of Observation
for Worcester County.

Gentlemen. Two Tons of Powder or near that Quantity we believe has been lately received at Baltimore Town from Philadelphia, one Ton of which Mr. Alexander wrote us was intended for Virginia, but given up by their Deputies on occasion of the late alarm, we wish to be informed whether we are indebted to Virg^a or to Congress for that last Ton, if to Virg^a we can easily settle the account because we have already lent them 12 barrels. 2 for the Lower Counties, 10 for their Sloop of War at Alexandria. Muskets by Capt^m Tibbitts not yet come to hand, they are much wanted, our independent Companies are very importunate for arms, which we have not as yet been able to supply them with. Our gunsmiths go on very slowly, and we want small arms very much, permit us to request you would remind the Congress of those lent for fitting out the Hornet and Wasp. We are anxious to have all the powder secured we can, and should be glad to know what quantity Messrs. Wilking and Morris sent, and whether any more is to be expected from that quarter soon. We are satisfied so far as relates to the Province with the sale of the vessel called Wild Duck, W. L. U. seems not altogether pleased, and talks that he had some claim, but we think he ought to be contented, all things considered. Some Gold and Silver hath already come in, and more might be got had we Cash to exchange, we

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