

are in daily expectation of the arrival of the Continental money, as also of our plates and paper for the new emission, we admire much at your silence on that head, and can account for it no otherwise than by taking it for granted that your attention is engaged on subjects of more importance. We have heretofore requested you would let us know the pay of officers and seamen engaged in the Continental navy, and must again remind you of sending it to us that we may settle the pay in our Province; we can spare fifty pieces of the heaviest duck and most unfit for Tents, the rest you will please to forward to us by the stages. All is quiet here at present, nothing new on ly that the man of war in her passage down plundered Sharps Island and carried off some stock and had taken a small vessel belonging to Capt. Tayloe; a flying report by Charles Sandale this day that they were lately seen at the mouth of Potowmack; your information with regard to Mr. Temple falls much short of the great expectation raised by the public papers, and by private letters heretofore received; be pleased to send us the earliest intelligence which way Lord Howe steers his course from Boston, that if he comes this way we may be prepared to receive him.

We are with respect gent^l y^r m^o to both. &c.
W. Oden.

P.S. If the ² had be not already sent off please order four Ton to Chester Town for the use of the Eastern Shore.

To Deputies in Congress.

Sir. Yours of the 24th Instand was laid before us, and we observe the contents. In answer thereto we can only say that five Quarter Barrells of Powder have been sent to Piscataway - and that six or seven Barrells are now lodged with the Committee of Prince Georges County. If more be necessary we will order some down. It gives us sincere pleasure to find the people in different parts of the Colony so spirited and can assure you nothing shall be wanted on our parts.

Josias Beall Esq.

Prince Geor^g County

We are &c

July 26th 1776.

Sir. The instructions from the Council of Safety (as you will observe) only respected muskets - But we desire you will purchase Rifles upon the best Terms you can - Be pleased likewise to pay for those purchased by Capt. Mants, and by the first opportunity we shall order and send you any money you may find necessary.

We are &c

26th July 1776.

To John Sanderson Esq.

26th July

The business before this board daily becomes more important and consequently requires as full a Council as may be, we hope therefore

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