

before this reaches you that your line, with your cousin is settled and that it will not be inconvenient for you to attend your brethren immediately, we are the more earnest in making this requisition as Col. Plater intends to St. Marys in a very few days and then we shall be left with only four members. Mr. Smyth has the necessity of staying at his ship yard about the building the Gondola in excuse for his non attendance & Mr. Trenchard has resigned his seat.

Col. Tilghman Esq.  
Gentlemen.

25<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

The alacrity shown by your Committee in exerting itself in the common cause in which we are all engaged, it is hoped will be attended with the success it merits and which is so exceedingly necessary at this alarming and important juncture of time, as without arms and blankets little prospect of a favorable Campaign can arise, if the troops were ever so numerous. agreeable to your request therefore and to expedite the business, we have transmitted to you by Capt. Yates, the thousand pounds, the disposal of which you will be pleased to render us an account. No account has yet been sent to this board of the expenditure of the Thousand pounds advanced at the time of the alarm occasioned by the Otter, omitted we suppose thro' the hurry of business and therefore desire you will furnish it by the first opportunity.

To the Committee of Balt<sup>o</sup>. City.

Sir. We received yours of the 22<sup>d</sup>. July and are glad to hear that you have made as many guns as will reimburse the money already advanced, they may be delivered to Col. Barville Ball or his order. The price you ask is high for guns, but we want them at present, and therefore will take any number you can make in six weeks from this time, and give you 4.10.0, currency for them compleatly finished. We are yr. most obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>.

Rich<sup>d</sup>. Dallam Esq. Stafford County. 27<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have a plan of a knapsack and Haversack in one adopted by three Provinces and which they offer to make of the materials, dimensions and in manner described, in Philadelphia at 8/6 apiece. If you incline to make two thousand six hundred at that rate we will agree to pay that price, provided they be made in the space of six weeks — at furthest.

We expect your answer immediately that we may apply elsewhere in case you do not incline to furnish us. We are &c.

To Messrs Gordon & Patten.

Sir Annapolis July 29 1776.

Inclosed you will receive an order on the Treasury for fifty pounds to pay off the debts you have incurred on the account of the (Knapsacks