

knapsacks and Haversacks for Girth and Diaper web and what you may want for future purchases of that sort. I have it in command from the Council, to inform you that it is impossible for them to fix the price of making the haversacks as they cannot be judges of the value of the work, they have never seen and haversacks are made in various forms and of course more work must be bestowed on one kind than another. Knapsacks and haversacks in one are offered to be made in Philadelphia and all materials found for eight shilling and six pence a piece; you speak only of haversacks, it is not known if you mean haversacks alone or knapsacks and haversacks together, as soon as the price can be fixed the cash will be sent you the Council will pay what the Committee of Baltimore shall fix that value at. It is by no means agreeable to the Council that the officers of the flying Camp should have any command over the stores of this Province and they cannot look upon you as acting in the line of your duty in disposing of them to any of them without orders from their board they are to be in Continental pay and no regular account can be kept agt. the Continent without such commands issuing from the proper places. They will however take the eight hundred and fifty haversacks made in consequence of Col. Ewings request to you which you are to deliver only to the order of the Council of safety, they again desire to know whether you mean haversacks alone or knapsacks with them. Inclosed is a Letter open, which you are desired to seal and deliver to Messrs Gordon and Patten, it contains proposals for making a quantity of knapsacks & haversacks, the pattern and price, and they are requested to give an answer speedily.

I am sir very respectfully your obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>.

To Gerard Hopkins Gent.

J. Duval

Sir. Inclosed you will receive your Commission, omitted to be made out by the last Convention. The greater part of the Companies of the flying Camp are enrolled and a number of them arrived here, as we apprehend your presence would greatly contribute to expedite their being properly armed and disciplined, as also accelerate their march we should be glad to see you as soon as possible.

To B. G. Dent.

we are &c.

Gent.

July 29. 1776.

We have directed Capt. Nicholson who goes to Philad. on business of his own, to endeavour to procure some salted provisions for the use of our Navy, should any difficulties attend the execution of his order we must request you'll endeavour to remove them, and at the same time to advance him money to pay for what he may engage.

To Deputies in Congress.

Sir.

29<sup>th</sup> July.

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