

the Province, also the ten large Rifles contracted by you to be made and delivered on the first day of August next. We therefore earnestly request you will comply with your engagements and are

To Mr. Jacob Heuley, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Yours &c.

Sir. As a considerable time has elapsed since your erecting your gunlocks manufactory. We are in great hopes you have made a number for the use of this Province. The Province is in great distress for arms, few of the Troops raised for the flying Camp are supplied with them and the Militia will not lend theirs. There is an absolute necessity therefore that you immediately send down what locks you have. We expect firelocks from Ind. York they may come from thence if you contrive them there. We desire also to know how many locks you make per week. We have bannons enough here and in Kent for the Locks you can make.

To Mr. Betty, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Sir. We have given orders to Capt. Mantz to march down to St. Marys to take the place of Capt. John Allen Thomas's Company until further orders, you will be pleased to station him in such manner as may be most for the publick service, and we request that Capt. Thomas's Company may immediately march to the northward according to the order of Convention. The bannons that were sent down will be wanted here, should the men of war be gone off, which we expect either is or soon will be the case, we request you would order the bannons to the mouth of Patuxent, and let them be brought up here by water if the passage appear safer otherwise you are to order them up by land. Nothing new from New York, only that the highlanders not taken by our Cruisers are arrived. When all is quiet below, we expect to have the pleasure of seeing you here, and are

Major Thomas Price, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Yr. most obedt. servt.

Vrs.

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We shall esteem it a particular favor, if you'll have an examination made of the powder in your magazines, and give us an account as well of the number of barrells of Cannon as musquet, and when we receive the account we shall take care to make such a regulation as will leave a sufficient quantity of each kind to answer every purpose - you must continue your militia guard over the powder until the place of Capt. Hindman's Company is supplied by a flying Camp Company, where they will be raised armed and equipped for that or any other purpose, you can ascertain full as well if not better than we can; as to the number of men requisite for a guard you must certainly be a more competent judge than we can be.

To General Chamberlain

Gentlemen. We send this express with £500, to defray the expenses of your march to your respective Counties as well as

(Others)