

Gentlemen.

Aug^o 2^d 1776.

The prisoners sent up by you we have not by reason of the great Deal of business now before us been able to examine, but shall when we do, apply to you to send up the witnesses, if they deny the facts with which they are charged. We send you a couple of barrells of muskett powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Lead the Cannon powder may remain with you. We rely upon you for taking especial care that they shall not be wasted, as you know our safety depends upon an economy in this point.

To Govern^{rs} of Dorcht. County.

Gentlemen. We have rec^d. yours of the 27th July, many parts of which are already answered, as you will perceive by referring to our last; the advance of 1335 dollars to Col^l Smallwood we approve of upon presumption he had occasion for that sum, and that he will lay it out in providing necessaries for himself and Battalion with economy and discretion. - We inclose you Mr. Christopher Richards appointment to be paymaster of the Battalion according to Col^l Smallwoods desire and your recommendation. We have set on foot enquiries in several places with regard to flints and shall hereafter let you know whether any stone can be found for manufacturing them here. Since our last we have received two letters from Major Price copies of which are inclosed, from them you will learn the situation of the enemy below, our pilot boat came up last night and informs they are not yet gone off, several vessels are dimasted and on shore at the point of St. Georges Island with intention to burn them; Middleton thinks they are going off down the Bay, and we hope soon to be able to write you to that effect, altho' we apprehend a visit to the Eastern shore, and are preparing accordingly. We have the satisfaction to inform you that the report of a landing at Col. Smallwoods was not true. - Mr. Bents houses were burnt and a good deal of damage done we hear of no particulars of any other mischief up above. We send you also inclosed a copy of a letter from Capt^t Deakin as a sample of the many applications we have from almost all the Captains in the flying camp, they are in want not only of guns but of almost every thing else, we expect to be able soon to arm a number equal to that of the Regulars, who are marched to the camp, and that we shall be able to send forward some Companies, perhaps a Battalion or more, by the middle of this month. To enable us to do this we shall be obliged to advance more than the 5000, given by the Convention to purchase arms, few or none can be borrowed, the Company many of them not yet compleat. We expect the Convention will approve our
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