

advancing as far as to furnish arms for the flying camp; without so doing they would not have been in condition to march at all, we think it advisable to purchase for all the companies rather than suffer them to remain here on expence, or be disbanded, which must have been the case. We have ordered Capt. Mants down to St. Marys and given Capt. Thomas positive orders to march, so that we hope he will soon be with you, on his way to New York. We congratulate you on the safe arrival of the Molly Capt. Conway in Great Wicomico barge with 21,000<sup>lbs</sup> of gunpowder and 2170 stand of small arms, for the use of this Province, we shall get her barge up here as soon as we can with safety. - We send you a letter for the Commander of the North American Troops which came by Conway which please to forward to Genl. Washington. One of the waggons that come with powder from Phila. met with an accident that is likely to prove fatal to a sergeant of Capt. Cooks guard, coming down the Road not far from J. Thommonds a bridge over a deep gutter that runs through his old field gave way and wounded two of the people, shattered the waggon, and strewed some of the powder, the loss of one barrel of powder is trifling to the life of the sergeant, he is not dead as yet; but we apprehend cannot live; another man slipped his shoulder but is got better, the powder and arms are safe at the magazine, except parts of two barrells, making in all about one barrell lost. We cannot but admire at what you say that there are only 3,000 militia in Jersey, permit us to ask what are become of all the militia that we read in the papers are marched from Pennsylvania, Jersey &c. be pleased to explain how it has happened, that no more have as yet marched to their station in that Province. By the Southern post we have intelligence that the Cherokee have committed some outrages on the borders of Carolina; that the squadron under Parker and Clinton are moving frequently from Island to Island and are growing sickly - Yesterday our election for this County began and is not yet ended, we are sorry to inform you that Messrs Johnson, Paea and Barroll of Carrollton from present appearances will not be elected. Worthington, Carriole Bar, Chase and R. Thommonds are greatly beyond any other on the Poll, - very few people from Elk Ridge or the lower part of the County have as yet attended.

To Deputies of Congress.

Sir.

We are yr<sup>ts</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>ts</sup>  
D. Aug<sup>ts</sup> 1776.

At the time we wrote you first to take the command Major Price was on the Eastern Shore, we knew your attend<sup>mt</sup> must be engaged with the flying camp; had he been here we should not

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