

their marching Rifles we will all 5.00. for. We shall give orders to the Col. of the Eastern Shore Battalion of flying Camp Militia to march his men in Companies to the northward when they are ready as soon therefore as Capt. Smith & Perkins are prepared they will apply to him for orders, but we shall be obliged to you, if you'll procure proper carriages for their Baggage and afford them the assistance which may be wanting. We have sent by Capt. Smyth twenty pieces of broad, and request you will engage proper persons to make them into tents immediately, a sample shall be furnished from Baltimore. Your Committee will be pleased to have 500 wooden bottles made as soon as possible, for the use of the Province a great lot of the samples delivered Capt. Smyth, but in proportion to the accustomed price for wooden ware, we think it very extravagant, however we will give what is usually allowed, knapsacks with haversacks are already contracted for, and we expect will be completed in a very little time - Capt. Smyth has our orders to take with him from Baltimore 400, cartouch boxes & slings - 688 Bayonet belts, and 688 <sup>gun</sup> slings which are to be lodged with your Committee, & we request may be delivered by them with the wooden bottles to the flying Camp Militia on the Eastern Shore when arrived. The Council are very glad to hear Mr. Smiths business is so circumstanced as to admit his coming over, the earlier in the week he attends the better as we are much throaged with business and some of our board are anxious to see their families before the meeting of Convention. We also send to your Committee 30 Camp kettles for the use of the Flying Camp.

To J. Smith & J. Ringgold Esqrs

Mr. George Scott.

3<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>o</sup>

Sir. Linen fit for shirting or tents is wanted - a seven or eight hundred and Ten Linen - you have not informed us of either the quality or price of yours. Our manufacturers bring us in linen of the first kind at 3/6 and of the latter at 2/3, if you can let yours go at that rate, and it is good in quality, you may send it down to this place. We are &c.

Sir. You are requested by the Council of Safety to purchase for the use of the public one good scow proper for transporting heavy cannon, also let us know whether you can purchase any flat bottomed boats with 8 or 10, oars that would carry fifty men each, or any Barges or wheel boats, please to let us hear from you, and the price <sup>at</sup> which they may be got, if there be none to be had, whether you would undertake to have some built this fall.

We are y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

James Hollingsworth, Balt. Town.

7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>o</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. We have received by Capt. Martin all the goods you sent us according to invoice and Bill of Lading except 10 barrels of gunpowder, which he says is a mistake, and that they were never put on board -

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