

Trans on your chairman - but you will be pleased to observe that the Riflemen find their own guns which by order of Congress are to be appraised and paid for by the United Colonies, the German Companies we have nothing further to do with but to pay their bounty money which we have already done, what arms or blankets you may purchase more than sufficient for the flying camp in your County be pleased to send down to us under a guard. Major Price alleges he contracted for a number of rifles, which have been given out without his directions, you will get this matter right, and will soon have an opportunity of doing so as Major Price is coming up to Frederick Town.

We are yr. most obed. servts

8th Aug^r 1776.

Committee of Observation for Middle

District of Frederick County

Gentlemen

10th of S. Aug^r 1776.

Captⁿ Maultz Com^d being compleated armed as well as good men were the causes that induced us to send him to occupy Captⁿ Thomas' Station, where we thought it our indispensable duty to order to the flying camp, so soon as the enemy left Potowmack river. As as you are of opinion that this Company will not answer the end for which it was sent, we have ordered Captⁿ Maultz to march immediately to Annapolis and have sent Captⁿ Berry in a boat to the mouth of Patuxent to take in his baggage. We cannot without contradicting a resolution of the Convention, order that part of Captⁿ Sealls Com^d stationed at Port^o to St. Marys, but have ordered Captⁿ Forrest to take Captⁿ Thomas' station and we must depend upon the militia's lending Captⁿ Forrest Com^d arms until we can supply them which we expect will be soon, expecting some from Virg^a that we have lately imported. We are

Gentlemen yr. most obed. servts

P.S. we have received information by one of our boats that the enemies Fleet had anchored in Hampton Road

To Committee of St. Marys.

Gentlemen, we have the pleasure to inform you that the enemies fleet left Potowmack River on Friday last and is gone off down the Bay; they had collected a number of small vessels which they had dismasted and left on the point of St. Georges Island with intention to set fire to them, but a high tide floated them off, and they were driven on shore near our guards, who have taken possession of them and have found sundry goods and other effects on board to the value of three or four hundred pounds currt; some of the hulks may be repaired, and made fit for service, they burnt some of the small vessels, and from appearance expect they are gone down to the bapes, our Pilot boat is just returned yesterday evening and says he heard at Pyanketahk that the men of war had stopt in Hampton Road, and were making demands of fresh provisions and water, and promised on being supplied to

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