

not exceeding 300, for the use of the Province. The order of Convention for the marching of our Troops was rather unexpected and our workmen cannot supply the Batts so expeditiously as the service requires.

To Command<sup>r</sup> of Kent County.

Sir.

Aug<sup>r</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup> 1776.

There is a quantity of Flint & stone at Emersons warehouse on Wye River. We want a person that understands the manufacturing of Batts; if any such person is to be had in Baltimore send him to the Council of Safety, immediately and he will meet with proper encouragement.

To Jesse Hollingsworth Esq<sup>r</sup> 3

We are Sir &c

Gentlemen.

21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>. 1776.

We approve very much of what you have done & send you 500 £, by Capt<sup>r</sup> George. You will be pleased to purchase all the guns & blankets you can for the use of the Province, there are not enough to be had here, and are greatly wanting. — Cartouch Boxes, Bayonett Belts & gunslings are sent up to Chester Town for the Eastern Shore Companies, & Col<sup>l</sup>. Richardson has orders to distribute them among his Battalion. The cartouches are high, we have a number workmen engaged in making wooden Bottles at 3<sup>d</sup>, a few at 2<sup>d</sup> — & hope to supply you from Kent. Inclosed is an order of Convention relative to the pay & rations of the Flying Camp militia. Knapsacks & haversacks are making at Baltimore & shall be sent up for your Companies, & turning wires & brushes if our Contractors furnish these on hand, which we expect they will do.

To Command<sup>r</sup> of Cecil County.

Sir. We have need your favors of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. If Jacobs will not set all his hands to work on the Tents & give the utmost despatch in his power, in having them completed he must deliver the linen to Johnson, as the Troops must not be delayed in their march to the Northward. Cloth at 25<sup>d</sup> is abundantly too high for blankets, we think the bottle makers should be excused from mastering while they are engaged in the service of the Public, and dont doubt but their Captains will excuse them for not attending, they must work day and night — Bayonett Belts must be supplied the flying Camp out of the magazines. We shall want 600 more Knapsacks & haversacks & desire they may be immediately made. As soon as the Tenting Linen arrives from Parker, which will be in a day or two at farthest, deliver it to Johnson to be made up into Tents.

To J. Guest Esq<sup>r</sup> Master.

Sir.

In Council of Safety Aug<sup>r</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup> 1776.

The President informs us that by the order of the Convention he writes to you for Ten thousand pounds for money advanced by this Province on account of the Congress, if the requisition in the letter is complied with