

with, we shall be obliged if you will order the money to be paid into the hands of Mr. Stephen Steward, who will convey it safely to us.

To the honorable John Hancock Esq^r } we are with great respects &c.

President of the Congress Phil^a } In Council of Safety amapt^d Aug^o 21. 1776

Sir. It was represented to our board that your company had but about 40 muskets, those very indifferent, and that there was not any probability of your getting a sufficient number to make up the deficiency; upon this Informⁿ or the Convention has directed us to despatch all the Companies of Flying Camp Militia that could be armed with the utmost despatch & as Capt^o Deans wanted but a few effective arms to complete his Company we issued the order, which we should not have done had we been truly informed of your circumstances. Advise us of the number you have delivered to Capt^o Deans & we will replace them as soon as possible, that your Company may march we have not any Linnen.

To Capt^o Dames. } 3

Sir. We approve your patterns for a Tent, but cannot give the price you ask, one of the Baltimore Tentmakers was here and says he will make them with a round seam for two dollars, if you will make them with such seams on your model, we would have you proceed, otherwise be pleased to make some agreeable to the Balt pattern at 12/- if you do not care to make on those Terms, send the Linnen you have to Baltimore Town to Wm Johnson who has agreed to make at those prices. The tentpoles we will pay you for according to the price given at Balt, which we cannot now ascertain. We wish to hear more fully about the Bayonets and are,

To W^o Dorsey.

Y^r most h^oble Serv^t 21^o Aug^o 1776

Gentlemen. We are informed by Mr. Hugh Young that 500 lbs of powder belonging to this Province arrived at Newborn in North Carolina from St. Eustatia shipped by Capt Abraham Vanbibber on board of Capt. Luce you will probably want the powder, therefore we have given him no orders for its removal, but will exchange if you think proper for the same quantity to be delivered us by your Delegates at Philadelphia.

To Committee of Safety

we are Y^r most obed^t serv^t

N^o Carolina

By order

Sir.

In Council of Safety amapt^d Aug^o 24. 1776.

This Letter will be handed to your Excellency by Mess^{rs} Peticier & Thugie, who came passenger in an armed Brig purchased for the Province of Maryland by Mess^{rs} Vanbibber & Garrison our agents in St. Louis & Martinique who inform, that he was warmly recommended to them as a gentleman of character and experience in the management of artillery. We should have employed him in our Province, had he been desirous of entering into its service. For and on behalf of the Council of I have the honor &c.

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