

and enclose you his warrant, medicines must be furnished at Philadelphia by the Congress. We approve of your having the arms repaired in Phil^a & desire you will give the necessary orders for that purpose to your Companies as they march, Tents we are informed may be had at New York, they cannot here in time, perhaps they may be got at Philadelphia if they can you will get there what will be necessary for your Battalion. This Province must defray the expense in the first instance but the charge will be Continental.

To Col. Wm. Richardson.

Sir. It will be uncertain whether we can meet with a vessel here, to go to James River for the Coal, we shall be glad therefore if you will procure for us three that will bring from fifteen hundred to two thousand each and dispatch them down to us with the greatest expedition - the Resolution must go with them for their protection, she must call here in her way as we shall send a persons in her with cash.

To James Nicholson Esq.

These are &c. In Council of Safety
Annapolis Aug^r 26th 1776

Commander of the Ship Defence Bat^{ty} }
Sir. The C. of S. request you will immediately send down what Tents you have made, they are much wanting as all our Troops are under marching orders.

To Mr. Dorsey.

Sir.

Annap^s. Aug^r 28th 1776.

In consequence of your requests contained in your letter of the 24th Inst. we have ordered the Treasurer of the western shore to pay to Mr. Edelin £200. to be applied by the Committee towards the support of the Prisoners in Fredericks Town. When this sum is nearly expended you will be pleased to inform the Council of Safety thereof, that a further supply may be ordered.

Gent. Capt. Conway is just ready to sail and wants one hundred and fifty pounds of Cannon powder, be pleased to let him have it, and we will cause it to be replaced.
Yr. most obed^t serv^t

To Comm^{ee} of observation for Charles County.

Robert Barry. You are to proceed from hence to the Coal mine in Va^g and there endeavour to purchase five or six thousand bushels of Coal, if you can hire vessels to bring the same up, the freight as also the value of the vessel, if taken by the enemy will be paid by the State of Maryland.

By order and on behalf of the Council
of Safety.

Sir.

D. Sept^r 1776.

Sergeant James of your Comp^t. having suggested to this Board, that his private concerns will suffer very considerably by his continuing longer in your Comp^t. more especially as the Comp^t is now on their march to the Northward. We therefore think that the publick service will not suffer

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