

to procure arms, and not under the least doubt but if I can't equip myself as can be provided but we shall be ready to march the first of next week. We are much in want of linen, therefore shall stand in need of your assistance, and told the Council have a quantity by them, shall be glad of an order from you for two bolts of Osaburg, and the Camp equipage necessary for my company as soon as possible.

To William Richardson Esq

Caroline County.

I am Sir your very Hble Servt

John Darnes

Queen Anne's County Aug 21st 1776.

Sir. Yesterday Capt Dean produced an order from your board, ordering the arms out of the hands of my company into that of Capt Dean's, which I think exceeding hard, and myself the rest of the officers and many of the privates have taken very uncommon pains to collect arms for the use of this company.

I suppose the situation of my company may have been misrepresented to you, Mr Joseph Nicholson one of your board informs me it has, that is that there was not a probability of arming my company. I can venture to answer you that by Saturday next, we shall be well armed. I make not the least doubt but in that case, you would prohibit the culling of my arms.

My men are exceedingly distressed for want of linen, it is not to be had here, therefore shall be much obliged by 2 bolts of linen. please dispatch it immediately, as we are daily expecting orders to march.

To the Honorable

Council of Safety of Maryland.

Am Sir your very ready Obedt Servt

John Darnes

Harford County Aug 21st 1776.

Sir.

I received by the hands of Col Aquila Hall the sum of fifty pounds to be applied towards the salt petre works, under my care, the same is continually carrying on but what is the reason I can't say, we can't produce the quantity I have heard in a deal of some places. We are assiduous at the business and lose no time from the work, except when applied in collecting the stock: the exact quantity made I can't justly say, having not weighed off, for sometime, I expect some odds of two hundred weight, we daily increase the same something. I have sent down by this conveyance seventeen bayonets and seven muskets fixed with bayonets, the muskets and bayonets were to have been presented to the Committee of this County for the use of the public, but this opportunity offering immediately to Annapolis, and Mr John Hall Lieutenant in Capt Dean's Company. Informing there being immediately wanted, I thought it advisable to send them down, and trust your Honors will have them valued and allow me what they may be valued to, and pay the same and of the Bayonets as part included to Mr Hall who will receive and transmit it to me. There is also in the Box a gun our Committee agreed to give a man forty five shillings for, which I paid him, some small repairs I did to the lock, and is charged in the account. as also two bayonets put to two guns Col's Carrall Hall put into my hands to repair and some charges for the repairs. I also send in the box a gun sent by Mr Gabriel Christie, and one other Mr John Hall got from some other person, all which hope will get safe to hand.

I will continue to make the bayonets, but the fitting these muskets and repairing some other odd guns from our neighbors has kept my man (who is but