

Mr Doogan tells me he is to purchase part of the flour for his skooner or the one bought of him. I think it would be best to let the purchaser be in one hand as it only makes us bid on one another, as to the dispatch which you & others may think of I can load 6 such vessels in the time that she will be got ready to receive them it would ^{not} give me the least concern to have 9 thousand bbls to purchase instead of 9 ~~thousand~~. I received your order for to purchase beef and pork which I shall endeavour to do, but the rest is the hardest part to provide. Beef can be got, but pork I think will be scarce. I have engaged the beef and bbls to hold it. Please gentlemen to let me have the flour commitments as I hope to have the meet with the war, from your humble servant.

To the Honorable Council of Oabey.

Yr^o Obedient Servant.

Caroline County Sept the 17th 1776.

Sirs Agreeable to the requisition of the Convention made to the field officers of this County, to endeavour to get a company made up to march for New York, I thought it necessary to convene the 28th Battalion of Militia on Saturday last for that purpose, and after meeting in the usual field of parade, the several Companies were drawn up, except the Company under the command of Capt John Parmenter. I then requested he would draw up his Company, who made me for answer, that he had but a few officers in the field and that he should not draw up under me as the Commander of the field.

Capt Parmenter's reasons for not joining the Battalion I do not certainly know, but after the Battalion was dismissed, I am credibly informed he endeavored to see who would join him against me, for what purpose I do not know, unless to treat me ill.

As it appears to me, Sir, that he is a disobedient officer and possibly was I to look over this injury to the common cause, it might prove to be of bad consequence, besides under these circumstances, my person as well as character may not be altogether safe, and in order, Sir, that peace and harmony may again take place, I pray that a court marshal may be appointed by your board for the trial of Capt Parmenter, in order to find out what I am to be accused with and that he or myself may meet with the instant demerits he deserves.

Yours of 17th Nov^r 1776

Pres^t of Council of Oabey.

I am Sir your most Obed^t Hble Serv^t

Berfon Stainton.

George Town 17th Sept 1776.

Gentlemen. I received your favour of the 8th Inst and duly observe the contents, wherein you request to know the steps I have taken to fulfill my engagement with the public, what progress have made and what returns. The steps I have taken are as follows viz - I have at a very considerable expense prepared a house that will contain sixteen looms and all other utensils for carrying on the weaving business. I shall by the last of next week have up 8 looms, and as soon as I can procure hands will set up the remainder. I have purchased weaver - hired journeymen, taken apprentices &c. I have erected a fl^r mill for dressing & manufacturing flax the best on the Continent. I have purchased a quantity of flax and employed