

her and shall assure those that enlist with their speedy getting the money, tho it would have the most charms if stilling in their sight.

Tents will be necessary. The soldiers that will go will chiefly be Farmers and their sons. What price will the Province pay for y^e if they find it or Can the Council of Safety furnish all the troops.

Loppa 18th Sept 1776.

I am Gentlemen

To the Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland, Annapolis.

Your Most Oble Serv^t

Benjamin Rumsey

Annapolis Sept 18th 1776.

The humble petition of Capt John Talford's Company, the Royal Train of Artillery or second Maryland Montross's. Humbly sheweth

That your worthy patriots that is filled with a due sense of Liberty and was enlisted under the banners of the same, and is ready to advance into the field at a moments call, and there to fight our daring foes in the present cause and behalf of America and in the highest spirits, like the bold soldiers willing to go to the field conquering and to conquer undaunted like tigers, not fearing to die, you will give them a hearing.

Gentlemen - From the great vivacity and confidence that we repose in you, we hope therefore that you will allow us most honorable gentlemen an addition to our pay, in order to alleviate our pain, and for our laborous work, and most fatiguingest in life and much more so than any corp any has gone through hitherto; namely, in building or assisting to build fortifications or batteries, together most honorable gentlemen, with the hard betweens of guard, namely, once every other day mounting, and still gentlemen we are resolved, that our motto shall be Death or Glory. Therefore, most honorable gentlemen, we hope you will take your poor petitioners petition into your most serious consideration & consult deliberately thereon, and give us a grant, most honorable gentlemen of something more than our present pay, which will make a retaliation or recompense for our hard duty and in so doing, we shall be in duty bound to pray most honorable gentlemen,

The Royal Train of Artillery

God bless the Congress and direct our General.

Chester Town 18th Sept 1776.

Gentlemen I find from the number of blanchetts I shall have occasion to purchase for my company and other things necessary - shall at least stand in need of \$150 cash to defray my expenses to Philadelphia, hope therefore you will be so obliging to give me an order on Western Shore Treasurer for that sum - there are 14 new, prov'd, well fitted muskets in town which when completed may be purchased at \$4.10.0. would beg to have the liberty to purchase them in order that we may be dispatched from hence. Mr Winters cannot complete ours so soon as I could wish

I am Gent^l y^e very obed^t & Oble Serv^t

Greenbury Goldsborough.

To the Honble The Council of Safety

Gentlemen. The conduct of Sir William first Lieutenant, and Job Todd Ensign in Capt. Henry Lakes Company, of my Battalion, being very ~~un~~exceptionable, I