

of his company by which it appears he has now here only thirty seven effective privates & indeed several of that number appear to be not really effective. The men complain of not being furnished with blankets and clothing according to the engagement made with them, and from this ground as Capt Watkins alleges the present discontent of the men originates. he has no certainty of getting the clothing through and endeavors shall be continued the officers have procured the blankets. Lieut Long goes to Worcester to endeavor to get the Deserters to return to their duty under an assurance which we have presumed to give that on their immediate return the fact shall be forgiven. Capt Watkins and his men we are sorry to inform you are on very ill terms, the Capt has beat some of them, he says he had great cause. They say he had none, some of the men have said nothing shall induce them to continue in the Company under Capt Watkins. We shall endeavor to keep the remainder of the men together under the care of the 2^d Lieut until your orders can interfere, for though an inquiry seems to us to be necessary it cannot be had here; if the independent companies should be regimented or even if the soldiers clothes can be got, perhaps a color may be restored in the Company.

We have a letter of the 15th Inst from Capt Thomas from whence it appears our sick have not much care taken of them as they ought, we wish if it is in your power to send a skillful and attentive person who should have the immediate care of the independent Companies, you would do so. We have requested Dr Bond to recommend such a one that we may propose him to Congress for this purpose, but from the Doctor's answer we almost despair of finding a suitable person here.

By a letter from Genl Washington of the 8th Inst we had a little brush on Monday in which the enemy had about 100 killed and wounded. Our loss was considerably less. Report had much exaggerated our advantage. Major Leach of the Virginians is wounded though it is hoped he will recover. Some of Richards & Griffiths Battalions were in the action and behaved well.

Colo Richardson told H.P. that he lodged in the same house as Capt Watkins, that he is addicted to drink and his appearance at several times we have seen him bespeaks it. Perhaps Colo Richardson would not choose that what he said should be mentioned to Capt Watkins.

To The Honorable

Council of Safety
of Maryland
at Annapolis.

We are Gent Your Most Obedt Servts

Thos Johnson Jr
Wm Paca
Saml Chase
T Stone.

By a letter this minute received from Genl Washington dated the 19th, we are informed that he expects a general attack on his lines.

The Committee Balt 23rd Sept 1776

Upon Motion Resolved A.C.D. That Lieutenant Ezekeil Townsend be recommended to the Honorable Council of Safety as a proper person to command the Guard to be stationed at the Magazine at Armstrong's Tavern N.B. The