

the wind came round to the S.W. wind, the night had all the appearance of a gale springing. I thought it prudent to have the ship brought at anchor under point look out, and this morning early when hove short the small bow cable parted near the anchor. He got the pilot boat to the buoy rope when a strain hove on it parted the buoy rope at the crown of the anchor, the wind blowing a fresh gale at 10 p.m. it out of our power to get the anchor at this time. He has left a watch buoy at the place and set several buoys for finding it some other times. Mr Middleton will have the marks and know the place where the anchor lies.

At 10 A.M. I was going down to Frying's Island, as I'm informed by some gentlemen on board of running anchors being there and hence getting one.

To the Honorable

Council of Safety. Annapolis.

I have the honor to be sent your most obed^t Servant.

George Cooke.

Sept 25th 1776.

Gentlemen. Having enrolled a Volunteer in the regular service I now inclose my commission, in order that you may make another appointment in the militia company. I have only to add my most grateful thanks for the favor of the appointment and your good opinion of me. I have the honor to be, Gent.

To the Honorable

Your M^{ost} Obed^t Servant

The Council of Safety of M.D.

Richard Wooster.

Cecil County Sept. 25th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Agreeable to the resolves of Convention we have endeavored to have a company raised under Capt Samuel Evans, Lieut Henry Dobson, 2^d Lieut Thomas Ramsey, Ensign William Stuart, which hope you will commission. They having raised sixty six men, which Lieut Dobson will return you lists of and expect the company will be full in a few days. Col Hollingsworth will furnish them with twenty guns well fitted, and we will buy out of the militia twenty five more, which is all care in safe for, as the Battalion has furnished most of her best pieces before. Major Parker can furnish us with as much living as will make ten tents, which beg you will give orders to have made in Philadelphia, as the Capt has raised a number of his neighbors, that would not go into the service unless they had them, at this advanced season, or would he receive his commission without them. Blankets may be had but very high. he can purchase canteens & boxes if ordered. Knapsacks, wire and hooks with canteens, the residue of arms we expect to be furnished with. The company is now on rations, as it is impossible to keep them otherwise; a drum and fife we can furnish if ordered. I have received three hundred and thirty ^{three} pounds, ten shillings, which will not be near sufficient, therefore hope you will furnish us with at least five hundred more, by the bearer Mr Henry Dobson, and don't doubt but every thing will be had, so as the company may march by Monday come week.

We are Gent your obed^t Servants

Charles Rumsey

H Hollingsworth, Edward Parker

Baltimore Sept. 25th 1776.

To the Honorable

Council of Safety.

Sirs

The Bearer Henry Dobson is a friend of mine and first cousin, and