

Frid. Town. 16th Decr 1776.

Gent.

Your letter of the 14th Inst by Express Came to me this Morn. 12. O'Clock, and I shall not lose a minute in sending to the Col^l as you direct. I am afraid we shall be able to arm only a small portion of the men these parts having been much drained of arms, and those of the Flying Camp who have returned, having left their guns behind them. I am told no Field Officers are yet appointed to the Battalion of which Wells was recommended to be Col^l. If there is no capital objection I wish the Commissions were sent. I would not intrude advice but if no steps are already taken for the purpose, I wish to submit to your consideration whether it would not be well to remove our Magazine further into the country, it appears to me that if our Enemy succeed against Philadelphia, our stock of powder may be an object. I intended to have set out in the morning for Baltimore, but shall now wait till I hear from you, or am well informed of a considerable change in our affairs.

I am Gent.

Your most Obedt. Servant.

Th. Johnson, Junr.

To the Honble,

Council of Safety of Maryland

In Committee.

Baltimore 16th Decr 1776.

Gentlemen—

Inclosed we send you a list of the Companies which compose Col^l Cockey's Battalion, but as there has been some difference in the choice of Capt. Cockey's Subalterns and the matter not yet determined, we must wait until they have another choice. We are of opinion that sending Commissions agreeable to this list would be serving the Common Cause.

We are,

Gentlemen,

the Honble.

Council of Safety Annapolis

(In order)

Your Obedt. Servant

Jas. Calhoun, Chm^r

Baltimore, December 15th 1776.

Gent.

In my absence Capt. Nicholson borrowed sixty five of the Ship's small arms so that there is but few left, I shall endeavour to procure arms for the men if they are not to be got will not wait as I imagine we can be supplied at the Head of Elk or Philadelphia. I flatter myself the greatest part of our Company will go with cheerfulness. I shall lose no time but set off as quick as possible.

The Honble the Council of Safety

of Maryland Annapolis

I have the Honor to be Gent.

Your most Obedt. Servant

Geo. Cockey