

Require, but at your Shop, we desire you will immediately inform us whether you can engage in that business and will undertake to repair and fit with Bayonets, such Guns as shall be sent to you from the several Counties over the Bay for that purpose — If they can be done elsewhere, we shall not desire you to do them as we would wish you should confine yourself as much as possible to the Work you have in hand, but if they cannot, as there is an absolute necessity that the Militia should be immediately provided with good and substantial Arms we must request you will engage in that business for us — It cannot be expected, that during the time you may be at work on the Arms for the Flying Camp, that you should comply strictly with your Contract with the Province, yet it is hoped that you will be able to furnish some Guns, as we stand in very great need of them. We have already Belts and Scabbards sufficient, and have advertised for Persons to make Priming wires and Brushes and expect to get the Ramrods in Annapolis, so that you will not have any thing to do but repair the Guns and fit the Bayonets unless to make Swivels to sling the Guns, which must likewise be done. —

We inclose you a Letter and order to Henry Hollingsworth for four hundred Bayonets of different sized Sockets for the Militia Arms, if you engage for us in that business you will send them by Express, but if you cannot, you will be pleased to return them.

July 12. 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 30. To M^r. Jese Hollingsworth.

Sir,

We have received both yours of the 11th and 14th & have dispatched the last Vessel you sent down with the Flour to Peromoto, we are sorry to hear the Flour on board M^r. Luc and Bowloy's Vessel has been so much damaged by their negligence for no doubt they will think it but reasonable to make us a compensation. —