

Necessity and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done without applying to him, if however you cannot accomplish it, you will be pleased to send them up to him for that purpose as fast as you collect them, taking his receipt, for such as you may deliver — We desire to know how many Arms you have in your possession belonging to the Province, and the number delivered in by or taken from those, who have not subscribed the Association, or enrolled in the Militia, and that those belonging to the Province may not be given out without the orders of this Board. We have already a sufficient quantity of Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Slings and have advertised for Persons to contract with us for making Trenches with Haversacks, Priming wires and Brushes, Camp Kettles and Canteens or Wooden Bottles, but if you can — recommend to us any, who can and will engage to supply the Militia with either of these Articles we shall be obliged to you — Steel Ramrods we presume you can get made, but not Bayonets, and therefore we have wrote Mr. Hollingsworth of Guil County, immediately to procure a number, a sufficient quantity of which we will endeavour to supply you with, as soon as possible, upon being informed you can have the Arms repaired and fitted. — No period can furnish a greater necessity for your warmest efforts, and we trust you will not leave any thing unpaid upon the present occasion.

We will send you by the first opportunity some Cash to buy Guns and Blankets with, which we request you will lay out accordingly.

We have not valued four pounds five Shillings for a Musquet, with a Steel Ramrod and Bayonet, but upon this occasion, would have you go as high as four pounds ten Shillings, Guns, which you may purchase without either, ought not to cost so much that the necessary repairs and providing Ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above four pounds five Shillings, unless