

The Posts were going off to the Nepsell it was imagined for me
As the further Orders which we may give must depend in a great
measure on the Numbers, Situation and movements of the Enemy,
we request you will communicate to us by the return of the Express
all the information you can collect relative to them and be very
particular therein — We have countermanded the order given
captains Thomas and Hendon to march to Philadelphia and
expect them here to Day or Tomorrow, upon receiving intelligence from
you, we shall be able to form an opinion, whether it will be necessary
they should be ordered to your assistance — Powder Lead and
Flints are sent off this Morning to Leonard Town and we hope
will arrive there tomorrow Night, or on Friday morning — We
approve of the Committee's detaining Captain Torst's Company,
and think it would be best if the Militia will part with their
Guns, that that Company should be armed with them, and imme-
diately be subject to your Orders. —

17 July 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 49. To Mess^{rs}. Thomas Ringgold, Ag^t. Brown, and Dav^d. Ringgold
Gentlemen,

We have sent a Barrel of Gun Powder and four hundred
pounds of Lead addressed to you, for the use of Kent Island, and doubt
not your care of it — We think ourselves obliged however to tell
you we have seen the ill effect of distributing ^m Ammunition among
the Militia, and to desire you will lodge such a proportion of it
with the Captains of the Companies only, as you may think
proper, and they upon Emergencies will deliver it out to their men

17 July 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 50. To Thomas Smyth Esq^r.
D^r. Sir

We send you by the bearer four hundred pounds Currency
(For)