

For paying off the Waggon and to answer other contingent expenses.

We are sorry we cannot comply with other requests, you have made us relative to the two Companies raised in Kent, our Province is actually Invaded by Lord Dummore with his whole Fleet, who are now come into Potomack and are landing at Saint Georges Island, our own Battalion and Independent Companies are marched off to the Eastward by order of Convention. — In this distressed situation every Gun we can muster from Mr. Minters and all other parts must first be first applied to Arm the Battalion and Independent Companies that are to stay in the Province to supply the place of those, who are gone to New York. — As to Tents we will write you more fully hereafter, when we know certainly what Canvas we have at Chingotay. We are to make the ample provision you wish, for two Companies in the Eastern Shore Battalion and leave the others bare of every thing, we should justly subject ourselves to the Charge of Partiality; you may depend we will do as much for those two Companies as we possibly can, at least equal to others in same Battalion. —

17 July 1776

We are &c.

N. 51. To Captains Barnes and Elliott.

Gentlemen,

We received your favour of the 16th Instant about an Hour ago, and are sorry to find the People of Kent Island so very uneasy from an opinion Dummore will attack them. — We do not apprehend unless he should receive a considerable reinforcement that he will attempt any thing of that sort, as from the best information we have of them, his party is unequal to such a Measure; however, hearing of the Apprehension, which prevailed among you and that you were not sufficiently provided with ammunition by the Committee of Observation for Queen Anne, who we expected would supply you and being desirous of guarding against every possibility of Danger, we had order before the receipt of your Letter a Barrel of Powder