

that you hitherto could do — you apprehend the Enemy ascending  
up the River, it is not improbable but they may, you will, (as  
you have done) continue to watch their motions, and from time  
to time inform us — We wish to be acquainted how many and  
what sort of deserters have come over — whether they be Soldiers,  
Sailors, Tories or Prisoners taken by them — wishing you all  
Success. We are &c.

Please to say in your next how  
Captain Beall may be — }

21<sup>st</sup> July 1776.

N. 66. To Captain Perkins.

Sir,

The Council of Safety will fix upon some Day not far distant  
to issue the several Commissions for the Officers belonging to the Flying  
Camp, when you may depend upon you and your Officers receiving  
yours. We have no Muskets to supply your Company with or  
any other belonging to the Eastern Shore Battalion; it at present  
remains doubtful, whether or not, we shall after all our endeavours  
procure sufficient Arms to arm the Battalion to be stationed upon  
this Shore in the stead of Colonel Smallwood's which is marched  
to the Northward — We expect to be supplied from Baltimore with  
<sup>Knaps</sup>  
~~Knaps~~ and Harnesses, a part of which when received, will be  
appropriated to the use of the Eastern Shore Battalion. At present  
we have no Tents ~~nor~~ nor are we possessed of the necessary  
materials to make them. When your Company is equiped for  
Marching and any of the Men at that time should prove non-  
effective, we think it offers offer to supply their places, you may  
safely incorporate them in your Company We are &c.

P.S. Advise us how you will be served.