

have desired the Committee of the middle District to forward it to
you.

We are &c.

23 July 1776.

N^o. 72. To Brigadier General Thomas Johnson.

Sir

We have received your favour of the 22^d and are very glad that
Militia of Frederick are so ready to turn out on the present occasion;
we think their service will not be wanting, for altho' there are many
of the Enemy's Ships in Potomack, yet there are but few men in
them; those sickly and die fast.

The Towey and Otter with about fifty Sail of Vessels are still
at Saint Georges - The Roebuck with three Ships and a few small
Vessels are as high up Potomack as Mattawoman, where it is
said they are watering. - We have already contracted for a large
number of Camps Kettles of Iron and Copper, and expect to procure
some of Tin. -

If your Brother's Iron is suitable for casting Guns, we would
contract with you for fifty three pounders fifty four pounders and
Seventy five Swivels to carry one pound Ball - Captain Michelson
informs us that the length of the Swivels is not material - Tho' three
and four pounders ought to be some what shorter than the common
standard. - should we find it necessary we will hereafter give orders
for the march of a Battalion from Frederick County. - We are with
respect and esteem

Yours &c.

July 22. 1776.

N^o. 73. To Major Thomas Price.

Sir

You will make use of all or part of the Harmon as you see