

interdict by Capt. Smyth, and transmit by, him for the Committee  
the sum of £500. for the purchase of blankets and arms in the  
Continental money, which Mr. Ringgold has, we would have sent to  
us by the first safe conveyance - we should be fond of permitting  
Capt. Smyth to go beyond £10,000. for extraordinary guns, was it  
not that we are apprehensive of dangerous consequences from  
such licence - as soon as a price is offered for any thing above  
what is customarily given, there is not purchasing at the Price,  
which was before usually allowed, tho' the particular article in  
length in reality was worth considerably more, and therefore we  
cannot accord to his request, but hope as the number of  
arms, which are wanting, are very few, that they may be  
collected at not more than £400. by the Time other  
measures can be procured for their marching - Rifles we  
will allow £5,000. for - we shall give orders to the Colonel  
of the Eastern shore Battalion of Albany Camp. militia to  
march his men in Companies to the Northward, when they  
are ready, as soon therefore as Capt. Smyth & Perkins  
are prepared, they will apply to him for orders, but we  
shall be obliged to you, if you'll procure proper carriages  
for their Baggage, and afford them other assistances,  
which may be wanting - We have sent by Capt.  
Smyth twenty Pieces of Ordnance if request you will,  
(engaged)