

N<sup>o</sup> 156. To The Hon. John Hancock Esq. President of the Congress.

Sir, The President informs us that by the Order of the Committee he wrote to you for Ten Thousand Pounds for Money advanced by this Province on account of the Congress if the Requisition in that Letter is complied with, we shall be obliged if you will order the Money to be paid into the Hands of Mr. Stephen Howard who will convey it safely to us

21 August 1776.

We are &c.

N<sup>o</sup> 157. To Captain Deans.

Sir, It was represented to our Board that your Company had but about Forty Musquets, those very indifferent, and that <sup>there</sup> ~~there~~ was not any probability of your getting a sufficient number to make up the deficiency; upon this Information as the Committee has directed us to dispatch all the Companies of Flying Camp Militia that could be Armed with the utmost Dispatch and as Captain Deans wanted but a few effective Arms to compleat his Company we issued the Orders which we should not have done; had we been truly informed of your Circumstances — Advise us of the Number you have delivered to Captain Deans and we will replace them as soon as possible that your Company may March — We have not any Linen.

We are &c.

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