

Sir, We have in command from the Convention
to inform you that a Rifle Company on the Continental Estab-
lishment, is raised in Hartford County in this State, but are in
want of both guns and blankets, and to request you would by the
first opportunity let us know, whether you would have them march
to Philadelphia to be supplied, as it will be impracticable, in any
reasonable Time, to furnish them here; - money will be wanted to
supply them with necessaries to accommodate them on their
march.

We are yr.

P.S. We have Flint-stones in
Massachusetts, but cannot procure no
Manufactures.

Oct: 18th 1776.

Col: Charles Sumner.

Sir, We received your Letter of the 13th instant, by the Post,
and desire the Company may march, as soon as their guns are
repaired. - Barracks are provided at the Camp, which will make
Tents in a great measure unnecessary, however, if others, than what
are made out of the Linen you have sent up to Philadelphia
can be there furnished, the company will have them. - we cannot
supply any from hence, - Gun-knives & Bayonet Belts can be
more conveniently had at Philadelphia. - The Captain, when he
gets there, will apply to Congress and receive from them further
Orders.

We are yr.

Oct: 18th 1776.

James Claypoole

Sir, We make a large quantity of strong shoes
(immediately)