

Shore to examine the vessels which are offered as suitable for the purpose? We want them. You promised to be with us on Friday, but we did not understand whether you could immediately go over the Bay. this matter requires dispatch, and we beg your immediate answer; if you can go, we shall be much pleased—if you cannot go; do you know any one, who would be proper to send on that Business?

8th July 1776.

[Council to Dorsey.]

No. 9.

To Mr. Thomas Dorsey

Sir. You will see by the inclosed Resolve that the Convention have directed the place of the regulars, that are to march from hence to Philadelphia should be supplied by three Companies of the neighbouring militia, 'till the militia for the Flying Camp can be ready. The Council of Safety have thought proper to order a Company of your Battalion to march down here immediately, and we desire you will despatch them with the utmost expedition. We expect a sufficient number of the militia for the Flying Camp will be raised in a very short Time to supply the place of y^{rs} with the other Companies which shall be discharged as soon as possible. Col^s Weems and Hammond are now with us and intend that the Company they are respectively to furnish shall be composed out of the whole Battalion—Companies if wholly ordered out may be much distressed and very indifferently armed.

8th July 1776

[Council to Smyth.]

No. 10.

To Thomas Smyth, Esq^r

Sir. The Council of Safety request you will agree with Blake for the Cartridge Boxes &^c the Price of the whole is 12/, but we cannot ascertain individually not having yet been furnished the Contracts by M^r Alexander who made them.

8th July 1776

[Council to Ridgely and Weston.]

No. 11.

To Mess^{rs} Ch^s Ridgely & John Weston (respectively)

Sir. We have immediate occasion on account of the Province for some Swivels and small Cannon from four Pounds downwards, and shall (as we are informed your Furnace is in Blast) be very glad to know whether you can cast them. If you can, be pleased to let us know the Terms and by what Time you can furnish us with them

8th July 1776