

upon emergencies will deliver it out to their men. ordered that Major Price detach a guard to Kent Island with the said Powder and Lead.

To Thomas Ringgold, aq^r
Brown & Doctor Ringgold
Gentlemen.

July 6th 1776

The Convention have appointed you members of the Council of Safety, and we beg your attendance immediately. Messrs Babbs & Harrison have bought us a Brig and shipped us a valuable cargo as you will perceive by the enclosed copy of the invoice. - You will be pleased to dispatch wagons immediately from Kent or elsewhere as to be had, sufficient to convey this cargo to Chestertown and also to provide provision for the guard to Chincoteague and back, which is to consist of a commissioned officer and 24 privates out of Captⁿ Bezzy's Company.

To Messrs Smith, Bonds & Nicholson
Members of Council of Safety
Chestertown

The Convention have this moment determined that the Battalion and three Independent Companies immediately march to the Jerseys armed. - you will therefore not lose one moment time, but send the wagons instantly down to Virginia, we shall be totally without arms till these arrive; as Bezzy's independent Company is to march immediately, you are desired to send a Captain and 30 picked men out of the militia to guard the wagons.

Gentlemen.

We inclose you a resolution of the Congress desiring a complete List of the number of Inhabitants in our Colony. we request, you will appoint some persons in your County for taking the number of Inhabitants both whites and blacks distinguishing respectively the age and sex of each therein, and shall be obliged if you will transmit it to us as soon as it is returned to you, we will pay any expence that may arise on employing persons to comply with this request.

we are &c

To the Committee of Observation
of ——— County

Annapolis June 28th 1776.

Gentlemen. When we wrote to you on the 4th of June, we did not intend to engage your County in the expence of building the barracks desired in our letter for lodging the men, we were of opinion they should be built at the expence of the Province, shall be obliged if you will as soon as you can get about erecting them and the expence shall be paid you.

we are &c

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