

materials and attend to the construction of the same they will supply the cash necessary to defray the expence whenever you will be pleased to call for it. we are &c.

To the Committee of Observation
of Baltimore County

In Council of Safety
Annapolis July 11th 1776.

Sir. We are in immediate want of about 400 bayonets of different sized sockets for the arms of the Eastern Shore militia, who are to compose part of the flying camp, and have sent an order on you to Mr. Waters for them, and we request you will supply him with that number as soon as possible. The greatest exertions are necessary for this occasion and we doubt not your warmest efforts to enable us to carry into execution the resolves of our Convention with that dispatch the exigency of the times require.

To Henry Hollingworth.

12th July 1776.

Sir.

The Convention having resolved that the firelocks of such of the militia who are to compose part of the Flying Camp as are not effective but might be made so by repair, should be repaired at the expence of this Province and that we should cause muskets found by the militia, borrowed or purchased for the flying camp to be fitted with Bayonets Iron Ramrods, Worms, priming wires Brushes Belts or Scabbards, and as we are apprehensive such repairs cannot be made or bayonets fitted on the Eastern Shore with that dispatch and expedition the service may require, but at your shop, we desire you will immediately inform us whether you can engage in that business and will undertake to repair and fit with Bayonets such guns as shall be sent to you from the several Counties over the Bay for that purpose - if they can be done elsewhere we shall not desire you to do them as we could wish you should confine yourself as much as possible to the works you have in hand but if they cannot, as there is an absolute necessity that militia should be immediately provided with good and substantial arms we must request you will engage in that business for us; it cannot be expected, that during the time you may be at work on the arms for the flying camp, that you should comply strictly with your contract with the Province, yet it is hoped that you will be able to furnish some guns as we stand in very great need of them. We have already Belts & Scabbards sufficient and have advertised for persons to make priming wires and brushes and expect to get the ramrods in Annapolis so that you will not have any thing to do but repair the guns and fets of Bayonets unless to make swivels, tending the guns which must likewise be done.

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