

to the Province and the number delivered in by, or taken, from those who have not subscribed the association, or enrolled in the militia, and that those belonging to the Province may not be given out, without the orders of this Board. We have already a sufficient quantity of cartouch boxes, bayonets, Belts and slings and have advertised for persons to contract with us for making knapsacks with haversacks priming, wires & brushes, camp kettles and canteens, or wooden bottles, but if you can recommend to us any who can and will engage to supply the public with either of those articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel ramrods we presume you can get made, but not bayonets and therefore, we have wrote Mr. Tollingworth of Cecil County, immediately to provide a number, a sufficient quantity of which we will endeavour to supply you with as soon as possible, for upon being informed, you can have the guns repaired or fitted. No period can furnish a greater necessity for your warmest efforts, and we trust you will not leave any thing unessayed upon the present occasion. We will send you by the first opportunity some cash to buy guns, and blankets with, which we request you will lay out accordingly.

N. B. There is a person on Kent Island who has repaired many guns for the militia, more particularly in the lock and we are informed is well qualified for the business.

Brethren to Committees of Observation
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Gentlemen. It will be impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the execution of every part of the enclosed resolves and therefore must request the favor of you, tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of trouble to assist us as far as the nature of the subject and your situation will admit of, to comply with them, particularly in borrowing firelocks from such of the militia as will lend on the public faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received, or in case of loss the value thereof in having them valued and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of blankets for the troops directed to be raised in your County for the Flying Camp, and if practicable more to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other counties. We wish the defective arms which may be collecting in your County for the Flying Camp should be repaired and fitted there if possible and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done as expeditiously as you can, we desire to know how many arms you have which have been delivered in by, or taken from, those who have not subscribed the association or enrolled in the militia. We have already a sufficient quantity of cartouch boxes, bayonets, belts and slings and have advertised for persons to contract with us for making
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