

supplied. The arms here are now in good order, & what number I get shall be kept so - I'm likewise willing to give bond, & security if required, for their being returned barring the accidents of the Field or such others as human wisdom cannot foresee or prevent - I hope you will think this request reasonable and that you will speedily grant it. & I am with much Respect

Fred^d Town

Gentlemen. Your most hum^d Serv^t.

4th Oct. 1775

George Stricker

To The Hon^{ble} The Council of Safety.

Wth Purviance Sir.

I intended writing you, on Thursday last on the subject of Iron Ordnance, but some unexpected business calling me from home prevented my making the proper estimate of the Boring & other apparatus necessary for carrying on that business, so that I could not say any thing with any degree of certainty till now as I have fully considered the matter I find that it will require about £ 200 worth of apparatus to go into the business of making guns as it will be of little or no value for any other purpose, the expense of making boring drilling & finishing complete will be about £ 40 currency p^r ton & any size or bore from 9 Pounds downwards may be cast at this Country Furnaces -

If any gentleman sh^d incline to have any information respecting the manufacturing of Iron guns. I will give it cheerfully. Or I will engage in it myself.

I am Sir Your hum^d Serv^t.

Kingsbury 14 October 1775.

Geo Matthews.

To M^r Sam^l Purviance.

Fred^d Town Oct 18th 1775

Gentlemen.

I inclose you certificates of the enrollments of Capt Chas^l Beatty and Capt James Johnsons Companies they hope that you will be pleased to have the several commissions made out as far as convenient, that they may be in readiness to obey the command of the Convention of yourselves.

I am Gent^l Y^r Obed^t Serv^t.

B. Johnson

To the Council of Safety.

Treasury Chamber Oct 19th 1775

Sir. Herewith you will receive directions for proper signals to enable you to know any of his majestys vessels belonging to the Squadron in America which you may happen to fall in with on the coast of America. You are to take care to keep such signals as private as possible and when you quit his majestys service as a store ship or transport, you are to deliver up the papers directing the signals to the admiral or commander in chief of the fleet in America. proper orders are sent to his majestys ships on that station, and by a strict observance of these rules you will perfectly distinguish your friends from any foes. You are take care not to go into Boston or any other port in America until you shall meet with some of his majestys ships who can

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