

believe you'll find him very clever in drawing & taking charts of y^e harbours
& Bay and pointing out the fittest place to erect fortifications on. with due
regard I remain. Gent. Your humble Ser^t James Murray.
Cambridge 20th Jan^y. 1776.

To the Honble The Council of Safety.

Frederick Town 20th Feb^y 1776

Sir. I Rec^d. yours of the 15th Inst. by which it appears that I was appointed
quarter master of the Battalion of Troops to be raised in this province, and
desire to know of my acceptance, but being apprehensive that I had not
as much influence in the house as to be a commissioned officer. I am
willing to give up the quarter Mastership to some one that may be more
suitable than me, and will rest at my displeasure. I am sir your
H^{ble} Ser^t. Peter Maultz.

To M^r. Geo Duvall clk of the Council of Safety.

Frederick Town 21 Jan^y 1776.

Gentlemen. I am informed that my Company of light Infantry are to arm.
with Rifles shall therefore esteem your giving directions to some persons con-
-tract for the same they being to be had here, the Gunsmiths have offered to
furnish the Company with the same in a few weeks. nothing retards me
now but the want of arms and recruiting cash I have recruited 21 select
men in two days and make no doubt of completing my Company in ten
more. please to send by the Bearer M^r. Benj^m. Ford or any one of my Lieuten-
-ants the recruiting cash, imagine shall want about £ 250.

I am with respect Gent^l. Your most ob^d H^{ble} Ser^t. George Stricker.

N.B. If a person is directed to contract for rifles it will be necessary also to con-
-tract for Bullet pouches and powder horns.

To the Council of Safety.

Sir. None of the Council of Safety being in Town & understanding this Lt^v.
came from Capt. Stricker requiring a sum of money by M^r. B. Ford for en-
-listing his men having taking the liberty to open it & must request you to
give M^r. Benjamin Ford an order on the Treasurer for one hundred &
twenty pounds for this purpose. I am sir y^r H^{ble} Ser^t.

To M^r. Gabriel Duvall

W. Smallwood.

clk of the Council of Safety.

24 Jan^y 1776.

Fred. Town Jan^y 22nd 1776.

Gent. Stricker has accepted his commission & has had and I expect will have
good success in enlisting he proposes to be very particular in the men he
takes & much wishes his, the Light Infantry Company to be armed with Rifles
both M^r. Price & he think Rifles for a company may be soon got considering the
difficulty of speedily arming our troops I think with them it will be advisable to
lodge a sum of money in the hands of some body here, no body will do more
justice to the public than C. Beatty, to purchase up what Rifles can be got.
My Brother this morning let Stricker have 100 of the 200 which he brought

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