

Frederick County Jan'y 31st 1776.

Sir. Being empowered & directed, by the Committee of Safety for this Colony, to build two row galleys, one to carry a 24, & the other an 18 pounder, & provide three armed cutters for the protection of Potomac River, we think it proper to inform your board that this measure will be carried into execution with all possible expedition, & that we hope to have your co-operation, in adopting some similar plan, for the same purpose, we beg the favour of an answer by the first opportunity; and are, with the greatest respect, Sir Yr. most obed. & aff. Servt.

G. Mason.

John Galtow.

To the Hon^{ble} the President of the Council of Safety.

Balt. Town 31 Jan'y 1776.

Sir, as we are desirous of having what number of muskets are in the hands of the militia in your Brigade, either belonging to the public or to Individuals, we request you'll furnish us with an account of them as soon as you conveniently can, distinguishing to what Companies they respectively belong, & those which are good & serviceable from what are unfit for use, & that you recommend it to and earnestly admonish those of your militia whose guns are out of repair & whose circumstances will admit of it, to have them immediately put into good order, but that if the owners of any such guns cannot from their poverty repair them, & they are only defective in the locks, that you have the same repaired & rendered fit for service at the public expence. Writing immediately to the Colonels & other inferior officers we recommend as the best method of gaining information in the above particulars

We are very respectfully,

Sir, your most obed. Servt^{ts}

D. of T. J. S.

C. C. J. H. J. P.

Dorchester County February 1st 1776.

Sent^{ts} Captain Joseph Robson who commands the minute Company of this County, applied last week to us and informed us that he had upon his receiving orders from the last convention to March his company to Virginia, examined the guns belonging to the men in his company, and could not make out more than ten that were in any sort fit for service. and as the convention had ordered that the company should be supplied with arms from Chester Town we advised the Captain immediately to make application to the Committee of that County for that purpose, which he has since accordingly done, but has been able to procure from thence only ten muskets, wth three Bayonets and not a single cartridge or Cartouch Box, of which articles the Company are also extremely in want. It therefore, under the Resolve of the convention, became our duty to endeavour to borrow as many guns as will supply this deficiency and this duty we would with great pleasure readily comply with, was it in our power, but the scarcity of all kinds of arms in this county is such, that we are convinced they are neither to be borrowed or bought, were we empowered to purchase them.

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