As this is the condition Capt.n Robson's Company is in, and it is impossible for us to supply their wants, we have thought it incumbent on us immediately to lay the matter before your Honors, in order that you may give such orders as you may think proper on this occasion. We believe Capt.n Robson & his Company are ready & willing to march if they can be supplied with arms, and any service that is in our power upon this or any other occasion we shall also be ready with great chearfulness to perform. We are with great respect. Gent.n

Your most obed.t Hble Servt.s

Signed by order of the Com.n of observation for Dorset County.

James Murray Chairman

To the Honble The Councile of Safety of Maryland

Cecil County February 1.st 1776.

Dear Sir. By Capt.n Craig I inform you Mr. Nath.l Rumsey is arrived, I called on him yesterday, he tells me he has (in Partnership with a gentlemen of Phila=delphia) about eight Tons of gun Powder and five tons of Saltpetre, he has enga=ged to supply this County with one ton of powder, at the same price the Com=mittee of Philadelphia will give provided the money will be immediately advanced, this County has very little powder, I am sure not more than sixty pounds, the people are very uneasy on that head and seem much distressed, I most earnestly beg that you will represent this matter to the Council of Safety, and request of them to advance to the Committee of this County such a sum of money as will purchase one ton at the rate of twenty five pounds p.r hundred Capt.n Craig, if the Council pleases to advance the money will receive it and deli=ver it to Coll.o John Veazey chairman of the Committee. I am D.r Sir

Your very Humb. Ser.t Jn.o D. Thompson.

To Benjamin Rumsey Esq.r

Elk Ridge Feb.y 2.d 1776.

Gentlemen. The Honorable Convention having been pleased to appoint us Field Officers for the Elk Ridge Battalion of Militia, and we well knowing the situation of said Battalion, respecting Fire arms, many being without any, and others in such order that were we called to action, would not be able to make a proper defence, and we considering that at a very small expence to the province, many of the guns belonging to the poorer people, who cannot conveniently pay for the repairing and putting them in proper order, could be made fit for use. Beg. leave to request of your honours, that should you think it expedient, that said arms should be repaired to signify the same to us, and we will have them done in the most speedy, cheapest, & effectual manner. We are respectfully.

Gen.l y.r most ob.t Serv.t

Thomas Dorsey.

Jn.o Dorsey.

Edw.d Gaither Jun.r

To the Honble The Councile of Safety for the Province of Maryland.

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