

express to their convention in King's arms to Mr. Harrison the 15th of Nov.
- sent 1500 shillings of arms & some 4000 shillings to the same purpose.

Adm.

W. Harrison

Shrewsbury Feb 7th 1776

Gentlemen Enclosed you have a copy of a letter from Mr. J. H. to the Congress for-
- wanted to us with a desire that a copy of it should be immediately transmitted
to you

W. Harrison Feb 10th 1776

Gent^l We think it our indispensable duty to inform you that a 12 gun cannon of
war is just arrived & lying with the King's Shallop & several smaller off the Fort
Point below Hampton what ship or from whence she came, we have not yet
ascertained we are with great regards

Yours most obed^t serv^t

Edw^d Partridge

By order of the Committee

To the Hon^{ble} the Committee of Safety

Ball^{town} Feb 10th 1776

Gentlemen according to your orders, I have examined and examined into my
care the medicines and shop of Foot Shallop for the use of the troops
the expense of which I have thought requisite to enclose for your examination
The medicines are all of good quality, and saleable in case they should not be
wanted the price is kept them what medicines at present will for and their
considerable. I thought it was necessary to take the whole shop with its
furniture not only because the Drugs must be contained in something but
more particular that they can be kept in a proper order and regular
service, as they must occasionally be divided, there ought to be a proper
for the whole, this furniture has increased the sum to more than was at first
expected it is still as saleable as the rest of the medicines. There are but
few drugs which are useful for the army and some are in a greater quantity than
what we may for the present want which can serve to exchange for others
which we may want in future. I have likewise taken some necessary sur-
-geons instruments which likewise exchange the sum. Upon the whole it
is my opinion that if the war should continue and consequently our troops
take the field we shall find abundantly use for these medicines and not
have enough, but should we be so happy as to conclude a peace and not
want many of the medicines they will always bring their money laid out again
another consideration is that the ship defence will most certainly want a
considerable chest, and as it can be supplied from this shop will take off a
good deal thereof. I have the honour to be with due respect Gentlemen

Yours most obed^t serv^t

Edw^d Partridge

To the Hon^{ble} Major Genl^l President of the Council of Safety

Philad^a Feb 10th 1776

Dear Sir Enclosed you perceive a proposal to furnish our troops with the
new invented knapsack, and haversack, & of cantonment Boxes &c

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