were passing thro this County who from their appearance & behaviour the Committee had reason to suspect, they therefore requested me to send after them, which I immediately did, but the two men that I sent were delayed a considerable time from the difficulty of procuring horses - I would beg you to consider whether as it will be frequently necessary to advise you of what may be passing here, and the numberless occasions we must have, whether it would not be proper to allow a horse for the use of the Company - If you think it proper be pleased to acquaint me by Mr Neale who will deliver you this - I have also to request that you will send me about one hundred pounds, the money that I last received being all expended in Board. Blankets, Clothes, and neither of the two last yet fully got - Mr Neale also brings up seven gun locks sent by the Committee, and six purchased here by me the account of which Mr Neale will deliver. We have as yet received no powder, from Charles County and from what I hear, there is no reason to expect any - I am much afraid we shall be pinched for a Drummer & Fifer, I have been informed by Mr Davidson the second Lieutenant that there is a servant in Baltimore who has two years to serve who is a good fifer, which he will sell for fifteen pounds or thereabout, as his Wages in one year would pay that sum and find him Clothes - I should be much obliged to you to allow me to purchase him - Of the several matters be pleased to inform me by Mr Neale. I am Gent. your most obliged humble Servt.

I. A. Thomas.

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Head of Elk. Feby 24th 1776.

Sir. I must beg the favor of you while you continue at Annapolis to get the Cummitions for five of the Companys of your brother Charles (or Middle) Battalion of this County, they are wanting for Evins, Savins, Alexanders, Moffitts and Hendersons. They were mislayed by Mr Ramsay when he was sick at the late Convention, after I came away and I understand they were left at the land office which is kept at Mr Peals near the church where he borded if it may be in your power to find them out and send them by the post or any other opportunity directed to your brother or myself it will oblige. Sir your Humble Servt.

Jos. Gilpin.

To Benjamin Ramsey Esqr

Philadelphia 25th February 1776.

Gent. Mr Alexander Ross, a gentleman of our acquaintance, has applied to us to procure for him from Congress, a passport to Lord Dunmore, upon whom he says he has a very considerable claim, which he hopes he shou'd be able to secure, cou'd he have an opportunity of making a personal demand. From the multiplicity of business now before the Congress an application of this kind wou'd be attended with great delay, and as a licence from your honorable board will be at least as effectual, we take the libaty of recommending him to your indulgence, being well persuaded he will religiously observe any injunctions you may think proper to lay him under. We are gentlemen, your most obed. Servants J. Rogers. Robt. Alexander

To the Council of Safety of Maryland. (Dorchester)