

requesting Mess^{rs} Johnson & Stone to attend. I wrote M^r Tilghman, but have not any Answer, altho' my private Business requires my Presence in Maryland, I shall not leave this City until a suffi^t number of my Brethern arrive.

I am with respect Gen^t y^r very Hble Serv^t

R. Alexander

Original.

[Stricker to Council.]

Frederick Town 27th Feb^y 1776.

Gentlemen. A Gentleman in this Town having lately purchased an assortment of goods amongst which (besides a sufficient quantity of deep blue B^d Cloth from 15/ to 15/6^d p^r y^d to clothe about two hundred men, and six thousand good oiled gun Flints) he has about two hun^d of the best kind of French Match Coat Blankets which he will spare for the Countrys use at £1. 3/ p^r that being (he says) the price the province of Pennsylvania allows him for them. I should be glad to know whether or not I may be permitted to purchase a sufficient quantity of the Blankets for the use of my Company at that price as I know of none else here to be had, and the Company cannot do without.

I have purchased Cloth for the use of my Company tho at a higher price than limited, but as the men are very agreeable the Overplus should be deducted out of their wages, hope you will be kind enough to be answerable for the full amount. I have likewise agreed for their breeches and they are all well armed, and as their clothes will be finished in about a week, nothing will retard our march after the expiration of that time but the want of Blankets.

I am honourable Gentlemen

With due respect your obliged hum^l Serv^t

George Stricker.

c. s. j.

Wednesday 28 Feb. 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Cap^t George Wise of the Brigantine Nancy.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County against the issuing Commissions to the Officers of M^r John Burgesses Company, which was referred by the late Convention to the Council of Safety, was read. And thereupon

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration on Friday the 8th of March next, and that notice be given to the parties concerned to attend the Council at the City of Annapolis that Day.