

by military Preparations and shall say that we are pleased c. s. c. with every thing that you have done, and shall give you every support in our Power.

6<sup>th</sup> July 1776

[Powder, Gunlocks, musquets, Course clothes to cloath 3000 men, blankets 3000, greatly wanted, 3000 course stocks, 2000 p<sup>r</sup> shoes, Lead, gun flints, thin duck for tents, course hats better than the last sent by M<sup>r</sup> Vanbebber, German Ozn<sup>s</sup> good, Tin, Campkettles and Cantines.]

[Council to Worcester Committee.]

To the Comm<sup>ee</sup> of Obs<sup>n</sup> for Worc<sup>r</sup> County.

No. 64.

Gent<sup>n</sup>

We have ordered a Captain and thirty Privates of the militia of Kent County to guard the Gun Powder &<sup>c</sup> belonging to this Province from Chingoteague in Accomack County in Virginia to Chester Town, but as we cannot with any Certainty from the unhappy and disturbed state of your County and Somerset, determine with any Certainty whether it may be a sufficient Guard, we request if you think it will not, that as many of your militia as you shall determine proper, may march through Somerset and the Head of Dorset with the Waggons for the further security of the Powder, and we cannot doubt of the readiness of your men to engage in the service, and are fully persuaded your requisition without an order from our Board will be sufficient to ensure a Compliance.

6<sup>th</sup> July 1776

The foregoing are Letters from the Council of Safety 'till  
6<sup>th</sup> July 1776

Test            R. Ridgely Cl.