

[Tillard to Council.]

C. S. C.

Gentlemen.

July 10th, 1776.

I have nearly rais'd my thirty men as directed by my warrant, and I believe the L^s and Ensign is in a fair way of raising theirs, but they have but few or no firelocks fit for service among them, if you have none ready, I am told M^r Stephen West hath some very good ones which I dont doubt may be procur'd for the Service. I would willingly have firelocks put in the hands of these men that could be depended on; and if you think proper to give me an order I will go and secure them, and fit out my Company as soon as compleated. I am told his price is £6. Currency a piece.

I am Gentlemen
Your Obedient Sev^t
Edw^d Tillard

[Davis's Petition.]

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Annapolis and State of Maryland. the Humble petition of William Davis, sheweth, that your Petitioner being enlisted in Cap^t Watkins's Company of Artillery at a time when your petitioner was not in his proper senses as he ought to be & having a poor weakly wife & four small children who by your petitioner being enlisted are now destitute of any home or habitation no one being willing to let them have any house to live in, fearing that by reason of your petitioners enlistment my said family should become a burthcn & charge to them & others. Your petitioner would therefore humbly implore your Honours gracious consideration of the condition of your Petitioners wife & children being in truth as above related, and would therefore be pleased to discharge your petitioner with the flying camp agreeable to his first enlistment, my wife being but a weakly person and my children small and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray:

William Davis.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Sir. I shall in compliance with my orders, from the Council of Safety, take every method to collect my Battalion and hold them in readiness for orders

Am Sir, Your most Humble Serv^t
Wednesday 5 oClock in the Morn^g. Thomas Dorsey.