

Craycraft six hundred and seventy three pounds seven shillings and eight pence balance due him for Cattle purchased for the State, by Order of Council. C. B.

Tuesday 14 October 1777.

Present as on Saturday M<sup>r</sup> Rogers Attended.

Ordered That William Jacob deliver to Rich<sup>d</sup> Murrow the Coarse Linen belonging to the Public heretofore put into his hands to make into Tents which he thinks is not proper for that purpose.

[Council to C. Birkhead.]

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In Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1777.

Sir.

We are informed by M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Dawson who commands the Guard over the Powder lodged near Talbot Court House, that about the Quantity of 1400 w<sup>t</sup> only now remains at that Place. As we are, from our not being intimately acquainted with the necessary Circumstances, unable to judge of the Expediency of continuing or discharging that Guard ; we are to request that you will do the one or the other, as you may think the most eligible and proper. If you continue the Guard, the smaller it is better on account of the Expence.

Christ<sup>o</sup> Birkhead Esq<sup>r</sup> } We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>  
L<sup>t</sup> of Talbot County }

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Original.

Camp Tomansin Township Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Dear Sir,

The inclosed Extract from a Ltr. received this Day from Albany will inform you of the Success of our Arms to the Northward, the wretched situation the Royal Northern Army must be in will lower the Pride of the once pompous and boasting Burgoyne which must afford a sensible Pleasure to every honest American. our Affairs here do not wear an unfavorable Aspect the Enemy are raising Batterys Fortifications & falling Trees in their Front to obstruct our Armys advancing on them and many other Incidents strongly indicate their Apprehension of an Attack for which our Forces are anxious and prepared if they can be got at on equal Terms and if Fort Mifflin holds out as is expected Howe's situation must soon become as alarming and critical as ever Burgoyne's was his resources are now from Chester and that County which may easily be intercepted indeed had the Pensylvanians