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7th July 1776

[Council to Veazey.]

No. 5.

To Captⁿ Edward Veazey

Sir. You will perceive by the inclosed Resolves that your Company is to march immediately to Philad^a—the service requires the utmost despatch. Waggon^s will be ready for you at the head of Elk to carry your Baggage and a proper supply of Provisions from thence to Philadelphia You will please to get the necessary Carriages in Kent for your Baggage, and lay in a sufficient quantity of Provisions for your men until you can reach the Head of Elk. Colonel Smallwoods Battalion will set off To-morrow or on Tuesday by water, and so we expect will Lieut^t Harrison's division of y^r Company as we have given him his orders.

7th July 1776

[Council to Buchanan.]

No. 6.

To M^r Arch^d Buchanan

Sir. We are despatching the Troops from home to Philad^a including those from Baltimore, they will amount to 1000 men, and they are to go by water to the Head of Elk. When they arrive there perhaps they may be at a Loss for a supply of Provision for their march, which may take them up four days from thence, we therefore think it necessary that you or M^r Cummings, or some Person for you, should be there to be ready to supply them in case they should be in want.

7th July 1776

[E. Johnson to Council.]

Gentlemen

The day I fixed in the week before last for to search into the Clifts on this River after Salt, proves rainy, & thereby I was disappointed in many hands engaged, but however with what I had I sunk a shaft ten feet square & five feet deep in the inside of the Clift, free from any tide that ever flowed since the Deluge, & have found since, that a few days sun thereon has brought out some appearances of saline particles so that I conclude this earth will yield Salt & have ordered it to be tried, the success of which you shall know p^r next post. If this