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Captain Joseph Robson who commands the Minute Company of this County, applied last week to us and informed us that he had upon his receiving Orders from the last Convention to March his Company to Virginia, examined the Guns belonging to the Men in his Company, and could not make out more than Ten that were in any sort fit for service: And as the Convention had ordered that the Company shoud be supplied with Arms from Chester Town, we advised the Captain immediately to make application to the Committee of that County for that purpose; which he has since accordingly done, but has been able to procure from thence only Ten Muskets, wth. three Bayonets and not a single Cartridge or Cartouch Box; of which articles the Company are also intirely in want. It therefore, under the Resolve of the Convention, became our duty to endeavour to borrow as many Guns as will supply the this Deficiency and this Duty we woid with great pleasure readily comply with, was it in our Power, but the scarcity of all kinds of Arms in this County is such, that we are convinced they are neither to be borrowed or bought were we impowered to purchase them.

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