

No. 4. WORCESTER, Feb. 16, 1776.

BENJAMIN RITTENHOUSE TO THE COMMITTEE :—

*Gentlemen* :—I have consulted my family with regard to moving to the city, and they have consented thereto, in case you think proper to have the works carried on there. If you think it necessary that I should be present to chuse a suitable place for the Manufactory, a few lines sent to my Brother will be conveyed and the summons carefully attended to by, gentlemen,

Your very humble servant,

BENJAMIN RITTENHOUSE.

*To the Committee of Safety.*

—*Penna. Arch., 2d Series, Vol. 1, page 573.*

No. 5. IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY, PHIL., Feb. 26, 1776.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Owen Biddle write to Mr. Benjamin Rittenhouse and desire that he will remove to this city as soon as possible, and that he send a man express with said letter, informing him the Board accept his proposal, and that they allow him £250 per annum for carrying on the Gunlock Manufactory on account of this Board.—*Penn. Arch., Vol. 10, page 481.*

No. 6. WORCESTER, Feb. 27, 1776.

BENJAMIN RITTENHOUSE TO THE COMMITTEE.

*Dear Sir* :—I am extremely sorry I could not possibly attend the Honorable Board immediately on my receiving yours of the 21st instant. The reasons of which were these : Under the former regulations for the Associations of Inhabitants through the Province, I had the honor to be chosen the Captain of a company in our town, in consequence of which it fell upon me when the new regulations came out to endeavor to get them signed, in the endeavoring of which I spent the chief part of last week. Yesterday I was obliged to meet the company to exercise them. This day I should have been in the city had not the weather and roads been so very bad. On the morrow, please God I've my health, I'll be there to attend the commands of the Board.

Sir, I remain with great esteem,

Your Obliged humble servant

BENJAMIN RITTENHOUSE.

*To Mr. Owen Biddle, Member of the Honorable Committee of Safety.*

—*Penn. Arch., Vol. 1, 2d Series, page 576.*

Petition of Benjamin Rittenhouse for an augmentation of his pay. From 20th November, 1776. Raised to £350 per year.—*Penn. Arch., Vol. 1, 2d series, page 647.*