

redations. These and other reasons will not justify our pur- c. s. c.
chasing her for the Services suggested.

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[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

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To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentⁿ Two Ton of Powder or near that Quantity we believe has been lately received at Baltimore Town from Philadelphia, one Ton of which M^r Alexander wrote us, was intended for Virginia, but given up by their Deputies on Occasion of the late Alarm. we wish to be informed whether we are indebted to Virginia or to Congress for that last Ton, if to Virginia we can easily settle the Account, because we have already lent them 12 Barrels—2 for the lower Counties—10 for their Sloop of War at Alexandria. Musketts by Captain Tibbitt not yet come to Hand, they are much wanted, our Independent Companies are very importunate for Arms, which we have not as yet been able to supply them with. Our Gunsmiths go on very slowly, and we want small Arms very much, permit us to request you would remind the Congress of those lent for fitting out the Hornet and Wasp. We are anxious to have all the Powder secured we can, and should be glad to know what Quantity Mess^{rs} Willing and Morris sent, and whether any more is to be expected from that Quarter soon. We are satisfied so far as relates to the Province with the sale of the Vessell called Wild Dick, W Lux seems not altogether pleased and talks that he had some Claim, but we think he ought to be contented, all things considered. Some Gold and Silver have already come in, and more might be got had we Cash to exchange, we are in daily Expectation of the Arrival of the Continental Money; as also of our Plates and Paper for the new Emission; we admire much at your Silence on that Head, and can account for it no otherwise than by taking it for granted that your Attention is engaged on Subjects of more Importance. We have heretofore requested you would let us know the Pay of Officers and Seamen engaged in the Continental Navy, and must again remind you of sending it to us that we may settle the Pay in our Province. We can spare fifty Pieces of the heaviest Duck and most unfit for Tents, the rest you will pleased to forward to us by the Stages. All is quiet here at Present, nothing new only that the Man of War in her passage down plundered Sharp's Island and carried off some Stock and had taken a small Vessell belonging to Col^o Tayloe; a flying Report by Charles Landsdale this Day, that they were lately seen at the mouth of Potowmack. Your