

[Council to J. Barnaby.]

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In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir.

By Col^o Rumsey's Return of Arms &^{ca} 3^d Ins^t there remained in your Hands belonging to the Public, 25 Boxes & a few loose Arms Am^o 500 Stand of which 100 without Bayonets, 300 Gun Slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes, 250 Canteens, about 1500 Gun Flints. The Gun Flints we would have you retain & deliver to Col^o Rumsey or his Order; the rest of the Articles, we desire, you will deliver to the Order of Andrew Buchanan Esq^r immediately on your Receipt of this

We are &^{ca}

Mr Jn^o Barnaby }
Head of Elk }

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

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Sir.

We received yours to Day of Yesterday's Date. We have not received any Thing further interesting. If there should be a real Occasion for the Militia to act, the Enemy will, we hope, give us Time to advise you of the Necessity so that you may collect them. Experience shews us that Men who are drawn from their Occupations, soon grow disgusted & uneasy and of Course, are not so alert as when just called together. We have two Boats out, besides Cap^t Harrison from Balt^o and think the Enemy can make no Movement up the Bay but what we shall have early Intelligence of. We do not know whether you have concerted any Plan to give instant Notice to the People to assemble but wou'd submit to your Judgment, the Propriety of it: might not two or three Pieces of small Cannon, lodged at different Places some Distance back and fired on Orders, be a proper Signal to rendezvouz at Town? If you think it would facilitate the Collection of the Militia, call on Maj^r Smith for two or three Pieces that would be the least useful in the Defence of the Town. We ordered a Ton of Lead up in the General Smallwood and one Half the Arms we had; M^r Lee says you had Information that about 100 w^t of Lead was in the Vessel M^r Shaw says he had neither Convenience or Time to weigh it, but he is satisfied there went more than 1500^{lb} he thinks near 2000, however Sir, if you think the Shot you mention may be useful, purchase it, if you approve the Price, take it & have it valued. By Cap^t Keepert's Return the 14th March, there were then remaining 499 Musquets, 742 Canteens, 3132 Musquet Cartridges, we do not know of any delivered out since, except a few Musquets & Cartridges to