

c. c. advised us of the strength of his Teams or the Forwardness he is in, in the Removal of the Stores, we have advised it from the first and frequently repeated it. We think, in good Boats & careful Hands, the Arms might be sent safely by Water to Alexandria, they ought to call here and a Look out Boat, & better two, if we can muster them, should be sent at least fifteen miles ahead, with Directions to run up Patuxent, here or Patapsco, on a Signal agreed on. We would prefer this Mode as endangering much less, the Breaking of the Arms, its being more expeditious and if absolutely necessary, giving us a Chance of using them ourselves. Miller may not get up so soon as this, we inclose you the Information he gives to Sir &^{ca}

James Calhoun Esq^r

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[Council to G. P. Keepports.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

We wrote to Gen^l Buchanan to send to the Head of Elk for some Arms which we hope are arrived with you; if not, a very careful Hand in a Boat must be sent up immediately for them. Gen^l Buchanan had the Order & Acc^t of Particulars, they are to be delivered to his Order and all other Arms & Accoutrements you have. Please to let Lieu^t Judah have 15 Barr^{ls} of the Pork sent by the Gen^l Smallwood and note the Parcels of Lead you received by her, which, we had Reason to think was more than you mention.

We are &^{ca}

Cap^t Geo. P. Keepports.

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

The inclosed to Col. Bruce is left open for your Perusal, which please to forward to him by a safe Hand & give him the earliest Intelligence possible, if the Enemy move up the Bay, that he may act according to the Directions given him

We are &^{ca}

T. S. Lee

And^w Buchanan Esq^r }
L^t Balt^o County }

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir

The Intentions of the Enemy are very uncertain; Reports seem pretty well to agree that they are about 3000 strong; we