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In Council May 19th 1787.

Sir,

The General Assembly having directed that all the Arms Ammunition and Military Stores belonging to the State on the eastern shore should be sent to Talbot Town and that the County Lieutenants or the Officers of Militia should collect the same (not recollecting at the time that the Militia Law was not in force) We being of Opinion with the General Assembly that the Lieutenants and where no Lieutenant the eldest field Officer would be the most proper persons to apply to on this occasion, request you to undertake the Collection of all the Arms accoutrements, ammunition and military Stores belonging to the State in the Hands of the Inhabitants within your County, and to have them conveyed in a manner the least expensive to the State, to Talbot Town, to be delivered to Jeremiah Banning whom we have appointed to receive the Same — All reasonable expences incurred in the Collection and transportation will be paid here on an Account of them being produced —

As it is probable Some may refuse to deliver up the Arms &c they may have belonging to the public, it may be necessary you should be informed that there is a fine of £5. Currency on every Person who shall so refuse

We are &c

W Smallwood

Lieutenants & Colonels of Militia Eastern Shore.

In Council May 24th 1787

Sir,

Having been requested by the General Assembly to collect to a point all the Arms - Military Stores &c belonging to this State; it becomes our duty to call on you for three pieces of Cannon &c contained in the enclosed List* which during the war you borrowed and agreed to return — We wish you to send them as soon as you conveniently can to this place, directed to Mr John Shaw, who will pass his receipt for them. We are &c

W Smallwood

* 29th January 1781 delivered to Johnson Smith
1 — 9 lb. Cannon — 6 Barrels of Cannon powder — 4 quire Cannon Cartridge paper
30th April 1782 delivered to Capt Taylor.
One 9 lb Cannon — 1 Carriage for Do 1 Rammer & Sponge — 1 Worm & Ladle
1 Spinning wire — 20 Wads — 4 Charges Grape & 6 round Shot & 1 former

Vide ~~Entries~~ proceedings of Council 8th Nov. 1787 relating to the Cannon
for Lt Col Hoode

Colo Robert T. Hood
Alexander