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[Scott to Council.]

Annapolis Feb<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. I'm under the necessity of applying to you, for some money for the support of the troops here under my Com<sup>d</sup> the whole of what I had an order for being expended, shall be glad if you could let me have an order for £150 if you think proper, I have 50 men at lodgings & expect more shortly, you will be capable of Judging what sum will be sufficient, whatever you may think proper to give an order for please deliver to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Goldsmith. I will have my acc<sup>t</sup> ready made out against you come down for the whole of disbursements on raising and lodging my men.

Am Gen<sup>t</sup> your most obedient & very  
hble Serv<sup>t</sup> John Day Scott

Original.

[Alexander to Council.]

Phil<sup>a</sup> 27 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1776.

Gen<sup>t</sup> Your L<sup>re</sup> by the Post is received, & on application to Congress, they have ordered 22000 Dollars equal to £8250 to be advanced, this money I shall receive & transmit you by the first safe Conveyance. the Cartridge Paper I have purchased, 25 Reams part of the Quantity, shall be sent off by the Stage this Week, the residue will follow next Week, and I shall then furnish you with the acc<sup>t</sup> the price is 16/ by the Ream. I called on M<sup>r</sup> Morris to know the Quantity of Arms & Powder imported by him for the Province, he was from home, his Clerk informed me about 400 Stand of Arms & 3500 lb<sup>s</sup> of Cannon Powder, I have directed a Gen<sup>t</sup> of Maryland now in this City to receive them & to forward them by the Stages to Elk from thence to send them in a Boat to Back River in Balt. Coty, with orders for the Skipper of the Boat to proceed to Balt. Town & there take Directions, in what manner to land them. I have taken this Precaution to avoid all Danger for should any Tender or armed Vessel be cruising in Patapsco River, the Boat can proceed to the Head of Back River & land the Arms & Powder within five Miles of the Town—if no Vessel of the Enemy, she can run round without any great Expence incurred by the Delay. last night a ship arrived here from Bristol which she left the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> she cleared out for Cork to avoid Suspission, notwithstanding which, she was strictly searched & a Letter being discovered, directed to a Merch<sup>t</sup> in Philadelphia, the Ship was detained but the Letter being merely on private Business the Cap<sup>t</sup> on his Petition, was discharged & permitted to sail. some News Papers & private letters are brought in they were stowed away by a Passenger