

directed to forward to you, and as I recollect was ordered not c. s. c.
to be made public.

I am Gen^t

Y^r mo. obed^t Servant
Mat. Tilghman

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Baltimore 16 March 1776.

Gentlemen: As the powder and lead belonging to the public was placed in different stores, and on the late alarm the mode of delivering it out was very troublesome and uncertain, besides being liable to much waste, This Committee thought it necessary to direct the whole to be removed into one house for the greater ease of having a guard placed on it, And that it might be delivered properly and an acc^t kept regularly they appointed M^r Gerrard Hopkins as a commissary of Military stores, and as such an officer must be appointed we beg leave to solicit your confirmation of M^r Hopkins, as he is capable and desirous to officiate. It became more necessary to make this appointment at the time, as the powder from Philad. was coming in, and several other matters for the service of Militia wanting, the whole of which can be executed by him.

We are Gentlemen, Your most hum Serv^{ts}
Will^m Lux Dep^y Chⁿ Jn^o Smith
W^m Buchanan Thomas Harrison
John Boyd Jn^o Merryman Jun^r
Jn^o Sterett.

[Ennalls to Council.]

Original.

Dorchester County March 16, 1776

Gentⁿ Yours of the 2^d of February inclosing a Resolve of the continental congress for collecting gold and silver in this Province, together with your appointment of M^r James Murray M^r Henry Steel and myself to collect the same in this county came to my hands, which I immediately communicated to those gentlemen, since which we have made applications to all the principal men of the County of whom we apprehended there was any chance of getting Gold or Silver, and I am sorry to inform you the scarcity of specie is such that, we are only able to procure (including our own small stock) about Five hundred and twenty pounds which sum we can immediately get if your honors are pleased to send us an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for so much paper money to pay in exchange for it, and will be pleased also to direct the same Treasurer to receive the gold and silver of us, as we appre-