

[Council to Kent Committee.]

C. S. C.
No. 83.

To the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

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On the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant p^r M^r Houston, we took the Subject-Matter thereof into our Consideration, and resolved to send Houston to Philadelphia with Orders for all the Powder and Arms imported in the Wild Duck, Capt Tibbitt, to be sent to Chester to your Care for the Use of the Eastern Shore.

We are much pleased with the commendable Spirit which the Militia of your County manifested on the late Alarm, but are concerned to hear they are so ill provided with Arms. The Council think it unnecessary to order the Minute-Companies up from Virginia, as they will soon return from their Station.

We are much obliged to you for the Assistance you have given Captⁿ Veazey in accommodating his Company and wish you to continue your good Offices to him. We expected our Commissary would have furnished Cap^{tn} Veazey's Company with their Rations of Provisions before the Date of your Letter; since then he has assured us he would immediately send a sufficient Quantity of Provisions to Chester for the Company.

As soon as the Arms and Powder which we have ordered by Mr. Houston from Philadelphia to your Care, arrives at Chester, we request you would send immediately to us an Account of the Number of Arms; that we may order a proper Distribution to be made among the Troops Stationed on the Eastern-Shore—inclosed we transmit you our Order requesting you to send the Powder therein mentioned to Queen Ann's, Talbot and Dorchester Counties, and also an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern-Shore for the Payment of the Carriage of the Arms and Powder from Philadelphia to Chester as well as for the Expence of sending the Powder ordered to Queen Ann's, Talbott and Dorchester and what Arms we may also order to those Counties, tho' we desire you would not send the Powder untill we have given Directions how the Arms are to be distributed, that they may also be sent by the same Conveyance

24th March 1776

[Council to West.]

No. 84.

To Mr. Stephen West.

Sir:

We have been informed that you have a Quantity of coarse Blankets that are very suitable for the Soldiery who are in