

c. s. c. men to Philadelphia as soon as the Commanding Officer below thinks he can be spared, and this Day, on receipt of your Letter, we have ordered Capt. Hindman to move forward, although we apprehend the Eastern Shore will be weakened thereby, and we are doubtful that will be the next place Invaded.

We feel for the State of New York, but cannot help feeling also for Maryland, and shall endeavour to conduct ourselves in such manner as to give every assistance in our power to them, and to the common cause, without exposing ourselves to destruction. Since the march of our Regulars we are truly in a defenceless state, and if powerfully invaded know not what may be the consequence, however we hope for the best and are exerting ourselves to the utmost. We wish our powder that arrived at Egg Harbour to be sent to Baltimore. The arms we desire may be left at Philadelphia, for the use of one of the Companies of the Flying Camp, who will have our order to call for them.

We approve of what you have done as to the five thousand Dollars, and would have you keep the balance to answer contingent expences, and render Account from time to time as you may see fit.

Doctor Tootle our Surgeon Major has put into our Hands a list of Chirurgical Instruments which we send you herewith, and request the favour of you to procure, and send down by first opportunity.

We send you also the proceedings of the last Convention, T Jenings Esq^r is just arrived in good health after a very long passage, he left London the 29th of March and brings no very particular news that we hear.

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[Council to Beall.]

To Josias Beall Esquire, Prince Georges County.

Sir. Yours of the 24th Instant was laid before us, and we observe the contents. In answer thereto we can only say that five Quarter Barrels of Powder have been sent to Piscattaway, and that six or seven Barrels are now lodged with the Committee of Prince Georges County. If more be necessary we will order some down. It gives us sincere pleasure to find the People in different parts of the Colony so spirited, and can assure you nothing shall be wanted on our parts.

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