

c. s. c. them, nor have we sufficient to cure one twentieth part of the Provisions the Convention have directed us to purchase. Neither can we spare any troops, we have none here but matross Companies. Should the campaign end soon to the Eastward, perhaps Colonel Smallwood's Battalion may be indulged in coming to this State to recruit, and if one or two of the Independant Companies were sent down to the Eastern Shore to recruit and winter there, it might have a happy effect. if you see a proper opportunity we wish you would suggest something of the sort to Congress. We are sorry to hear of the loss of Fort Washington and the men who were in garrison there, many of those Strokes will hurt us. We have not heard one word, only from Congress, about the destination of the fleet that left Sandy Hook on the 13<sup>th</sup>. they are not bound, 'tis probable, to Delaware or Chesapeak Bays, or something would have reached us ere now.—We write by this opportunity to General Beall about the arms belonging to the Flying Camp, which we leave open for your perusal, and if you think proper, be pleased to forward it to him. Capt. Curwen imported some powder for this State to Philadelphia, which we have heard nothing of lately, should the dispute about freight still remain unsettled we think you had better leave it to arbiters to put an end to it. We have heretofore sent up the Bill of Loading that the Captain gave.

We send three copies of the form of Government one for the Gentlemen-Delegates, one for our Commissioners, and one you will please to present to J. Dickinson Esq.

We are obliged to Mr Chase for his favor of the 19<sup>th</sup> & wish to hear from you by every opportunity.

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[Council to Gen. Beall.]

Sir. We have heretofore wrote you about the arms belonging to this State in possession of the Flying Camp, now near the Time of being disbanded ; should any of them not enlist in the Continental Service you will be pleased to give the necessary orders, that we may have our muskets and accoutrements again, which are much wanted here ; or if Congress should have arms to spare, so that the Continental Troops can be fully armed, in that case also you will forward our prov<sup>l</sup> arms to us.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1776.

Brigadier General Beall.