

c. s. c. pieces of Duck, you say twenty eight only are received, there ought to have been twenty three Bales containing each four pieces or Bolts, in all ninety two Bolts. We request you would exert yourselves in getting our Cargoe according to Invoice and Bill of Lading. Colonel Hooe is down loading the Vessell, he on application will assist you and Captain Martin himself ought to be applied to, we depend on your diligence and activity.

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[Council to Eastern Shore Committees.]

To Committees of Eastern Shore, (Circular).

Gentlemen. It is impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the Execution of every part of the inclosed Resolves and therefore must request the favour of you, (tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of trouble) to assist us far as the nature of the Subject, and your situation will admit of, to comply with them, particularly in borrowing Firelocks from such of the Militia as will lend on the Public Faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received or in case of Loss, the value thereof in having them valued—and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of Blankets for the Troops directed to be raised in Queen Anns and if practicable, more, to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other Counties.

We think it best that the defective arms for the Companies to be raised with you for the Flying Camp, should be repaired and fitted in your County if possible. As Mr Winters of Chester Town, who is the only person we know of on the Eastern Shore capable of undertaking it, for the whole Battalion to be raised there, is already engaged in making Arms for the Province, and we should be sorry to take him from that Business unless, thro' absolute Necessity, and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavours to have them done without applying to him, if however you cannot accomplish it, you will be pleased to send them up to him for that purpose as fast you collect them taking his receipts for such as you may deliver. We desire to know how many arms you have in your possession belonging to the Province and the number delivered in by or taken from those who have not subscribed the Association, or enrolled in the Militia, and that those belonging to the Province may not be given out without the orders of this Board. We have already a sufficient quantity of Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Slings and have advertised for Persons to contract with us for making