

c. c. take the Command of the Prince George's County Militia. This Request is occasioned by the Uncertainty we are under whether the Lieutenant of that County has received his Commission, very lately issued and the great Probability of his being much indisposed at Present. The scene of your Action will be so remote from us, that we shall not have it in our Power to assist you with our Advice, when you may require it. We therefore refer you to M<sup>r</sup> Stone, who will readily give you any Aid in his Power. Should unforeseen Difficulties render it necessary, let us hear from you occasionally by Express.

Francis Ware Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
L<sup>t</sup> of Charles County }

We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Council to T. Stone.]

In Council Annapolis Tuesday Morning Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sir.

His Excellency being absent, we received your Letter of yesterday morning and, in Consequence thereof, have sent a Waggon under the Guard of a commissioned Officer & 5 Privates laden with Arms &<sup>ca</sup> as undermentioned. Inclosed is a Letter to Col<sup>o</sup> Ware, whom we have referred to you for Advice, if he should be under any Difficulties, which he could not receive from us, at the Distance we are from him, on Business that may require an immediate Determination.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Stone Esq<sup>r</sup>

We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

60 Musquets with Bayonets  
47 Cartridge Boxes with fix'd Ammunition  
43 Bayonet Belts  
250 Flints

c. B.

Wednesday 10 December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Levin Wilson three pounds, five shillings to be paid over to Thomas King, Three pounds eleven Shillings to be paid over to Henry Jackson and twelve Shillings and six pence to be paid over to Robert Matthews due them on Accounts passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Laypole two hundred and eight pounds two shillings and six pence and the further Sum of Sixty four pounds eight shillings per Account passed the Board.