

- c. c. Congress yesterday ratified the Treaties of Alliance and Commerce between France and these States. You will soon have a Copy sent to the State M<sup>r</sup> Chase writes you fully upon this subject.

I am Sir with great respect  
Y<sup>rs</sup> J Henry Jun<sup>r</sup>

- c. B. Monday 6 April 1778

Present as on Saturday

M<sup>r</sup> Kent from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor the following Resolve

By the house of Delegates April 4<sup>th</sup> 1778 Resolved that the Governor and the Council be requested to apply to Congress for such Number of effective Arms and Accoutrements as they can conveniently spare for the use of this State not exceeding ten thousand stand and ten field pieces; Provided such Arms, Accoutrements and field pieces can be procured on such Terms as the Governor and the Council shall think reasonable; and this State will be answerable for the same.

By Order G Duvall Cl H. D.

Which said Resolve was thus endorsed—By the Senate April 4. 1778. Read the first Time and Ordered to lie on the Table. By order R Ridgely Cl. Sen. By the Senate April 6<sup>th</sup> 1778. Read the second Time and Assented to By order R Ridgely Cl Sen.

- c. c. [Council to W. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 6<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

Sir.

M<sup>r</sup> Winters informs us that John Hartley and William Aires both of them Englishmen and Gun-Finishers have lately been inlisted into your Regiment and that if they are taken from him, he must break up his Gun Manufactory: he adds that theres little Probability if these Men are carried into the Ser-  
142 vice, that they will continue in it longer than they may have a favorable Opportunity of deserting to the Enemy. We are of Opinion that the general Service would be better promoted by leaving those Men with Winters, either continuing them as inlisted and he discharging their Pay &<sup>ca</sup> with additional Wages, as may be agreed by him and them or discharging them, and we request of you that something of the Kind may be fallen on for, In the present Scarcity of Arms, we should be