

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

C. C.

In Council Annapolis 7th April 1778.

Gentlemen

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly, of the fourth Instant, to apply to Congress for Arms and Field Pieces and Accoutrements. We believe Mr Chase's mentioning that Congress was in Possession of a considerable Number, occasioned the Resolution. Do us the Favor to move this Matter and acquaint us with the Result. If the Arms are to be had, as they are distant from us, your Advice as to the Conveyance of them, will be very acceptable. We have no Doubt but that we shall obtain the Arms, if it is remembered that this State sent in 1776, with its Battalion and Independent Companies about 1400 very good Arms, not one of which was ever returned to the State. With the Flying Camp the same year full 3000, not generally so good, of which upwards of 2200 were left in Philadelphia by Order of the Congress and of the Rest very few came back to Maryland and that last Fall the Loss of Arms by the Militia was very considerable, not less, we judge, than 1000, of all which the Congress has never paid us but about 1100. Has Congress any blankets? If there are any, we suppose, they are for the use of the Troops, and no State can have a better Claim to them; we have, you know, stripped our Beds twice and, by Order of Congress, our Flying Camp left upwards of 1100 in Philad^a Do, if possible, get an Order for 2000, or, if they can be spared more: it is impossible to supply our Recruits within ourselves. The Officers are frequently calling on us for recruiting Money, we have drawn out the 10000 Dollars, to about 250. Mr Henry mentioned that more Money might be had for that Service, pray remit us, our Recruiting goes on now, something better than it did

We are Gent^l &^{ca}

The Delegates in Congress.

Wednesday 8 April 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Edward Lloyd & James Hindman Esquires.

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Col^o Richard Dallam one hundred and six Pounds, seven Shillings due on the Purchase of Cloathing part of the Account examined and passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin one hundred and thirty two Pounds thirteen Shillings for the use and to be delivered over to several Persons due on Certificates allowed by the Committee of Claims