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[Council to G. Keepports.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Dec^r 1778

Sir.

We have just now received a Requisition for a Guard over the Convention Troops in their Way through Frederick. We are apprehensive that there are not Public Arms sufficient in that County, wherefore we wish you to have packed up in Cases and sent forward to Col^o Normand Bruce in a Waggon 150 good muskets fix'd with Bayonets, with twenty suitable Cartridges for each Musket. We cannot direct, but we request you to expedite this Business and that if a Waggon cannot be otherwise procured, one be immediately pressed

We are &^{ca}

Cap^t Geo. Keepports.

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[Council to C. Beatty.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Dec^r 1778

Sir

We have just received a Letter from the Board of War, with a Copy of General Washingtons desiring a Guard of about 500 Militia and a supply of Waggons for the Convention Troops through Frederick County on their way to Virginia.

We are afraid that from the Delay of these Letters you will not have time to adjust the Business to your own Satisfaction or as we could wish

We imagine the Pennsylvania Militia will expect to be discharged at the Line and ours seem to be expected by General Washington to attend them no farther than across Potowmack. We wish you to get at least 500 of the Militia equipped and ready, if possible to go on Guard at the Pennsylvania Line and to keep up that Number, 'til a Guard is furnished by Virginia. Not knowing the Number of Public Arms in Frederick, but supposing they are not sufficient, we have sent Orders to Baltimore to forward 150 Stand to Col^o Bruce, but no Reliance can be had on their getting up in Time, so that we would have the Militia who have Arms to take them with them.

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Charles Beatty.

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Dec^r 1778

Sir

We have just now received Letters desiring a Guard of about 500 Men over Burgoyns Troops in their way through