

c. c. the Marines who went down in the Conqueror and which were to be returned; we flattered ourselves that a much greater Proportion were in good Order. About a twelvemonth ago, we sent a good many Arms to the Head of Elk to guard the Stores there, very few have been returned. By Col. Rumsey's Return 3^d May there was in the Hands of M^r John Barnaby at the Head of Elk "25 Boxes & a few loose Arms, am^o 500 Stand, 100 of which have not Bayonets, 300 Gun Slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes & 250 Canteens;" we inclose you an Order and wish you to send for them; we would send ourselves, but it is not in our Power, if you send, let it be by a Man in whom you can confide for his Prudence as well as other good Qualities, and direct him to be cautious. We shall be obliged to you to put Things in such a Way that the Cartridges wanted may be made up & in such a manner as to be suitable; we indeed have no Body that we can send Orders to in this Matter, Cap^t Keepports having declined to act for the Salary we could allow him, but from every Thing that has past, we believe, he is not only very capable of conducting that Business but that on such an Occasion, he would cheerfully do every Thing in his Power to promote it

We are &^{ca}

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L^t Balt^o County }

c. B. Thursday 20 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow One hundred and Eighty one Pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wright Twenty two Pounds, eight shillings per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

The Lieut of Ann Arundel County is requested to give the proper Orders for the immediate Assembling at Annapolis such parts of the South River & Severn Battalions as have been before ordered to hold themselves in readiness

c. c. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

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We have not had any certain late Intelligence from Virginia; the same express which carried Letters to Congress, brought