

being defeated near Charles Town, with the loss of thirteen hundred killed & taken we sincerely wish it may be true, but at present it wants Confirmation. We have exerted ourselves to get as many Arms sent to our State as we cou'd, but fear the Number will fall far short of what you may expect or want tho we flatter ourselves that you will not be under the disagreeable Necessity of using them. In Compliance with your Request we applied to the General, who has sent down Brigadier Gist to take Command of our Militia, inclosed in his Excell<sup>ys</sup> Letter to us. We have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect

Yr. Excellency's  
most ob<sup>t</sup> Servants

Geo Plater W<sup>m</sup> Carmichael I. Henry, Dan of S<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jenifer

We have just obtained an Order for 250 Stand Arms in M<sup>r</sup> Wests Hands

Wednesday 2<sup>d</sup> June 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chever Thirty six Pounds seven shillings and six pence per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud. and also the further Sum of Five Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon Twenty three Pounds six Shillings due him p Account passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Baltimore 2<sup>d</sup> June 1779

I wrote your Excellency last night p express since which I am Informd General Buchanan has ordered the signals of Alarm for the Country Militia to assemble.

The want of men to Garrison this post leaves it in a very defenceless situation: whereby it is subjected to a surprise almost at any time, and as the assembling all the Militia at once (except in cases of absolute necessity) will lay the Inhabitants under peculiar disadvantages, I would beg leave to submit to your Judgement and consideration the propriety of Garrisioning this post with one or two Classes, to be relieved regularly as occasion may require. this method may have the Salutary consequences of Impressing a proper Idea of Military discipline on the minds of the people and in time render them capable of opposing an equal Number of Veterans.

I am with due deference & Respect

Y<sup>r</sup> Mo Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

M: Gist

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup>