

you can confide, to receive the Powder in Frederick, where only, we have any considerable Quantity, letting him call on Col<sup>o</sup> Bruce with the inclosed, in his Way thither. We have wrote to the Board of War that we purpose to deliver you 30 thousand Weight. If Casks can possibly be procured to Shift a Part of the Powder into, we think it will be adviseable to procure them, as many of the Casks are probably much injured by frequent Removals in a hurry. We do not know which way you'll send it, whether by Land or to Balt<sup>o</sup> and from thence by Water up the Bay, the first, we think would be best, if carriage can be procured and probably it might from Frederick, as far as Lancaster.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

James Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1779

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We last Night rec<sup>d</sup> your Favor of the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>; we shall immediately write to M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun desiring him to appoint some Person to examine and receive the Powder which we can spare at Frederick; the Quantities we have any where else, are inconsiderable. We shall deliver to him there, thirty thousand weight. A large Proportion of what we have is Cannon Powder though, from its having been sent in a Hurry at divers Times from different Places, we have no exact Account of the different Kinds, and we are apprehensive that from the same Cause a good many of the Casks may not be sufficient to remove it in. If tolerable Care has been taken of it, which may have been done with great Ease from the Conveniences where it is kept, we expect it is generally good. At the Time of the Rec<sup>t</sup> of your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> June, the Gov<sup>r</sup> was in Frederick, we expected that in Consequence of our Letter to our Delegates of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Measures were then executing for the Rec<sup>t</sup> of the Powder and have constantly expected that some Person would have been commissioned to receive it. We are not impowered to lend but sell it and we could have disposed of it at a very high Price, but have refused to part from any since our Conversation with M<sup>r</sup> Plater about the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June

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Board of War.

P. S. We inclose you Copies of the Letters wrote and received on this Subject