

Original Journal. Publick Armes & Amunition to the severall Countys in Proportionable parts.

The following Answer was sent by Coll Hamond Coll Jenkins Coll Lloyd & Coll Ennals.

By the Gov^r & Council in Assembly
Aprill 4th 1707

The houses message Advising Proportionable Parts of the
p. 44 Public Armes & Amunition to be sent to the Several Countys and Comitted to the Care of the Chief Off^{rs} of the Militia in the s^d Countys has been Read, and in Reply thereto Wee Acquaint you that the Publick Arms and Amunition are Purchased out of the Quarter part of her Majestys Revenue of the 12^d p hhd granted by her Majesty for the Defence of this Province, and that altho it be sometimes necessary for the Imediate Safety & Defence thereof that Some Small Quantity of Armes and Amunition may be lodged in Severall Countys to be made Use of by Such who are not able to Procure Armes at their owne Cost (as required by the Act of Assembly) for regulating the Militia at the Cheif Officers discretion upon a suddein Invasion or Incursion Yett in reguarde a strict Account of the said Armes and Amunition Purchased with the 3^d p is Expected to be given by the Government here to her Majesty when required and that the Government here is ans^{table} therefore, and that It has been found by Experience the small Quantity of Armes and Amunition heretofore lodged in the severall Countys have been misused Spoiled and Lost so that the greatest Part
p. 45 thereof are unfixed & Consumed or rendred altogether useless.

Wee cannot Advise his Ex^{ncy} to send to the Severall Countys any more than what may be thought necessarily Requisite for a Competent Supplym^t But that Pursuant to her Ma^{ty}s Royall Instructions a place of Arms or Publick Magazine of Armes and Amunition be kept at the Towne and Port of Annapolis where the Armes & Amunition may be well Preserved and on all Occasions be distributed and applyed as his Ex^{ncy} shall think fitt: And this being the Seate of Government where her Majestys Governour Resides and the Courts of Justice are kept & Records Lodged, It will be highly necessary the house would consult Some measures for the Safety of the said Magazine here at this Towne & Port & in order thereto Since wee cannot think the publick Armes well Secured in the Place where at Present Lodged.

Therefore it is Proposed if the house are willing the said Armes may be lodged in Some of the Spare Roomes of the