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so laudible a Spirit in flying to Arms with Chearfulness and Alacrity, and we highly approve of the Steps you have taken to protect the Inhabitants and their Property from the Ravages of the Enemy, we shall most willingly render every Service within our Power, to enable you to oppose the Enemy with Effect, and agreeable to your request, we have delivered to Capt. Tilden two Pieces of Cannon one six Pounder and a four Pounder; one hundred Stand of Arms with Cartridges Boxes Bayonets &^{ca} compleat, ten Barrels of musquet Powder, one thousand Gun Flints, one and a half Reams of Cannon Cartridge Paper. three hundred iron pound Shot, two Barrels of damaged Powder These Articles exceed the Quantities ordered by the General Assembly to the Eastern Shore, but in Consideration of your exposed Situation, we have thought it proper to furnish them; and have advised the Special Council of the Eastern Shore thereof, who have the Disposition of the Military Shores allowed to that Shore, which makes it necessary you should apply to that Board for their Directions, while the Communication between us is topped by the Vessels of the Enemy.

Ibid.
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[Council to Col. Edward Gaither.]

It is not in our Power to supply you with any Money from the Treasury at present the Commissioners of the Tax are empowered to draw their Order on the Collector in your Favor for such Sum of Money as they may think necessary not exceeding two hundred Pounds to enable you to proceed in the Execution of your Office, if you have not already done it, you had better apply to them as they have the Power of drawing on the Collector. We have long since discontinued that Practice

Ibid.

[Council to Special Council of the Eastern Shore.]

We have this Moment received your Letter without Date by Express, yours of the 17th Ult. never came to Hand till the 30th. In answer to which we refer you to our Letter of the 2^d Instant. We are concerned for the Mistake that has happened through the Inattention of our Officer and have sent you a proper Proportion of Musquet Powder. In Consideration of the exposed and defenceless Situation of the Eastern Shore we have ventured to send you one hundred and twenty five Musquets more than the Quantity allotted to that Shore, fifty of which were delivered to Col Lloyd and are now in his Possession subject to your Order and Distribution The principal Cause of our not having before complied fully with the Directions of the General Assembly respecting the military Stores, was the Obstruction of the Intercourse between us by the Enemy's Sloops of war for some Time past, previous to which they could not have been sent without imminent Hazard of falling into the Possession of the Enemy's Cruisers and Barges, to which we may add the various Sorts