

future Orders. We are convinced you cannot upon Reflexion think it right and correspondent to the Views and Designs of the Gen^l Assembly that all the Means levied, and a far greater Part of the Provisions procured on the Eastern shore for the Support of the Army should be appropriated to the sole Purpose of defending one Part of the State; because thereby the first and great objects of the Assembly must be frustrated the Quota of Money and Provision required by this State by Congress cannot be supplied our officers and soldiers in Captivity cannot be relieved nor can the Cloathing for the Recruits be obtained nor the requisition of Gen^l Green completed; should this Board take the same Precautions for the Defence of the Western Shore and similar Systems prevail in other States, and the Money and Specific supplies raised in Pursuance of the requisition of Congress applied to State Purposes, we leave to your Honors to Suggest the Evils that would result therefrom, we think there would be reason to dread the most alarming Consequences. We are at a Loss to account for the Motives that induced you to desire to be informed whence the Power of exporting Provisions arises, and how the Business is to be conducted, as it cannot possibly be comprehended within the Line of your Duty. We only proposed that the Stock which might be in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, should be removed to the Eastern Shore, and did not mean to impose the Hardships or Difficulties on the people of removing them to this Shore if convenient places of Security could be found on the Eastern Shore It is our wish to be informed of the Nature of your Application to Congress for Arms and Ammunition, the Terms upon which they were obtained and you now propose to dispose of them; If they are to be accounted for by the State, we think the Proposition ought to have been communicated to us, the Application made by this Board and Ammunition obtained subject to our Distribution. We are constrained by the exhausted State of the Western Shore Treasury and the incessant Demands made on us for considerable Sums, to direct the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to send over by [] thousand Pounds of the Money remaining in his Hands, and expect his complying therewith will not be prevented or delayed by your Interposition. As the Laws will be printed in a few Days and nearly as soon as they could be transcribed, we thought it best not to incur that Expence and shall send them over immediately after they are printed. In Case of Invasion, your Board may appoint an Officer to act in any Vacancy in the Militia until our Pleasure is known. Where it is necessary to make such Appointment, and it is accordingly made and communicated, and the Person approved, we shall send him a Commission. If your Honors will [] one hundred Stand of Arms with Bayonets sent to Dorchester the 2^d of February last to what you mention, you will find the Number allotted to you has been exceeded one hundred

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