

26. ~~The Congress has made use of the Term Military Stores: we do not know what they~~
~~may consist of: If there should be Cannon, Iron Shot or such heavy Artillery, we do not presume they~~
were intended to be sent to Carlisle and therefore desire an Account of such may be sent us, for
further Orders, the Powder must be ^{first} attended to. We intended this for the Government of every Person
who has the Custody of the Continental Stores in Baltimore Town and that they should exert themselves
in procuring Carriage. We imagined that the Waggon from Pennsylvania which were occasionally
at Baltimore, might have been employed in the removal of the Continental Stores to Carlisle,
and sent Mr. M'Hard with Intention he should send the Powder belonging to this State in such Wag-
gons from Frederick as came on Purpose or were down occasionally. We can but repeat our
former Orders, to you particularly which were before given generally which you will see justified by
the inclosed Resolves of Congress and inform you that we think, from all Information since received,
your Attention to and Diligence in this Business, is indispensable. We are &c

Mr. Geo. Peale

In Council Annapolis 16th Ap^l 1777.

Sirs

27. We had no Intention that you should remove the Continental Stores; we inten-
ded, & on recurring to our Instructions, think they are very explicit, that the Continental
Officers should remove them; we have wrote to this Effect to Mr. Peale; We know nothing
more than the Resolution of Congress informs us, though we cannot but suppose there's
An Officer to receive the Powder &c at Carlisle and that he has Money or some
Mode for Payment of the Carriage. If you have got the Removal of our Powder to Fredk
in a fair Way, we would have it continued by those who have the Charge of it; if the
Lasks are not fit to remove, they must, if they can, be made fit; if they cannot, good
new Lasks must be procured and the Powder started.

To Mr. Isaac M'Hard }
now at Baltimore }

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 16th Ap^l 1777.

Gentlemen

28. From your State of the Circumstances of the Insurgents in your
Possession, we could wish it was in our Power to free you the Trouble and the Public
the Expence of sending them hither, but they must be sent up; we imagine it will be
the easiest and cheapest Way to send them by Water, with a Guard not
numerous, but sufficient to take care of them. The Soldiers & Blankets
have been delivered by Mr. Nitch

Dashill, Scott & }
Stewart }

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 19th Ap^l 1777.

Sirs

29. The Council and I are very unwilling that you should decline
the Business of making Arms, we would have you proceed and will, if Things
continue in their present Circumstances, give you the five Pounds ten Shillings
under a Confidence of your Diligence, and that you will do the Work faithfully
though we look on it a very high Price.

Mr. Robert Reid

We are &c

Rec^d 30 Musquets.