

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

79. We have sent Mr King the bearer of this, for the Medicines belonging to this State, which were lodged in Mr Kings Store at Petersburg. Your S. Beall promised to be so kind, as to forward them in some Vessel bound to Balt. with Directions to be lodged here, but our Necessities are so pressing that we have sent on purpose imagining that there has not been time, as yet, for Mr Bealls Orders to have had any Effect. If the Medicines still remain at Petersburg, we have given Mr King Order to proceed there for them and we shall be thankful for any Assistance you may be pleased to give him.  
M<sup>rs</sup> Norton & Beall }  
Williamsburg - }  
We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

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79. Sir You are to proceed in the Plates to York River in Virginia, from whence you will go by Land to Williamsburg and deliver the Letter given into your Charge to M<sup>rs</sup> Norton & Beall, if our Medicines are there you will remove them with great Care on board your Vessel and return with them with all Dispatch. - If the Medicines still remain at Petersburg, you are to go there and apply to Mr King, in whose Store they are, for them, and bring them to Williamsburg and so across, unless M<sup>rs</sup> Norton & Beall should recommend a different Method, if they do, you'll proceed as they think best; we imagine a Boat may be had, if necessary, in the Neighbourhood of Williamsburg, to go to Petersburg. The Medicines are of great Value to us, and the Packages and Vessels which contain them, subject to break, therefore your greatest Care is expected. Mr King may want an Order from us, if desired, you will give a Receipt on this. We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

Mr Benja King  
Packages M.C N<sup>o</sup>. 1. to 11  
N<sup>o</sup>. 1 a large Cask  
2. to 11. Barrels

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79. Sir We have made the Appointments as you recommend; Mr Judah has the Commissions, you will notify Mr Handy of his Appointment. We have ordered a Number of Jackets from Baltimore to this Place with Intention to cloath the Troops who are to march, it is the first Object, many have been marched off very illy provided and some almost naked, it is a great Discouragement to the recruiting Service, it is of vast Consequence to fill up our Quota as far as possible and we consider well cloathing the Troops as soon as insisted, as a Step towards it. You may be assured the Artillery Companies shall soon have our Attention. - We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> Smiths }