

We certainly cannot empower Genl. Cadwalader to command, but
 shall be very glad that the Matter may be settled between General
 Cadwalader, Col^o. Gist & Col^o. Richardson to Satisfaction. We are endeavoring
 to get a proper Boat in which to send you 12 Barrels Musquet
 Powder 2 Tons of Lead 50 Tents 20 ~~Flints~~ Flint 2 Ream musquet Cartridge
 Paper & 200, 3. Shot. We have not got (amp) Hottles nor so many
 Cartridge Boxes as will be immediately wanted here. Some of the
 Powder, Lead and Flint we suppose may be spared for the lower Counties
 which want. We shall endeavour also to send you a Medicine Chest.
 We have stopped the Vessels here, nor shall suffer any to go out
 unless under very particular Circumstances, till some Alteration
 in our Affairs; nor would we have those at Chester, permitted to
 Sail, but we do not think it prudent to lay an Embargo by
 Proclamation, because if we do, the Assembly must be called
 without any Expectation of its Meeting, which would but add
 to our present Difficulties, many of the Gentlemen of the
 Assembly being in the marching Militia and their leaving
 the Militia to attend in Assembly would likely create Discontent
 and Confusion. Many Things, we are apprehensive, must be
 done, in our unprepared State, which are not strictly justifiable
 and for which we must rely on the Candour & Equity of the
 Legislature. From the Accounts we have, Genl. Washington's
 Army is healthy and in high Spirits and well supported by the
 Pennsylvania Militia; the Army & Militia are both Spoke of as
 numerous.

We are &c

Wm Paca Esq^r

Sir.

In Council 1th Sept^r 1777.

We think, with you, it will be very right to have the *Rebec* & Stores
~~removed~~ ^{covered} with a small Number of Militia, 'til they can be removed
 a little Way into the Country and therefore desire you will apply to
 Col^o. Weems for at least ten Men and an Officer to be so stationed that
 they may at any Time afford you Assistance. We believe the *Rebec*
 would be at least as unsafe in Severn or Patuxent as at your Yard,
 therefore would wish, if she is removed at all, it may be to Patuxent and then
 run up where the River is quite narrow. We are afraid the Stations of the Men of
 War will be soon, if they are not already, in such a Situation as to prevent
 her stirring out at all, but if you think there's a Probability to get her clear
 we wish it to be attempted and leave it to you & Cap^t. Belt. The Cannon & Stores, we
 wish you to remove a few Miles into the Country, and, for that Purpose, hire
 Carriage and Men; it will, when known, take off Part of the Motive to pay
 you a Visit. We approve your taking the nine Pounders, it was perfectly right