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If you can lodge the Stores at different Places, we think it will be best.
Mr. Stephen Steward. We are &c

Genl

In Council Baltimore 8th Sept^r 1777.

Several People have brought in their Accounts against the Public, which we cannot pay for want of their being passed by you. We therefore wish James
160. two of you to remain, for a while, to some Place where the Claimants wait on you for the Examination of their Accounts. We are Genl &c
Commissioners of the Board
of Acc^{ts}. Annapolis }

Sir

In Council 10th Sept^r 1777.

We are sorry to hear that you cannot, from the Scarcity of Guns, forward
the Proportion of the Washington Militia tolerably armed; we have
161. already assembled nearly as many as we can arm, unless our Application to Congress for a Supply, should meet with Success, but the Event of our Request is not yet known. Wherefore we wish you to stop the
March of the two Companies desired from each Battalion, for the present and get them prepared in the best Manner you can for moving immediately on further Orders. If we get a further Supply of Arms, they will be called on, or if we get no more Arms, they will be wanted to relieve some of the Militia already on Duty. Possibly our Affairs may make it necessary to collect all the Fire Arms, we hope not, but it is best to provide in Time against the worst; therefore we wish an Account of all Guns to be taken and those which want small Repairs, we request you will have repaired at the Public Expence. If the Militia should be ordered to march we wish them to carry with them, all the Arms they can, and, if the Public can provide better, their own may be carefully kept til they return. We shall be obliged to you to have wooden Bottles and Camp Kettles made ready to put into the Peoples Hands. We are &c

Danl Hughes Lieut of
Washington County }

In Council Baltimore 19th Sept^r 1777.

Sir

It is probable that we may, in a few Days, order the Prisoners who are
at Queen Ann, to Annapolis; therefore we would have you suspend the
162. Execution of this former Order, for their Removal to Frederick, but we hope that the little Time they stay at Queen Ann, there will be more Attention; for the frequent Escapes of Prisoners, is a strong Encouragement to the Disaffected to Hazard Imprisonment by their Conduct. We are &c
Col^l Tyler Prince Georges