

In Council 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777.

Sirs

By the Defence's Tender, we send you one hundred Stand of Arms with  
N<sup>o</sup> 15. Orders to land them at Hopewell's, as it appears to us the most convenient  
Place to which we can, with Prudence trust them. Governour Henry  
has advised us that he has ordered two of the best Virginia Gallies  
up to Patowmack to act in Concert with ours.

Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes.

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

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This by the Defence's Tender who goes down with 100 Musquets to be lodged  
at Hopewell's for Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes, and some Provisions for the Gallies. The  
16. Skipper has Orders to call in at St. Jerom's to learn your Situation and  
that of the Enemy, before he goes into Patowmack. By a Letter from  
Governour Henry, we are informed he has ordered two of the best Virginia  
Gallies to Patowmack to act in Concert with ours. We hope they  
have joined you before this Time.

Capt. Cooke

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Sirs A Report prevails and it has reached us several Ways that many  
Peoples on Patowmack and particularly between Cedar Point and  
Wicomico, have been exchanging Provisions with the Men of War for  
17. Salt and other Articles. Whatever temporary Convenience may  
result to Individuals from such a Practice, none can be ignorant  
how contrary it is to their Duty as Subjects to this State, or not  
foresee the pernicious Consequences. We therefore request your utmost  
Vigilance to put a Stop to all Kind of Intercourse between the  
People and the Men of War. It is said the Ships are ballasted with  
Salt which, if true, proves the Intention of their going up Patowmack  
and if they are treated as half Friends, we may expect enough of their  
Company.

Col<sup>o</sup> Ware &  
Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes }

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777.

Sirs

We yesterday sent off the Defence's Tender with 100 Small Arms for  
18. Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes, and some Provisions for the Gallies. The Small Arms to be  
landed at Hopewell's on Patowmack and the Tender to call at St. Jerom's  
to learn your and the Enemy's Situation before she proceeds into Patowmack  
unless, in Patowmack, she is well ascertained that she may safely proceed  
without Delay. Mr. Nambiber tells us he has a Quantity of Powder  
amongst it some Sables, at Fredericksburg in Virginia, any Part of  
which he is willing to spare us, if we can assist him to get it.  
We therefore send you the inclosed Letter to Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes, for his Belief.