

In Council Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1778

Sir  
We are sorry that so many of the Gentlemen of your County have a Desire to serve in the necessary Departments of Government. The Gentlemen who have the Spirit and Virtue to act at this Time, when our Country claims the Execution of all her Laws according to their respective Abilities, may be assured their Recommendations will not only be treated with Respect, but oblige us and the issuing of half a Dozen new Commissions will be no considerable Trouble. We, some Time since, issued a special Commission to Talbot County. The Depositions & Papers respecting the Tories, we believe yet remain in your Hands or in the Hands of some of the Gent. named in the first Commission which was issued: will you be so obliging as to seal them up and send them to Mr. Bracco, by some Person you can confide in? the sooner you do it, the better.

Purbutt Wright Esq<sup>r</sup> We are Sir &c

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Sir  
We have six four Pounders which belonged to the Defence, we believe, very good, and their Carriages compleat. The Congress may have them with the 64. Carriages, for the Price such would sell for at Baltimore, of which, we presume, you may be easily ascertained. We have no other four Pounder that we can spare with any Convenience. We had some Guns made at Darfeys Works for fours, but they carry a Shot of 5<sup>lb</sup> and upwards. Perhaps we could make out your Number with them, if we can, the Congress may have four of them, but, 'tis likely they are too heavy for your Purpose.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Lewis We are Sir &c

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Sir  
Sterling and Moore have been examined before us and we have caused their Depositions to be taken. The Accounts we have from our Troops, makes us very anxious to forward what Clothing we can, to them, we have packed up what we have here, though it will be but a small Relief, and shall send it off in a Boat, we expect, Tomorrow. Pray get what you have ready also packed up, the Boat is to call on you. Col<sup>o</sup> Smith writes that he shall take the Leather Breeches instead of the Cloth ordered for Breeches, but we should not have given him an Order for them, had he mentioned them; we cannot furnish all the Troops with Leather Breeches and, so far as they will go, we design them for the Sergeants and request they may be packed up and sent for that Purpose. The Matropes were furnished with Leather Breeches, but it was to prevent their waiting for others. Pray get all the Cloth made up as quick as possible. Col<sup>o</sup> Smith writes, that a great Many may be very soon done there. Let us know, before your Stock is made up, what you will do to your Satisfaction, as we may employ the same People whilst they are any to make.

Mr. James Calhoun We are Sir &c