

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb^y 1778.

No 94. Sir We send you by Mr Gibson's Boat, to be lodged at Mr Baker's, 150 of the Arms lately imported, for the Use of your Company, agreeable to a Resolution of the Assembly. We have not the Cartridges made, and therefore cannot now send them but are in Hopes that, if it should be necessary to use the Arms, the Deficiency of Cartridges may be supplied with naked Bullets or, perhaps better with mould Shot, especially as the People are not used to load with Cartridges. There is no particular Order, as to the Disposition of the Arms, but if you judge as we do, you will distribute them in the Hands of the Captains who you expect will take the best Care of them. We are &c.

P.S. We understand that there are only about 12 Barrels of Powder in your Magazine; it cannot be worth while to keep a Guard over so small a Quantity and it is too much to have in one Place, without We therefore wish you to take the Powder and put it into the Hands of the Militia Officers with the Arms, not breaking the Barrels.

Col^o Burkhead. c.

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No 95. Sir Capt. Lowrey is just come up from Virginia with the Salt he imported; he has been delayed by the Men of War lying about the Tangiers. This Salt would be very useful for the Army, at the Head of the Bay, where it might now be easily sent without any Risk and the Salt purchased on the Western Shore of Virginia might be sent to Patuxent and of course, to you, without Danger. Wherefore we think it would be best, if you are, or certainly can be supplied in Time without this, to send it forward from hence to the Head of Elk, but if you cannot be otherwise supplied, advise us of it by the Return of this Express, and we will send the Salt to you. Mention to us also how you succeed, and those you have employed in the Purchase of Provisions. We have lately received a Letter from the Board of War on the Subject. Is any Person buying up any considerable Quantity of Meat at Frederick Town? we expect a good Deal will be wanted there.

W^o Thomas Richardson }
George Town - - - }

We are &c.

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No 96. Sir The Bearer of this, Adjutant Edgerley of the 2^d Reg^t goes over on purpose for what Recruits you have enlisted, or have been enlisted by any other of the Recruiting Officers specially appointed for that Purpose and yet remain at Cambridge, whether enlisted for the 2^d or any other Reg^t. We are desirous of having them over as they may