

by the King of Frances Soldiers, the Uniform may be varied a little from
 theirs, as your Fancy may direct. By all Means have the Musquets ^{as}
 near one Siz'd Bore as may be and the Bayonets long; Experience shews
 how essential it is to attend to these Circumstances. We have added to
 the Articles mentioned in the Resolution 30 Tons of Lead which will
 be wanted equally as the other Things. If you should, fortunate enough
 to have it in your Power, the sooner you get the Things shipped, the better
 let it be done in good failing Vessels which can come into our Inlets
 divide them into several Bottoms, observing to send a Proportion of
 each Article in each Vessel, so that a loss or two may not totally
 disappoint us. If Insurance is to be had, insure the whole, and
 reshipe in case you are ascertained of a loss. We shall expect the
 earliest Advice possible of your Receipt of this and of the Prospect
 you may have of succeeding or not.

Wth Joshua Johnson }
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We are Sir &c

In Council Annapolis 4th April 1778.

Gentlemen.

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly, of
 the fourth Instant, to apply to Congress for Arms and Field Pieces and
 Accoutrements. We believe Wth Chase's mentioning that Congress was
 in Possession of a considerable Number, occasioned the Resolution.
 Do us the Favor to move this Matter and acquaint us with the
 Result. If the Arms are to be had, as they are distant from us, your
 Advice, as to the Conveyance of them, will be very acceptable. We have
 no Doubt but that we shall obtain the Arms, if it is remembered that
 this State sent in 1746, with its Battalion and Independent Companies
 about 1800 very good Arms, not one of which was ever returned to the
 State. With the Flying Camp the same Year full 3000, not generally
 so good, of which upwards of 2200 were left in Philadelphia by Order of
 the Congress and of the Rest very few came back to Maryland, and that
 last Fall the loss of Arms by the Militia was very considerable, not
 less, we judge, than 1000, of all which the Congress has never paid us but
 about 1100. Has Congress any Blankets? If there are any, we suppose, they
 are for the Use of the Troops, and no State can have a better Claim to them, we
 have, you know, stripped our Beds twice and, by Order of Congress, our Flying
 Camp left upwards of 1100 in Philad^a. Do, if possible, get an Order for 2000 or,
 they can be spared, more: it is impossible to supply our Recruits with our
 The Officers are frequently calling on us for recruiting Money, we have given out
 the 10,000 Dollars; to about 250. Wth Henry mentioned that more Money might
 be had for that Service, pray remit us, our Recruiting goes on now faster
 better than it did —

We are Gent^l &c

The Delegates in Congress.