

In Council 16th May 1778.

We inclose you a copy of the Order we have passed in consequence of
your Information of the state of the back Country - We much approve
your Resolution to spirit up the People to Fight rather than desert
the Country. We have ordered 100 good Musquets & 10 Rifles from hence
and two half Barrels of Powder from Frederick Town and, if more
should be wanted or Arms or Lead, that such be supplied ^{as far as may be} from Frederick
Town. Col^o Hughes has also Directions, if necessary, to send you a
Part of the Militia from below and if more still should be wanted,
we shall march them, for if the People behave well in defending
themselves, they may expect a Powerful and cheerful Assistance.
Simkins says he thinks there is Danger of the Deserters and Disaffected
taking the Arms and Powder, if sent up for Old Town without a
Guard. We have therefore thought it best a Company or two should
receive them about the Fenolaways and considering the Road we submit
to you whether it would not be well for the Arms to be taken out of the
Caves at the Fenolaways and the Men carry them up in their Hands
We hope and expect from the great Change in our Affairs, that you
will not be long distressed by the Indians, or we on the Water by the
British. —

We are &c.

Col^o Barrett.

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sirs

We have sent down by Capt. Gordon a Letter from Mr^r Morris and an
Invoice Order and Letter from J. M. Nesbit and Co., concerning the Cargo
of the Brig Sively in Matompkin Inlet, a Part of which we have
engaged for this State. We understand on the Whole of the Matter,
that the Invoice contains those Goods only which belongs to Nesbit
& Co. and that Mr^r Morris has about the same Quantity and Kinds, and
that we are to have one fourth of the Whole. The State the Goods
are in will make a good Deal of Judgment and Care necessary to
divide them equally and justly and we want them so much that
we cannot Delay it. We therefore request, as you are at or near the
Spot, that you will oblige us and the Public so far as to divide
the Goods as fairly and equally as possible, receiving one fourth Part