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good look out kept, we think small Craft may be prudently trusted to  
Potomack. You would do well to inform us where the Corn & Provisions  
are and <sup>in</sup> whose Hands that we may, as Opportunities offer, employ our  
own or other Vessels in the Removal of them. Col<sup>o</sup> Blaine mentioned  
Charles Town to us as a proper Place to deliver Stores, in consequence  
of it we sent 100 Barrels of Pork there the other Day. We have yet  
received no Account of the Waggons and cannot give an unlimited  
discretionary Orders, as to impressing them. The Burthen, the most  
equally divided, will be extremely heavy and we wish it to be  
lessened, by making use of Water Carriage, as far as possible. Orders  
are gone to Baltimore to send 500 Stand of Arms from thence, Cartridges  
Cartridge Boxes & Flint; on their Arrival, you'll be so obliging  
as to take care of them for Col<sup>o</sup> Dumfry.

We are &c.

Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth.

In Council Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> May 1778.

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Sir We wrote you yesterday: this goes by the Galley Independence, she carries  
100 Stand of Arms in Boxes; our Boats will be up soon after her with  
\* 600 Stand from Baltimore, with Cartridge Boxes, Cartridges & Flint  
all ordered to be lodged with Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth, Subject to your  
Orders. You'll have none of the Boxes broke unnecessarily, all possible  
care taken of the Ammunition and as the Men are discharged, the Arms  
collected and packed up again in the same Boxes and every Thing which  
is left sent back as soon as the Occasion for them is over. To prevent  
such loss as too commonly happens, we think it adviseable for  
you to appoint a careful, diligent, accurate Person to deliver out  
and receive in the Arms &c. and keep an exact Acc<sup>t</sup> of his Transactions.

Col<sup>o</sup> Cha<sup>o</sup> Dumfry.

We are &c.

\* Mem<sup>o</sup>: Only 500 Stand of Arms sent  
from Baltimore — }

In Council Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> May 1778

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Sir We inclose you two Letters received from Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes respecting the  
Conduct of Lieut. Menger. We have not gone into an Examination of the  
Facts alledged by Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes, as we should not on the Proof of them,  
have undertaken to dismiss him from the Service, but Capt<sup>t</sup> Fenwick, who is  
referred to, in his State, confirmed what is said in the Letters. We are much  
inclined to forward the Business of the Officers and treat them as Gentlemen  
but are fully in Col<sup>o</sup> Barnes's Sentiment, that Mr. Menger's Conduct  
deserves Reprehension.

We are &c.

Genl. Smallwood —