

and the Disaffected in this State and Virginia, prevent or hinder the
N. 22. Depredations committed by the Tories on the Bay Coast and
facilitate the Transportation of the Stores for the Army. Your
Indeavours to have us furnished with some of those Men who
were employed in the Gallies on Delaware, would be very obliging
and, if successful, much assist the general as well as the particular
Interest of Virginia and Maryland —
Mess^{rs} Duer, McKean and We are Y^{ours}
Rich^d. Henry Lee, Deleg^{ts} in Congress.

In Council Annapolis 23^d May 1778.
Sir, Complaint is lodged with us against your Adjudication of Richard
Beck as a Nagrant: his Complaint is recommended by a good Many
232. People of the Neighbourhood, some of them very respectables. We are
unwilling to discharge any Body without being fully satisfied of the
Propriety of doing so; we therefore request you will transmit us
the Proofs and Grounds on which you formed your Judgment, as
soon as possible. — We are Y^{ours}
Maj^r Tho^s Owen Williams

In Council 23^d May 1778.
Sir, The Bearer Mr Richard Arscot, will deliver you £300. which we
have drawn for the marching Militia. The Company from Annapolis
set off this Morning; we hope enough will soon be collected at the
233. Head of Elk to enable Gen^l Washington to draw the Force under
Gen^l Smallwood, to Head Quarters. We hear, tho' we are not certain
of the Truth of it, that Gen^l Washington has detached 5,000 to the
Lines, he much wants his Regulars. You may send your Militia
without Arms, we having ordered 500 Stand to the Head of Elk.
As Snow is not gone, you may want your Arms. We inclose you
an Order to draw out a Scout of Militia and you are to put it under
the Direction of what Officers you think proper; if a longer Continuance
of the Scout should be necessary, you'll advise us, that we may continue
it; you have also an Order inclosed for Provisions, the Bacon had
best be used; have an Account taken of what is used & accounted
as much Frugality as possible. — We are Y^{ours}

William Demsey Esq^r }
St of Queen Ann's County }

Mem^o. Only 600 Stand of Arms sent.