

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir

N^o 571

We have just received your letter of yesterday. Our Situation is such that we are not able to furnish Arms but by sending Part of them by much too few, we design for the Defence of Baltimore Town & the Objects which the Enemy must certainly have in View, if they come with any Forces up the Bay, in Preference to any other Parts of the State. We see by Col^o Bardley's Return of Arms he sent 15th Apr. 1778. by Col^o Wicks 50 Musquets with Bayonets, & 50 without, your Return is much short of that Number. We have heard nothing of the Enemy's Movements since the 10th Inst when they took Portsmouth; we have had Vessels up which left the Tangiers yesterday Morning, they saw nothing in the Bay: from their not coming up with so fair a Wind as they were furnished with, we are in hopes they do not intend it. We shall be careful to communicate any Thing interesting as soon as we hear of it. By the first of June we are desired to make a Return of the State of your purchases and where it lies. We believe the Quantity demanded is procured and therefore wish you and Col^o Thompson, who be pleased to advise of it, to stop purchasing and, with all Expedition, furnish us with the State of your Purchases, that we may make the general Return as requested. We hourly expect to receive Money to settle all the Accounts our Treasuries will not bear further Advances

We are &c

Col^o W. Hensley

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By Col^o Rumsey's Return of Arms &c 3^d Inst there remained in your Hands belonging to the Public, 25 Boxes & a few loose Arms am^t 500 Pairs of which 100 without Bayonets, 300 Gun Slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes, 250 Canteens, about 1500 Gun Flints. The Gun Flints we would have you retain & deliver to Col^o Rumsey or his Order; the rest of the Articles, we desire, you will deliver to the Order of Andrew Buchanan Esq. immediately on your Receipt of this

We are &c

Mr. J^o Barnaby }
Head of Clerk }

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Sir

N^o 573

We received yours to Day of yesterday's Date. We have not received any Thing further interesting. If there should be a real Occasion for the Militia to act, the Enemy will, we hope, give us Time to advise you of this Necessity so that you may collect them. Experience shews us that Men who are drawn from their Occupations, soon grow disgusted & uneasy and, of course, are not so alert as when just called together. We have two Boats out, besides Capt. Harrison from Balt^o and think the Enemy can make no Movement up the Bay but what we shall have early Intelligence of. We do not know whether you have concerted any Plan to give instant Notice to the People to assemble but would submit to your Judgment, the Propriety of it; might not two or three Pieces of Small Cannon, lodged at different Places some Distance back and fired on Orders, be a proper Signal to rendezvous at Town? If you think it would facilitate the Collection of the