

the Pieces that would be the
We ordered a Ton of Lead up
and one Half the Arms we had; Mr. Desjays
and one Half the Arms we had; Mr. Desjays
had Information that about 100 Wt of Lead was in the Vessel
Mr. Shaw says he had neither Convenience or Time to weigh it, but
he is satisfied there went more than 1500. he thinks near 2000,
however Sir, if you think the Shot you mention may be useful,
purchase it, if you approve the Price, take it & have it valued.
By Capt. Shepards Return the 10th March, there were then remaining
1599 Musquets, 732 Cartridges, 3132 Musquet Cartridges, we do not know
of any delivered out since, except a few Musquets & Cartridges to the
Marines who went down in the Languegar and which were to be
returned, we flattered ourselves that a much greater Proportion
were in good Order. About a twelvemonth ago, we sent a good
many Arms to the Head of Elk to guard the Stores there, very few
have been returned. By Sol. Dumseys Return 3rd May there was in
the Hands of Mr. John Barnaly at the Head of Elk "25 Boxes & a
few loose Arms, am^t: 500 Stand, 100 of which have not Bayonets, 300
"gun slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes & 250 Cartridges"; we inclose you an Order
and wish you to send for them; we would send ourselves, but it is
not in our Power. if you send, let it be by a Man in whom you
can confide for his Prudence as well as other good Qualities, and
direct him to be cautious. We shall be obliged to you to put Things
in such a Way that the Cartridges wanted maybe made up & in such
a Manner as to be suitable; we indeed have no Body that we
can send Orders to, ^{in this Matter, Capt. Shepards having declined to} act for the Salary we could allow him, but from
every Thing that has past, we believe, he is not only very capable of
conducting that Business, but that, on such an Occasion, he would cheer-
fully do every Thing in his Power to promote it.

We are &c.

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In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779.

Gent. We have not had any certain late Intelligence from Virginia; the same
Express which carried Letters to Congress, brought Letters from Gen^l. Henry
dated 11th & 12th Inst^l which gave us the same Information, doubtless, that
he communicated to Congress. We have not been, however, without several
flying Reports, how far they can be depended on, we do not know; if
the most probable are true, they have 2 Indian Brigades & a Number
of Tories & Refugees, commanded by Mifflin, they have burnt Port-
mouth & Suffolk & were on their Way to South Quay, they have got a
great Number of Negroes & have behaved with great Cruelty. It is
conjectured in Virginia that they design to visit this Place & Balt^o.
as soon as the Work is done or they ^{are} draw off in Virginia. We imagine
the Head of Elk is as much an Object as either Balt^o. or Annapolis