

In our Situation where nothing is wanted but Arms, we cannot but remember how our former Followers of
N 170 our Arms for the Support of the common Cause and the little Attention that
has been paid to our Request to return them; it may be that on the
Occasion or perhaps not. If it is possible to get a Return of some of
them, pray do so and send them to the Head of Elk with all Expeditions, we had
some Arms in that Neighbourhood, but have ordered them to be returned
unless some Assistance is given by the Congress, little can be done by the
bearing Militia without Arms, if there should be an Attempt against the
Head of Elk, tho' we hope chief of the Continental Stores will have been removed
from thence. Could not Gen. Gist be spared from Camp? our Militia have
a Confidence in him, he would be very useful. He would be in his own Neigh-
bourhood, acquainted with every Man & every Foot of Ground, if you can, find
him to us. We ^{much} want the Money to pay for the Flour &c. purchased
for Congress, our Treasury is in Advance and poor. We shall want Money
if we are obliged to defend ourselves. We are &c.
Delegates in Congress.

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

N 175 Sir We hope the Quantity of Flour wanted is fully or very nearly procured; we
have desired the Purchasers, where Quantities were to be had, to close their
Accounts up to this Day and wish you not to concern with the small
Quantity of Wheat you mention. We are &c.
Mr Richard Johns.

Annapolis 20th May 1779

N 176 Sir We have nothing certain from Virginia lately; from flying Reports the Enemy
have burnt Portsmouth and Suffolk and were on their March to South Quay,
that they had destroyed Stores to great Value and it is conjectured that they
design to visit this State. There certainly is good Ground to induce your
most Efforts for the Removal of the Stores. I hope the Notice ~~the~~ you have
already had has had its Weight and that if they should go to the Head of Elk
they'll find little but Knocks. We are &c.
Col. Henry Hallingsworth.

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779.

N 177 Sir We have not Cartridge Boxes & Kettles or Pans. If we have an Opportunity
we shall send you Flint & Cartridge Paper. We cannot possibly spare
more Arms, the Number we have is very deficient for the Province
likely to be attacked. We are &c.

Col. Christopher Birkhead.