

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1779

Sir  
We have ordered three Boxes of Shot to be sent over to you & lodged at Hodges. Our Stock of Musquet Balls will not allow a further Supply of that Article. We have but a few Shift & Field Pieces here, fitted in any Manner for Use. We think you judge right in not filling your Cartridges till it appears necessary, we having lately received had no Intelligence which can be relied on; the last Report is, that the Enemy are fortifying at the Great Bridge, that their Force is about 3000. It is highly probable that the Disaffected in several Parts of the State, correspond with the Enemy; if there's good Ground to suspect any Individual being dangerous, we should, immediately on its being made out by Affidavits, exert the extraordinary Power lodged in us by the Legislature. We are &c.

M<sup>r</sup> Bondley Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sh. of Mont<sup>y</sup> County }

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Gen<sup>l</sup>  
496. Mr. John Lym of Montgomery County in this State being satisfactorily recommended to us for an Ensigny in the sixth Maryland Regiment; we request that he may be commissioned accordingly We are &c.

Board of War

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Sir  
497. We send you by Mr. John Lym 5000 £. to discharge your Contracts. The Quantity of Powder requested is made up or nearly so: pray send us an exact Account of your Purchase and have it manufactured and stored at George Town as soon as may be. A General Account is desired of us by the first of next Month; you'll please to stop purchasing. We are &c.

Maj<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Brooke  
Montg<sup>y</sup> County }

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Gen<sup>ls</sup>  
498. By the Resolution of Congress 10th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776, the Appointment of all Officers and filling up Vacancies (except General Officers) was left to the Government of the several States. 31st Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777, the Congress recommended to the Government of the several States to suspend filling up any Vacancies in their respective Regiments until they should hear farther from Congress on the Subject. We have not yet heard farther from Congress on the Subject though doubtless many Vacancies in the State Regiments have been filled up since the 31st December 1777. The Officers in the Maryland Line complain of a Want of Subaltern Officers and probably there may have been some Appointments in that Line without consulting us. Filling up Vacancies is a Work not the most agreeable to us, but we cannot, without the priety, give up that Part of the Civil Power of this State. You'll oblige us by letting us know whether there's any Resolution contrary to that of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1777. If it remains for Want of attending to it. In the few Instances that may be presented to us of young Gentlemen of Merit are recommended to us before we have had them we shall request the Board of War to commission them as we are obliged to do if they are wanted. We are &c.

Delegates in Congress.