

In Council Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> May 1779

502. Sir You will receive by your Brother's Order a Sum of Money which you do not draw the Money from the Treasury for the use of the Militia which you purchased before you received your Appointment from this Board and which Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris Esq<sup>r</sup> has agreed shall be restor'd to the Quantity to be supplied by this State, a further Sum shall, on Notice, be sent to enable you to satisfy your Engagements. We have this Day wrote to Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris either to discharge or keep the Militia together as he shall find them in the Spring. If the first is done, Signals must be agreed on, that Notice may be returned immediately, so that all those under Orders to hold themselves in Readiness, may proceed without Delay, to Baltimore. The Plow you have purchased must remain in the Places mentioned in your List, until you receive further Directions from us. It will be required from the 9<sup>th</sup> Months Men to make separate Depositions, with Respect to the Cloathing they have received from the State and, if they insist on the Cloathing, they must receive it here, as we have none any where else if they will receive Money in lieu of the Cloathing, it will be paid on the Depositions being produced.

We are &c

Richard Dallam Esq<sup>r</sup>

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503. Sir Our Stock of Arms is very small and, of Accoutrements much smaller. If the Enemy come up, this Place & Baltimore will certainly be principal Objects and as Balt<sup>a</sup> may better be defended than this Place, we have sent chief of what we had there. We are not able to furnish you with either of the Articles you want, if the Militia should be called out, use the Park in your & Mr Chaille's Stands, in that Event, any Plow & Bread which is convenient must be used & paid for. We have sent you the Money on your Order, but have not drawn any Sum to deposit in the Counties, if we do for any, we must for all on the Eastern Shore we should not be justified unless the Occasion was more pressing. We find you the Commissions you wrote for. If the Eastern Shore of Virginia should call on you for Assistance, we would by all Means have you give it, as far as your circumstances will allow, but we are afraid you can afford but little.

We are &c

Col<sup>o</sup> Joseph Dashiell.

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504. Sir We have come to a Resolution not to give, for some Time at least, Permission to any Body, to go within the Enemy's Lines. We have nothing late from Virginia, that can be depended upon.

We are &c

Bordley William Esq<sup>r</sup>

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505. Sir We inclose you the Power desired to Col<sup>o</sup> Seldon. If Mr Seldon is allowed to pass the Lines and come through the other States, without any thing to prohibit her coming into this State. Giving a special Permit where it is unnecessary, may induce an Opinion that it is necessary, and occasion much Trouble to ourselves and Individuals.

We are &c

J. D. Holliday. Esq<sup>r</sup>