

N^o 127. Money herewith sent will be expended in the most advantageous manner. The Loss of the Vessels and T'wen we deplore as well on Account of the Public as Individuals. The State Boats having sustained considerable Damage on their intended Voyage down the Bay, and from necessity carried to Baltimore for immediate Repair, every Vessel we could lay our Hands on are engaged to go down instantly to your Assistance, and we shall direct them to take your Directions in securing the Vessels and Cargoes. You will be pleased to satisfy the Charges out of the Money he carries
Colonel Samuel Smith.

In Council, 28th January, 1781.

128. Sir, It is not in our Power to send you any Money, there not being a Farthing in the Treasury of any Sort nor can we with Certainty say when it will be in our Power, however you may depend upon having it whenever our Treasury will afford it.
Richard Dallam Esq.

In Council, 29th January, 1781.

129. Sir, You will receive from Captain Berry one six Pound Cannon with Carriage, fifty Musquets and Accoutrements, one hundred Cannon Cartridges, one hundred round ^{five} Pound Shot, and thirty Pound Musquet Powder, for the use of the Militia of St. Mary's County. They are to be delivered to Richard Barnes Esq. or in his absence to the commanding Officer of the County to be applied in such manner as he may direct and think most necessary for the Protection of the Inhabitants.
Major Taylor.

In Council, 28th January, 1781.

130. Sir, By the present arrangement of the Army, the artillery Companies of this State are attached to the Virginia Regiment of Artillery, that Regiment having a complete Corps of Officers for ten Companies, there is a Probability of the Privates of the