

In Council, 2^d April, 1781.

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Sir, We lament that it is not in our power to supply you with any Money from the Treasury, and we have long since discontinued giving Bids on the Collectors, as soon as any Money comes into the Treasury, you may depend on being supplied.

W^m Thomas Donnellan

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Sir, We request you to furnish Capt. Tilden with the military Stores agreeable to the Order delivered to him for the Lieutenant of Kent County. We are much in want of Lead, if you possibly can purchase any in Baltimore at a reasonable Price, on the Credit of the State, we request you will do it.

Capt. Keports.

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Sir, We have received yours of the 31st ult. by Capt. Tilden. It gives us much Pleasure to observe that the Militia of Kent have manifested so laudible a Spirit in flying to Arms with Chearfulness and Alacrity, and we highly approve of the Steps you have taken to protect the Inhabitants and their Property from the Ravages of the Enemy, we shall most willingly render every Service within our Power, to enable you to oppose the Enemy with Effect, and agreeable to your request, we have delivered to Capt. Tilden two Pieces of Cannon one six pounder ~~the~~ and a four Pounder, one hundred Stand of Arms with Cartridges Boxes Bayonets &c^o compleat, ten Barrels of musquet Powder, one thousand Gun Flints, one and a half Reams of Cannon Cartridge Paper, three hundred iron pound Shot, two Barrels of damaged Powder. These Articles exceed the Quantity ordered by the General Assembly to the Eastern Shore, but in Consideration of your exposed Situation, we have thought it proper to furnish them; and have advised the Special Council of the Eastern Shore thereof, who have the Disposition of the military Stores allowed to that Shore, which it makes it necessary you should apply to that Board for their Directions, while the Communication between us is stopped by the Vapors of the Enemy.

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