

N^o 337. ^{that} as will be wanted for other Purposes; but you are to endeavour to procure from the Inhabitants what may be necessary; and if that Mode will not answer, you are hereby required and authorized to seize the Quantity necessary for the Supply of the Militia from those who can best spare it. For which you are to give full Receipts specifying the Kind and Quality so seized by you. As Frugality in the Expence here is absolutely necessary, you are to take the Quarter Masters Receipt for what you deliver him, and that to be added not to deliver more than the common Rate to each Man. The want of Provision at this Post requires us to order on what you have on Hand or immediately, which we desire may be done without Loss of Time.

John Smith Brooke Esq^r

In Council, 9th April, 1781.

338. Sir, We received yours by Mr. Turnbull, whenever you give us any Information respecting public Matters we wish you to be more explicit whether it is given from your own knowledge or from Report with the Particulars that we may be better enabled to judge what Conduct to pursue. We cannot spare the Number of Arms you request as it has been necessary to embody Part of the Militia of this County, and pressing Demands are made by the Lieutenant of St. Marys County, you may however depend on having at least one hundred and twenty from Mr. West. Mr. Turnbull will deliver you one hundred and fifty Stand with Accoutrements and one hundred and twenty spare Cartridge Boxes, seven hundred and fifty Stand of the Arms now sent with Accoutrements you are to have conveyed immediately to the Lieutenant of Charles County, what we have now sent you with what you will receive from Mr. West will be the full Proportion for your County of the public Arms.

Col Joshua Beall

In Council, 10th April, 1781.

339. Sir, You will deliver to John Allen Thomas Esq^r twenty five Musquets with Accoutrements compleat, two quarter Casks of Musquet Powder five hundred Gun Flints and two Quire Cartridge Paper for the Lieutenant of Charles County. We request you