

Sir,

In Council, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

356. We think the Certificate we gave you for Specie cannot be received for the one fifth of the Sum for the confiscated Property purchased by you, which by the Law is to be paid in Specie, because it was the Design of the Act to procure a Loan to get a Sum of Specie into the Treasury which is appropriated to particular Purposes. The retaining the Officers in Captivity, the purchasing, Fleeting for the Recruits &c. &c. and it is not in our Power to dispense with that Appropriation, and apply the Specie to other Purposes than which would be done by allowing your Certificate to be paid in Lieu of Specie as soon as those important Purposes of the Law are annexed, it will give us Pleasure to satisfy your Certificate.

Matthew Ridley Esq.

In Council, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

Gentlemen,

357. Yours of Yesterdays Date we have received, and lament it is not in our Power to supply the Militia with such Military Stores as are sufficient for their Defence, and necessary to prevent the Depredations of the Enemy. We had sent and ordered to be delivered to the Lieutenant of Prince Georges County one hundred and ninety three Stand of Arms with Accoutrements complete, which is a large Proportion of what we have, but on your Application and considering the Spirit and Zeal of the Militia of Prince Georges County, we have gone beyond what is the common Proportion and sent thirty Stand more with Accoutrements and fifty spare Cartridge Boxes. We approve of arming thirty of the Militia to act as Horsemen and think they render very great Services, but we have it not in our Power to furnish them with Swords.

John Rogers, Thomas Fontey Esq.  
Joseph Sims

In Council, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

Sir,

358. We have sent you by this Opportunity an additional Number of thirty Stand of Arms complete; we wish you to endeavour to raise about thirty more to serve in your County, as they will answer on Emergencies to alarm the County much better than Foot, and whenever we may be able to equip you them, we shall do it with Pleasure, but as present it is not in our Power.

Joshua Beall Esq.