

Sir, of Distress but will make use of their own and charge it to the Public. We have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Maryland for Five hundred Pounds. We request you to send to this Place immediately under a spirited and trusty Officer with a sufficient Guard the Prisoners mentioned in yours to Mr. Paro with such Evidence to be given in our Court as you may be able to obtain against them.

Richard Dallam Esq.

In Council, 14th April, 1781.

Sir,

371. You will herewith receive an Order on the Collector of Baltimore for three hundred and seventy five Pounds to enable you to purchase Lead to rectify the Carriages for the Work which ought to be strong for the Service required of them, and to employ Men to make up the Cartridges. We expect Mr. Furrow will deliver you a quantity of Cloth and Linen, the one half of the Cloth you will have made up in Baltimore, the other half with the Linen you will send to this Place, as this Business is of very great Importance we expect with your utmost Affiduity may be expected in completing it. We have wrote to Col. Dallam to apply to you for two kegs musquet Powder you will deliver them on his Order.

Capt. Keefe.

In Council, 16th April, 1781.

372. Sir,

You will send the Prisoners taken by the Militia immediately to this Place under a sufficient Guard.

Joshua Boal Esq.

In Council, 17th April, 1781.

373. Sir, We highly approve of the Spirit of the Inhabitants of Cecil County and their Attachment to the common Cause, and will most readily render them every Aid in our Power, we can furnish one eighteen Pound Cannon with Powder and Ball &c. but cannot at present engage any smaller Cannon or Scurvols, the small Cannon we have, are made use of for Field Pieces (and we have no Scurvols but what are on board the State Boats.

John P. Thompson Esq.