

nor in any Manner impaired; under that Impression we did not think  
 it was necessary that the Policy of deferring the Draft should be proposed  
 to you for Consideration, but it would have implied that your Concurrence  
 material to give Efficacy to our Resolutions. It gives us great Concern to  
 be impelled, by a Sense of our Duty to the State, and in regard to the  
 general Welfare of the State, to inform you, we disapprove of your  
 countermanding our Order on the Eastern Shore (Towson and directing  
 him to retain all Cottons in his Hands subject to your future  
 Orders. We are convinced you cannot upon Reflexion think it right  
 and correspondent to the Views and Designs of the Gen. Assembly  
 that all the Cottons levied, and a far greater Part of the Provisions  
 procured on the Eastern Shore for the Support of the Army should be  
 appropriated to the sole Purpose of defending one Part of the State;  
 because thereby the first and great Objects of the Assembly must be frustrated  
 the Quota of Cotton and Provision required by this State by Congress  
 cannot be supplied, <sup>our Officers and Soldiers in Captivity cannot be relieved</sup> nor can the Clothing for the Recruits be obtained  
 nor the Requisition of Genl. Green completed; should this Board  
 take the same Precautions for the Defence of the Western Shore and  
 similar Systems prevail in other States, and the Money and Specific  
 Supplies raised in Pursuance of the Requisition of Congress applied to  
 State Purposes, we leave to your Honors to suggest the Evils that  
 would result therefrom, we think there would be Reason to dread  
 the most alarming Consequences. We are at a Loss to account for  
 the Motives that induced you to desire to be informed whence the  
 Power of exporting Provisions arises, and how the Business is to be  
 conducted, as it cannot possibly be comprehended within the  
 Line of your Duty. We only proposed that the Stock which might  
 be in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, should be  
 removed to the Eastern Shore, and did not mean to impose the  
 Hardships & Difficulties on the People of removing them to this  
 Shore if convenient places of Security could be found on the Eastern Shore.  
 It is our Wish to be informed of the Nature of your Application to Congress  
 for Arms and Ammunition, the Terms upon which they were obtained  
 and <sup>how</sup> you propose to dispose of them; If they are to be accounted for  
 by the State, we think the Propositions ought to have been com-  
 municated to us, and the Application made by this Board  
 and the Arms and Ammunition obtained subject to our Distribution.