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ordered to march to such Place of Rendezvous as may be directed  
hereafter. You will have all the Arms that can be made fit for Service  
immediately collected and repaired.

Joseph Wilkinson Esq.

In Council, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.

502. Sir, As the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are making a rapid  
Progress thro' the State of Virginia, and in all Probability may  
make a push for Baltimore Town, it is absolutely necessary that we  
should be as well prepared as possible to receive them on their  
invasion of this State, we therefore direct you to have the Arms  
immediately repaired and put into good Order, and to have as  
many Cartridges made as you possibly can, for which Purposes  
you will hire as many Hands as you may deem necessary to complete  
this Business with the utmost Expedition.

Capt. Keports.

In Council, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.

503. Sir, We have the Honor to transmit you a Resolution of the genl  
Assembly of this Day respecting the removal of the British Prisoners  
from this State to the Northward, in consequence of which,  
we have this Day wrote Colo Wood to march them immediately into  
the State of Pennsylvania, and referred him to your Honble Board  
for further Orders. The general Assembly were induced to take this  
Step from the rapid Movements of the Enemy under Cornwallis  
in Virginia, who by the latest Intelligence had reached Page's  
Warehouses and was expected in a short Time at Alexandria,  
from whence to Fort Mifflin is not more than 40 Miles, where  
there is but a small Guard of Militia and the Prisoners  
President of the Board of War.

In Council, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.

Sir, This Board being informed of the Behaviour of a Person who passed thro'  
this City Yesterday gave evident Testimony of his being of a very suspicious  
Character, and as we understand you are acquainted with his Person