

In Council, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1781.

546. Sir, Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant we have received and are pleased with your Prospects of procuring Cloathing, to enable the Detachment at this Place to march, it will be necessary to furnish them with about one hundred Suits and as many Tin or sheet Iron camp ~~fire~~ Kettles, which we request you will either purchase or immediately procure under the Power invested in you under the Law which was enclosed in our Last. The Lead you have ordered from Philadelphia will be very acceptable. We shall consider the Propriety of shipping in Future Tobacco to France, but at present we have such immediate Demands for Supplies for the Army, and we apprehend it will be necessary to apply all our Tobacco to those Purposes. We shall forward you the one hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco, whenever we have it in the warehouses you mention. If you have not already made Contracts for Arms you will suspend that Business until you receive our further Directions therein.

Col. Samuel Smith.

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

547. Sir, We are informed that Mr. William Bowie at upper Marlboro and Mr. Fielder Bowie at Nottingham have a Number of Tin Kettles fit for Camp, as they are much wanted to enable the Detachment at this Place to march, we request you will immediately procure such as will hold at least two Gallons and have them forwarded to this Place with the utmost Dispatch.

Mr. William Flaget.

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

548. Sir, We have received your Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> by Col. Lykes. The uncertainty of the Movements of the Enemy at present keeps us in Doubt of the Propriety of discharging the Militia, but it is very probable that in twenty four Hours certain Intelligence may arrive that will determine the Operations of the Militia and you shall have immediate Notice. We cannot send you any more Arms at present but will add a little Cartridge Paper if you cannot by means of the Purchaser Mr. Flaget procure enough with your County. You will see the Law allowing the Militia Nations who