

In Council Annapolis April 11

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We have received your letter of the sixteenth instant. There are neither Pistols nor Swords in the Armory. We will endeavour in some way to send you three for your field piece. We have at the request of several Officers of Kent County forwarded a considerable number of Muskets with Cartridges and foforth. In addition to these a few might be had from Easton. It is hoped that a proper distribution of the arms sent will be made so as to furnish each part of the County, exposed to depredation with the means of repelling any attack.

It would be difficult to forward to you any ammunition unless it can be had at Easton. We shall give an order for that purpose, and in case the supply there will not warrant a compliance with it, some careful and judicious person, must be appointed to purchase ammunition as well as provisions for the Militia when called into actual service. Of the Expenditures correct Accounts with the necessary Vouchers must be kept and every precaution used to prevent any waste.

Orders have lately been given for two hundred Stand of Arms for the use of the Militia of Queen Annes County. We have called a meeting of the Legislature on the third Monday of May when no doubt every provision will be made for the Militia when in service.

The supply of ammunition at Easton being so small, we have concluded not to order any from that place.

In haste. We are with Respect
Your Obedient Servant

Benjamin Chambers

In Council Annapolis April 16

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I have your letter informing me of the circumstances under which you had called out the Cavalry under your command.

For the kind of warfare now carried on by the Enemy Cavalry can be of little service, except for the speedy communication of intelligence. I presume therefore that you will think with me, that it cannot be necessary to call many of them at one time into service. By adverting to the clause in the Militia Law under which the Militia are to be called out to resist invasions and foforth you will observe