

In the several Counties ~~where~~ ⁱⁿ misused spoils and lost so that the
greatest part thereof are rusted and consumed or rendered altogether
useless — We cannot advise his Excellency to send to the several
Counties, any more than what may be thought necessarily requisite
for a competent Supplement.

But that pursuant to her Majesty's Royall Instructions a
place of Arms or publick Magazine of Arms and Ammunition be
kept at the Town and Port of Annapolis where the Arms and
Ammunition may be well preserved, and on all occasions be dis-
tributed and applied as his Excellency shall see fit; and this
being the Seat of Government where her Majesty's Gov. resides
and the Courts of Justice are kept and Records Lodged, It will be
highly necessary the House would Consult some Measures for the
safety of the said Magazine here at this Town and Port — and
in order thereto since we cannot think the publick Armes well
Secured in the Place where at present Lodged — Therefore it is pro-
posed (if the House are willing) the said Arms may be Lodged in some of
the Square rooms of the Court house where they will be farre more
Secured from fire and preserv'd from the Dampness of the air
which occasions them to rust, and that a select Number of
Arms belonging to Ann Arundell County be hung up in the Court
House and fixed by Iron Bars and padlockes that they may not
be handled or taken downe, unless by those who have Authority
soe to doe. — Signed & order W. Bladen C. C.

To which foregoing Message by Coll. Hammond Sr. being again
Read It is Resolved to be answered as follow viz. —

By the House of Delegates April 5th 1707 —

In answer to the Message wherein it is proposed that a Room in
the Court House be Order'd for the reception of the publick Armes
this House do Approve thereof, and that the Room Appointed for
the Petit Juris be sett apart for that purpose, but as to the Armes
Applied to the particular use of Ann Arundell County, being laid
in the Court Rooms the House think that will not be convenient
but that the said Armes may be putt into the Rooms where the
publick Armes are appointed to be kept, if his Excellency doe
Approve thereof. — And as to the security of Ammunition

this House do pray a Conference with her Majesty's Council
in order to settle that Matter. — Signed & order

Wayland C. C. D. —