

They know every thing which is transacted here and to the Northward. The flag brought a letter to the Governor from Capt Squires Commander of the Otter desiring provisions for his sloop and that a tender might be permitted to take unmolested a New England sloop loaded with bread and flour which we had sent up before. The Governor read this letter before us. We refused a supply of provisions and took no notice of that part of his letter which related to the New England vessel thinking it rather insolent, but ordered a guard of about 50 men to be immediately put over her. We received two other flags in the morning, one of them for our answer and the other with prisoners who say they were treated with the greatest humanity and tenderness. The Otter and her tender with some private vessels sailed down the bay yesterday, but we expect they will return again soon reinforced, as from what we can collect they are bent upon taking or destroying the defence. 5762 lbs of our powder is arrived in Potowmack and safe landed at Bladensburg. I will have a full state of facts relative to our late interesting situation by the next post - this we give you in a hurry.

And are &c

The Deputies of Maryland
in Congress. Philadelphia.

Gent.

We have impatiently expected information from your town of the arrival of the Gun Powder and Arms from Philadelphia and having no regular intelligence from you, do not know they are safe although we hear they are arrived. We request if they are, you will secure the powder in the best manner and immediately send down the arms in wagons with what cartouch boxes, belts and gun slings can be spared, under a guard to this City.

To Balt. Committee.

Gent.

March 12. 1776.

We have received your favor of the 28th February communicating the agreeable information that our Letter of the 14th had given much satisfaction to you and your respective companies and also that you had arrived at your stations after a long and march in good health and spirits and am sorry it is not in our power to make provision for those gentlemen who at your request attended you in the character of Physicians; however we assure you we will represent the matter to the next Convention and do not doubt they will take it into consideration and compensate them for their trouble and the services they may render. We will supply you by the first opportunity with what money we apprehend may be sufficient to defray the expenses of your march up and furnish you with the Antiental regulations relative to wages and regulations as soon as we can procure them.

The assurances you gave us that you will endeavour to render all the satisfaction you can to the inhabitants of Northampton County are very agreeable as we are fully assured you will act correspondently to your profession which will redound much to the honor of your province and reflect deserved esteem in our eyes.

And are &c

To Capt. Henry and Kent

Gentlemen.