

To Charles Carroll, Bar^r

We are with respect
Yr Mo: obed: Servt

But Our regular troops are not yet provided with arms but ought to be, in a very short time if we could have a supply of gun locks from you. We therefore desire to be informed in what forwardness you have got your manufactory and when you expect to furnish us with some.

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To Jas Hanson & others

Sir. The Council of Safety desire you will immediately examine into the quality of the powder now under your charge and give them a particular account of the quantities of Cannon and fuses -

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To Colo Jos: Beall.

Genl. You are requested to furnish Capt Deau with as much ammunition and flints as will be necessary for his company, while it continues upon Kent Island out of the powder, lead and flints delivered to you by the Council of Safety.

To Capt: Barnes & Elliott.

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March 3rd 1776.

Gentlemen, When we requested your Committee to furnish Calvert with one barrel of Powder, he had not any friend so convenient, or yet so well supplied as that in Charles. Your intention of complying with the order at a time when you apprehended it could not be well spared is in confirmation of all your other actions, hitherto manifested in promoting the general welfare. We have wrote to Colo Joshua Beall to inform us how much musquet powder is at Bladensburg, so soon as we are informed thereof a due proportion shall be sent to Charles County. One Ton of Bullets from Frederick ~~is at Bladensburg~~ we expect by this time is with you, part of which you will spare to St Marys and Calvert, should those Counties be in want. Post Tobacco is the place appointed for part of Capt Beall's Company to be stationed at and we request that you will assist him in providing proper houses and firewood for his men, as well as supplying them with provisions and other necessaries till they are furnished by the Contractor, which we imagine will be in a few days.

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To Charles Co-Committee

Sir. The honorable Congress have not thought proper to communicate their intention of sending out the Militias of this State to our board in any other manner than verbally by Colo Ensign; which we intimated in our first letter. Since then we have received a copy of their requisition transmitted to the Committee from one of our Delegates in Congress, so that we have always had doubts how far it would be proper for us to interfere. The Militias being to march under the requisitions of Congress addressed to the several Committees of Observation, your Commission gives you the right to command and we are desirous you should take the command of the whole Militia from this State in case you determine to go under the requisition of Congress - We cannot be more explicit. Your going or not we leave to your own discretion. The arms and stores belonging to this State furnished the Flying Camp were stored in Philadelphia or that neighborhood by the board of War, acting, we presume, under the authority of Congress. A copy of their order we need not disclose. We know not whether the General Assembly

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