

there is some variation in the article of powder, a deficiency of two chests or packages of arms - and a very large deficiency in the bolts or pieces of Ducks, you say 28, only one received, there ought to have been 23 bales containing each 4 pieces or Bolts, in all 92 bolts. We request you would exert yourselves in getting our cargo according to Invoice and Bill of Lading. Col<sup>l</sup> Hood is down loading the vessel, he on application will assist you and Capt<sup>m</sup> Martin himself ought to be applied to, we depend on your diligence and activity and are with respect and esteem.

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of the Committee of observation  
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Yr. most obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>ts</sup>

Gentlemen. It is impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the execution of every part of the inclosed resolves and therefore must request the favor of you, tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of trouble, to assist us, as far as the nature of the subject, and your situation will admit of, to comply with them, particularly in borrowing firelocks from such of the militia as will lend on the public faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received or in case of loss, the value thereof: in having them valued and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of blankets for the troops directed to be raised in D. A. and if practicable more, to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other Counties. We think it best that the defective arms for companies to be raised with you for the Flying Camp, should be repaired and fitted in your County if possible. We have not exceeded 4.5.0. for a musket with a steel ram rod and Bayonet but upon this occasion would have you go as high as 4.10.0. guns which you may purchase without either ought not to cost so much, that the necessary repairs and providing ram rods and bayonets will carry them above 4.5.0. unless they are very good, in which case we will also allow 4.10.0. as Mr. Hurter of Chester Town, who is the only person we know of on the Eastern Shore capable of undertaking it for the whole Battalion to be raised there, is already engaged <sup>in</sup> them making arms for the Province, and we should be sorry to take him from that business unless, thro' absolute necessity, and therefore request you will exert yourselves in your endeavors to have them done without applying to him, if however you cannot accomplish it, you will be pleased to send them up to him for that purpose as fast as you collect them taking his receipts for such as you may deliver. We desire to know how many arms you have in your possession belonging