

August 12th 1776

Gentlemen, Your Favours of the 9th 21st & 25th of July and August 1st & 15th are before us. It has been unluckily for this State, as well as for you that so many of our outward Bound vessels have miscarried. It has been tolerably lucky, in so imperatious having only lost the adventures by Scott & Finneton that we as yet Lead of. Capt. Luce is safe & kind in England, and we daily expect to hear of the arrival of the rest of the powder, you advise us that you have and are about to ship, We are very solicitous to charter or bring vessels to load out to your address as we want a large sum of money in your hands for the purchase of salt, arms, coarse clothes, blacketts & Leads but we fear that we shall be disappointed in procuring as many as we want, you will therefore if possible charter a big vessel will you and load them in with salt as far as thirty thousand bushels and draw Bills upon us or upon Messrs. Willing Morris and Company, at Phil^a and you may depend upon their being duly honoured, next to salt we want a large quantity of coarse & coarse Blankets - Sail Duck, light as well as new lead and musquets. We do not restrict in price, but leave it to you to do the best you can for the State of Maryland - and your Bills for the whole or any part thereof will be paid.

To Mather & Hanson;

P.S. Your Bill on T. Johnson Esq^r will be duly honoured;Sept^r 16th 1776;

Sirs, your letter of the 26th ult. with the money and account enclosed we have received, and are obliged to you for your care & trouble in liquidating them.

To Robt^t Alexander Esq^r.

We are Sirs

Sirs,

We have given Frederick Teems a warrant for Enlisting a Company of volunteers in Baltimore County - we take it for granted from what you say, that he has been recommended by the Field officers, altho no regular recommendation has been returned - it will be proper to return the recommendation and we will send warrants for the other officers - the County money and one months pay being advanced the Soldiers are expected to find themselves all necessaries except arms - this is the construction we put on the Resolution of consention about raising the two last Battalions; arms are to be got as you will see by borrowing or impressing, on receiving the apprentices, we shall pay for what may be necessary for two Companies of all the County.

We are with respect

Yor^t most ob^t Serv^tColo^l Wm^m Buchanan,18th Sept^r 1776Mary^d Int^l Exp^t Sept^r 12th 1776.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for 2000 lbs of Tobacco, 200 Barr^{ls} Superfine flour, and 100 Bush^{ls} of Bread on acc^t of this which we wish may get safe to hand, and to good market, you will be

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