

N. 117. To Thomas Smyth Esq^r

Sir We are sorry any Unnecessary should prevail among
the Independent Captains on the Eastern Shore, from a
Supposition they have not equally the Attention of the
Council of Safety, with those on this Side the Bay. We
aim at doing what is right, and wish to avoid every
Appearance of Partiality, the Companies here are as
unhappily circumstanced, both as to Arms & Cloathing,
as they are with you. We were disappointed in
having as many Guns at Baltimore, as we expected, and
as there were a good many on Hand in Annapolis,
and we had had a Probability of receiving sixty
or eighty more from Fred^k within a few Days, we thought
it most advisable to wait a little while for them, that
you might be furnished at once, with at least as many
as we had in View to send, when you were with us - the
Hats, Blankets & Lead did not get down until three
or four Days ago, and we were obliged to send a second
Messenger to Baltimore, before we could learn the
(Quantity)