

advanced you \$1800 toward purchasing a Cargo of Silks for her, we have not since then heard from you on that subject, nor doth it appear to us that you have done any thing therein, we therefore request you would acquaint us by the return of Capt Fullford what you have done in this matter and oblige your  
 To Capt & Woolsey.  
 Gent

Mrs. West Gent.

7<sup>th</sup> May 1776.

The quantities of salvage on Mr Hudson's ship depends in Congress on the length of time she was in possession of the Tender in Patuxent River & we request, as it will occasion a great deal of trouble and expence to bring witnesses for the purpose before our Board, that you will immediately take and transmit to us the affidavits of such persons as are best acquainted with the times of the Capture and recapture that we may communicate them to our Deputies.

To Committee of Balt<sup>o</sup> County.

Capt James Hindman.

Sir. We received your letters and are sorry to hear you do not approve of the muskets sent you from Chester; they were taken from Capt Nathl Smith's Company of Matropes at Baltimore but a few days before and Mr J Smith says they appeared all to be in good order except a few. They have been in constant use for some time and are of the best sort belonging to the Province altho not new. Whatever repairs are wanting for them we desire you will have done as soon as possible we would have you purchase the muskets you mention at 75/ each and are glad to hear you can get cloth to cloath your men. We desire it may be made up as soon as it can be done. The price you are asked for horses at Oxford for Barracks is most extravagant and much higher than from the information we have received ought to be given and we would request you would endeavour to procure them or others at a lower rate. We desire you would purchase as many Tom pots and Kettles as necessary for your Company and we apprehend we had. Camp Kettles are an article that cannot be procured in this Province. We have provided you some pots which we conceive as you are now and may for some time remain at your barracks will well answer every purpose you have occasion for at present. Plates we shall have ready for you next week and will send by the first opportunity and we have inclosed to you two orders on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore one for 166 your subsistence money to the third of May and 250 for the purchase of Cloth and the purposes you have mentioned, and for which you will hereafter render an account.

To Capt Hindman

We are Yr Mos. obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sir.

Twenty six prisoners are expected from North Carolina to pass through this Province to Pennsylvania, they are to be guarded through Prince Georges County to Queen Anne by the Militia of that County, and are expected to arrive there some time to morrow or on Wednesday. We request you would send a Detachment of thirty of the Regular Troops commanded by a proper officer to receive said prisoners at Queen Anne and convey them to Baltimore, Penn<sup>a</sup>,  
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