

Knapsacks with haversacks, priming wires and brushes, but if you can recommend to us any who will engage to supply the public with either of those articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel ramrods we presume you will be able to get made, but are doubtful as to bayonets, however if you can provide them also we would have you do it. Mr. Benson will deliver you this and we request you will lay it out in the purchase of arms and blankets. we have not hitherto exceeded 4.5.0, for a musket with a steel ramrod & 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 ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above 4.5.0 unless they are very good in which case we will allow 4.10.0.

Circular.

Sir. This is to advise you that we are ordering some ammunition to St. Mary's County; you are therefore desired to prepare a waggon with all expedition to be ready to receive it as soon as the cart sent from hence may arrive with you which we think will be this evening or tomorrow morning to forward it under a guard of eight men and an officer to Leonard Town in said County. we trust you will use all diligence and give the greatest dispatch to this necessary business.

In Council of Safety

17th July 1776.

To Capt. David Crawford

Upper Marlboro

Sir. We received a letter from Col. Jordan last night advising that some of Dunmore's party had landed on St. Georges and that the boats were gone off to the vessels it was imagined for more as the further orders which we may give must depend in a great measure on their numbers, situation and movements of your enemy. we request you will communicate to us by the return of the express all the information you can collect relative to these and be very particular therein. we have countermanded the orders given Captains Thomas & Hindman to march to Philadelphia and expect them here today or tomorrow upon receiving intelligence from you, we shall be able to form an opinion whether it will be necessary they should be ordered to your assistance. Powder, lead and flints are sent off this morning to Leonard Town and we hope will arrive there tomorrow night or on Friday morning. we approve of the Committee's detaining Capt. Forest's company and think it would be best if the militia will part with their guns that that company should be armed with them immediately be subject to your orders.

Brigadier General Dent.

Gentlemen.

In Council of Safety, Annapolis June 27th 1776

Twenty two barrels of Sulphur, Sixty barrels of gunpowder, fourteen (muskets)