

Houston an Order on Capt: Tibbets for 2000: Powder and  
all the small Arms with the Accoutrements thereto,  
belonging, that have been imported for this Province  
in the Brig Wata-Dick, which we desire you will  
have complied with, and any Assistance Mr. Houston  
may want, you'll please to give him, - in a few Days  
you will have our full Directions respecting the  
the Goods imported for the Province in the said  
Brig - in the mean Time we would have you purchase  
for Acct: of the Province, all the private Advancements  
of Powder imported in the said Vessel at such Prices,  
as our Delegates in Congress may advise, whom we  
desire you will consult thereon, and send the same  
to Baltimore Town in the safest and most expeditious  
Manner you can. We are &c

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1776.

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N<sup>o</sup> 59. - To Capt: James Nicholson Commander of the Ship  
Defence.

For the spirited and prudent Conduct, which you  
(manifested)