

the Militia, on this Side of the Bay, and we fear it
will be difficult to collect the greatest Part of it
again, and that too much of what may remain
with the People will be lost to the Publick. - We
recommend it to you therefore to deliver to the Captains
on the Water-side, as much as you may conceive will
be sufficient (taking their Receipts) with Orders
not to distribute it among the respective Companies,
unless there is a great Necessity, and to keep the Powder
in some convenient Part of your County, where upon
any Emergency, the other Companies may be
readily supplied. - We have given Capt. Woolford
an Order on Capt. Robson for the Provincial
Arms, which we received from the Committee of
Observation of Kent. County if we hope soon to be
able to completely arm his and the other inde-
pendent Companies stationed on your Shores.

We are,

25th March 1776.
