

the Service might require, and as to forgetting any hostile
Attacks, which may be made by Tenders, we do not
think that Boats would be sufficient for the
Purpose, as Nothing less than an eight or ten Gun
Vessel would offer to run up our Rivers to commit
Depredations - these and other Reasons will not justify
us in purchasing her for the Service suggested.

23rd March 1776.

Wm. J.

78 To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.
Gent^l Two Ton of Powder, or near that Quantity, we
believe have been lately received at Baltimore from
Philadelphia, one Ton of which Mr. Alexander wrote us,
was intended for Virginia, but given up by their Deputies
on Occasion of the late Alarm - we wish to be informed
whether we are indebted to Virginia, or to Congress
for the last Ton, if to Virginia, we can easily settle
the Account, because we have already sent them 12
Barrels - 2 for the lower Counties - 10 for their Stores
of War at Alexandria - Muskets by Captain

(Tibbitt)