

of the 15th Instant of Mr. Houston, we took the Subject
thereof into our Consideration, and resolved to send Houston
to Philadelphia, with Orders for all the Powder and
Arms imported in the Wm. Duck, Capt. Tibbets to be
sent to Chester, to your Care for the Use of the Eastern
Shore.

We are much pleased with the commendable
Spirit, which the Militia of your County manifested
on the late Alarm, but are concerned to hear they are
so ill provided with Arms.

The Council think it ^{un}necessary to order
the Minute-Companies up from Virginia, as they will
soon return from their Station.

We are much
obliged to you for the Assistance you have given
Capt. Neasey in accommodating his Company and
wish you to continue your good Offices to him, as
we expected our Commissary would have furnished
Capt. Neasey's Company with their Rations of
Provision before the Date of your Letter, since then
he has informed us, he would immediately send a
sufficient Quantity of Provisions to Chester for
the Company.

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