

advisable to wait a little while for them, that you might be furnished at once with at least as many as we had in View to send when you were with us. The Hatts, Blankets & lead did not get down until three or four Days ago, and we were obliged to send a second Messenger to Baltimore before we could learn the quantity of Muskett-Powder they had there. those matters prevented our supplying you so early as we were anxious to do. c. s. c.

We have sent you from hence by M^r Waters's Boat 94 Musketts 21 Rifles with Bullet-Moulds, Pouches and Horns, 510 hatts, 3 p^s Oznabrigs, 1500 Gun Flints, 20 Muskett Bullet Moulds, 40 Blankets, 2½ Reams of Cartridge Paper, 50 p^s Check, 15 p^s of Russia Linen, & 45 p^s of Cruger, and have ordered Major Gist to send from Baltimore 1 Ton of Muskett Gun Powder, 4 Ton of Lead, 454 Cartridge Boxes & Belts, 454 Bayonet-Belts, 300 Gun Slings, and also 60 of the Musquetts and Accoutrements now in the possession of Captⁿ Nathaniel Smith's Company. The Oznabrigs is for Captⁿ Veazey's Company, the Blanketts for the others, & the Arms &^c with 40 Musketts and Accoutrements and 20 Rifles, which we have purchased from M^r Thomas Ringgold with those you have bought, and also the Linen are to be equally distributed—to avoid all Complaints, if you have Leisure, we request you will parcel out the Arms for each Company. Cecil County is already sufficiently supplied with Powder and Lead. The gentlemen from below say the Addition of one Barrel will not be enough, we therefore would have you send them each another, and to keep up an Equality which may prevent Uneasiness we desire you will also add one to each of the other Counties except Caroline. We desire you will contract for the other Rifles, but think the Shoes too dear.

If M^r Hands can come over with you the last of next Week it will be a great Relief to us. M^r Carroll is fearful of a Fit of the Gout, M^r Tilghman anxious to get to the Eastern Shore and the rest of us are much fatigued.

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[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

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There is not an Ell of light Duck in this city or we should have bought some agreeable to your request. We advised with persons here who understand what articles are fit for Tents and they inform us that the Cruger sent by M^r Bowley from hence is very proper for that purpose. We wish to know if you have received the Cruger and other linens imported in the Wild Dick: We directed them to be lodged at Baltimore