

Knapsacks with Haversacks, Priming wires & Brushes, Camp c. s. c. kettles and Canteens or Wooden Bottles, but if you can recommend to us any who can and will engage to supply the Militia, with either of these Articles we shall be obliged to you. Steel Ramrods we presume you can get made, but not Bayonets, and therefore we have wrote M^r Hollingsworth of Cecil County immediately to procure a number, a sufficient quantity of which we will endeavour to supply you with as soon as possible, upon being informed you can have the Arms repaired and fitted. No period can furnish a greater necessity for your warmest efforts, and we trust you will not leave any thing unessayed upon the present occasion.

We will send you by the first opportunity some Cash to buy Guns, and Blankets with, which we request you will lay out accordingly.

We have not exceeded four pounds five Shillings for a Musquet with a Steel Ramrod and Bayonet, but upon this occasion would have you go as high as four pounds ten Shillings, Guns which you may purchase without either, ought not to cost so much that the necessary repairs and providing Ramrods and Bayonets will carry them above four pounds five Shillings, unless they are very good, in which case we will also allow four pounds ten Shillings

N. B. There is a person on Kent Island who has repaired many Guns for the Militia, these particularly in the Locks, and we are informed is well qualified for the Business.

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[Council to Committees of Western Shore.]

No. 46.

To the Committees of Western Shore (respectively)

Gentlemen. It will be impossible for us to attend so particularly as we could wish to the execution of every part of the enclosed resolves and therefore must request the favor of you, (tho' we are conscious it will give you a good deal of Trouble) to assist us as far as the nature of the Subject and your situation will admit of to comply with them, particularly in borrowing Firelocks from such of the Militia as will lend on the Public faith that the same shall be returned in the like good order as received, or in case of Loss the Value thereof—in having them valued and also in collecting a sufficient quantity of Blankets for the Troops directed to be raised in your County for the Flying Camp, and if practicable more to make up the deficiency which we are apprehensive there will be in some other Counties.

We wish the defective arms which may be collecting in your County for the Flying Camp should be repaired and