

c. c. mand our Militia and we thought ourselves happy in requesting you to march as County Lieutenant; but the Congress having desired another Gen^t to take the Command, we think it right to apprize you of it, to prevent any farther Disappointment or unnecessary Trouble on that Head. We have the Pleasure to inform you, all Accounts agree Gen^l Washington's Army is strong and in good Spirits and that the Pennsylvania Militia turns out bravely. We are &^{ca}
Col^o Ware, S.

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[Council to W. Paca.]

In Council Baltimore 1st Sept^r 1777.

Sir.

We are a good deal uneasy at the Difficulties we are likely to be in about the Command of the Militia, not knowing, or imagining that Congress or General Washington would have done any Thing about the immediate Command of our Militia; we requested Col^o Ware to take the Command of the Western Shore Militia and expected that Col^o Richardson on his Removal would of Course command those of the Eastern Shore. We certainly cannot impower Gen^l Cadwalader to command, but shall be very glad that the Matter may be settled between General Cadwalader, Col^o Gist & Col^o Richardson to Satisfaction. We are endeavouring to get a proper Boat in which to send you 12 Barrels Musquet Powder 2 Tons of Lead 50 Tents 20 Flints 2 Reams musquet Cartridge Paper & 200 3^{lb} Shott. We have not got Camp Kettles nor so many Cartridge Boxes as will be immediately wanted here. Some of the Powder, Lead and Flints we suppose may be spared for the lower Counties which want we shall endeavour also to send you a Medicine Chest. We have stopped the Vessels here, nor shall suffer any to go out unless under very particular Circumstances 'till some Alteration in our Affairs; nor would we have those at Chester permitted to Sail, but we do not think it prudent to lay an Embargo by Proclamation, because if we do, the Assembly must be called without any Expectation of its meeting, which would but add to our present Difficulties, many of the Gentlemen of the Assembly being in the marching Militia and their leaving the Militia to attend in Assembly would likely create Discontent and Confusion. Many Things, we are apprehensive, must be done, in our unprepared State, which are not strictly justifiable and for which we must rely on the Candour & Equity of the Legislature. From the Accounts we have, Gen^l Washington's Army is healthy and in high Spirits and well supported by the Pennsylvania Militia; the Army & Militia are both spoke of as numerous. We are &^{ca}
W^m Paca Esq^r