

- C. C. what you can, without obstructing the Continental Purchasers and, if you have an Opportunity, engage for any Quantity beyond what this Money will buy, it will be wanted for the State or Continent. You mentioned, when in Town, your Inclination to buy the Dolphin, but the Assembly did not leave us any Power to sell either of the Boats. We are &^{ca}
 Nathan^l Potter Esq^r

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[Council to Col. Birckhead.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb^{ry} 1778.

Sir

We send you by M^r Gibson's Boat, to be lodged at M^r Baker's, 150 of the Arms lately imported, for the Use of your County, agreeable to a Resolution of the Assembly. We have not the Cartridges made, and therefore cannot now send them but are in Hopes that, if it should be necessary to use the Arms, the Deficiency of Cartridges may be supplied with naked Bullets or, perhaps better, with mould shot, especially as the People are not used to load with Cartridge. There is no particular Order, as to the Disposition of the Arms, but, if you judge as we do, you will distribute them in the Hands of the Captains who you expect will take the best Care of them.

We are &^{ca}

P. S. We understand that there are only about 12 Barrels of Powder in your Magazine ; it cannot be worth while to keep a Guard over so small a Quantity and it is too much to have in one Place, without. We therefore wish you to take the Powder and put it into the Hands of the Militia Officers with the Arms, not breaking the Barrels.

Col^o Burkhead.

Original.

[Washington to Johnson.]

Valley forge Feb^y the 19th 1778

Sir.

For reasons that will be obvious to you, it is thought the publication of the inclosed address may answer valuable ends ; and I beg leave to submit to you, whether it may not serve to increase its effect, if it were ushered into the Papers of your State with a recommendatory line from yourself. If you should suppose there will be any impropriety in this, you will be pleased notwithstanding to commit the address itself to the Printer.

I have the Honor to be
with great respect

Sir

Your most Obed^t Servant
G^o Washington