

Balt^o he was induced to apply to the Governor for 10 Pieces c. c. of Cannon for that Purpose &^{ca}," if the Cannon can be spared, please to let me know the Terms on Behalf of the State & upon the Receipt of your Answer, I shall return to Congress and repeat the same." We wrote him 11th Feb^y that we had six 4 Pound^{rs} which belonged to the Defence, we believed very good & their Carriages compleat, that the Congress might have them with their Carriages for the Price such would sell for at Balt^o of which we presumed, he might be, easily ascertained; that we had no other 4 Pounders that we could spare with Convenience, that we had some Guns made at Dorsey's Works for fours, but they carried a Shot of 5^{lb} and upwards, perhaps we could make out the Number with them, if we can, the Congress may have four of them, but that it was likely they were too heavy for the Purpose. Cap^t Read afterwards passed us this Receipt Received of the State of Maryland for the Use of the Baltimore Packet belonging to Congress, two short three Pounders and four long three pounders with their Carriages, which were sent to Baltimore by the Governor and Council and also four short three Pounders Ap^t 1st 78." Tho^s Read. The six three Pounders with their Carriages first mentioned in the Rec^t had been sent to Balt^o in Consequence of a Letter from the Marine Committee, dated York Town 4th March 78, in which the Committee agreed to the Terms proposed in our Letter to M^r Lewis of the 11th Feb^y preceeding; so that we had no Idea of our having any Thing further to do with the Guns. We received a Letter from Mess^{rs} Morris, Nesbit & Co, concerning nine of these Guns, an Extract of which is enclosed, to us 31st Aug^t last by the Marine Committee, these Letters may easily be recurred to & the Title to them must depend on the Contract between the Committee & those Gentlemen, for we have no Claim to them, they belonged to the Congress

We are &^{ca}

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 9th October 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday
Commission issued to Edward Cockey appointed Sheriff of
Baltimore County

Monday 11 October 1779

Present as on Saturday
Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant