

c. c. far as Old Town or Barretts, where they may be put into the Hands of those who are called into service? We are told there's a pretty good Stock of Lead at Fort Cumberland; both Powder and Lead were sent some Time ago into that Part of the Country and we hope it has been taken Care of. We also write to Col^o Beatty to furnish you with more Ammunition and what Arms he can, if you judge a further Supply necessary, & apply for it. The Militia to the Westward we hope may be sufficient, if not, you are to assist them with a Company or two from below, and give us Notice by Express, that we may send Assistance from the Counties below you. You will give orders to Col^o Barret conformable to the inclosed Order and we flatter ourselves that the People will exert themselves with Alacrity, as the Necessity of exerting themselves at all will probably be of but short continuance. We have given the Express 20 Dollars towards bearing his Expences, of which advise Col^o Barrett. We imagine an issuing Commissary & Forage Master can be wanted but a very little while at Hagar's Town; we suppose it must be for the Continental Business, if so, we think you had better employ some Body for the Time such may be wanted, advising the Board of War of it. The Recruits we wish to have sent forward as soon as possible.

We are &^{ca}

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[Council to Col. Barrett.]

In Council 16th May 1778.

Sir,

We inclose you a Copy of the Order we have passed in Consequence of your Information of the State of the back Country. We much approve your Resolution to spirit up the People to Fort rather than desert the Country. We have ordered 100 good Musquets & 10 Rifles from hence and two half Barrels of Powder from Frederick Town and, if more should be wanted or Arms or Lead, that such be supplied as far as may be from Frederick Town. Col^o Hughes has also Directions, if necessary, to send you a Part of the Militia from below and, if more still should be wanted, we shall march them, for if the People behave well in defending themselves, they may expect a Powerful and chearful Assistance. Simkins says he thinks there's Danger of the Deserters and Disaffected taking the Arms and Powder, if sent up for Old Town, without a Guard. We have therefore thought it best a Company or two should receive them about the Tennolo-