Sir

Balt Town may 10th 1779

Recd. yours of the 10th Inst. and have agreable to your direction given Orders for the Militia to hold themselves in readiness to March at a Short notice when Cald upon. I have this minute examined the Magazine and am much mortified to inform you that their are not more than 100 muskett fit for use and about fifteen hund. Musk.t Cartridges finding a Scarcity their I rode to the Forth and find their are no muskett their to spare and only about one thous. Mus.k Cart.ds in the no led either in the Forth or Magaz.e —
I am told their is ge[illegible]e Shott in this Town to be Sold. if no led to be sent here pray give Orders to purchase Shott and that it may be immediately made up I am Sir Your Ob.t Serv.t

Ard Buchanan

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NB
Very few Cart.d Boxes or Canteens in d Magaz.e

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