Intelligence I thought it my duty to Communicate it —
When I was at Annapolis in December I received an order from the
Committee of Secrecy to keep what Powder & Lead I had for their use & the
took an Obligation from me not to do this they ordered a person to View it we
I was to have an order for my Money — The Convention ordered Colel Sa
for that purpose who sent here Mr. Crawford & Sea — they saw it a
Samples — sent them to Annapolis were proved & found good — Sena
the same Gentlemen came here upon some disturbance on Potomack an
desired in the Name of the Committee of Observation that for safety
might be removed under their Inspection to Marlbro' — accordingly the
next day I examined and weighed it all — had it put into good tight
barrels well coopered — carefully packed with Hay in Trunks well
Corded & sent to Marlbro' according to the Gentlemens directions — th
the whole lies ready for removal — and I require to be paid — for the
reason I send the necessary Papers — & Authority — — I have a
immediate occasion for the Money — or I should not just now have sen
I apprehend the Trunks and Cording are absolutely necessary for the
safe keeping & transportation — ; but if thought otherwise I will very
readily keep them — — — — I have been very exact and careful in th
Business which I hope the Honourable Council will approve of
At a time when there is so much to be done as I think would employ eve
Zealous Man I wonder to see so little stirring hearts and my ann
busy head & fingers without a Task — it is a very happy Circumstance
for me at this time — and I rejoice that Matters are in other and abl
Hands — My good Wishes and endeavours shall never be wanting on any
Occasion — with the greatest Esteem and Respect I am

Honourable Gentlemen

Your most faithful & Obed Ser

Stephen West

Mr Crawford this day examined the
Powder & saw the Lead weighed of which
I have given me a Receipt annexed to the
order of the Committee of Secrecy — my Service wait on you
Take in my Obligation of delivering if much any — S.W.

Received the Money

Honourable Council of Safety.