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Gentlemen Baltimore July 23d 1776

Your Order of the 16th for the Purchase of Blankets & Arms was yesterday taken under Consideration by our Commee, by whom we are directed to inform you the Measures resolved on to accomplish your Intentions — Several Persons of Judgment & Activity & the most Influence are appointed to ride thro' different Districts of ye County, to use their best endeavours to prevail on the Inhabitants to spare part of their Blankets on the present Emergency. — The same Persons are instructed to purchase all Musquets which either are good or capable of being made so — We conceived there was so little Chance of borrowing any, that it appeared to us vain to attempt it, as those who are well disposed to defend their Country will use their own Arms, and those who are otherwise disposed will be more influenced by the Money than any other Arguments — In Orde to dispatch this very urgent Business the more expeditiously we have borrowed a few hundred Pounds, & given it to several of ye Gentlemen appointed for the Purpose who set off to the Country this day. As we have recommended ye greatest Industry to the

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