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Dear Sir

Cecil County. February 1st 1776

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By Capt Craig I inform you Wm Nath. Rumsey is arrived, I called on him yesterday, he tells me he has (in Partnership with a Gentleman of Philadelphia) about Eight Tons of Gun Powder and five Tons of Saltpeter, he has ingaged to supply this County with one Ton of Powder at the same Price the Committee of Philadelphia will give provided the money will be Immediatly advanced, this County has very little Powder, I am sure not more then Sixty Pounds, the People are very uneasy on that head and seem much distressed, I most earnestly beg that you will represent this matter to the Council of Safety, and request of them to advance the Committee of this County such a sum of money as will purchase one Ton at the Rate of Twenty five Pounds p.r Hundred,

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Capt.