Petersburg 17th March 1777

Sir

I in answer to your letter of 28th past, just come to hand, the quantity of medicines, that arrived here from St Eustatia, are in Mr Richard Taylors Storehouse, he received them from Mr Beale, who, I understand, twice at Wms Burg, he mentioned they belonged to Congress, that they might be delivered to the order of Mr Young of Baltimore - I have however desired Mr Taylor not to part with them, till such time, as further information could be received concerning them, or that a particular order from the Council of Safety of your State appeared

I have made enquiry about the Arms, Tents &c but none have come this way, should I hear of the arrival of any, I shall inform you - the Vessel, in wch the Medicines came, brought nothing else, but dry Goods & Salt -

I am very respectfully Sir Your most obedt Servt

Jno W Buchanan

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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I am under the necessity of leaving the Country, wires I to receive any Money, it would not be of the smallest service to me, Mr Maxwell may therefore apply, what he proposed giving me, to some other use, I have no doubt - but he can lay out to good enough Acct -

The Money sent me by Vaughan came to hand safe