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Sir Somerset County 24th May 1779.

Your favour of the 17th Inst with the inclosed copies of intelligence came to hand the 20th you may rely on my complying with your request as far as in my power. I have in the county 12½ Brl of Lead only exclusive of 600 cartridges, this is a circumstance which I should (at this time) be ashamed to relate had it been through any neglect of mine, I purchased agreeable to instructions a considerable quantity of Powder but through mistake it was sent to annapolis by my Brother Comsy the quantity on hand may be sufficient for this county I submit to you. Mr Wailes the bearer hereof will (should you judge it necessary) furnish me with any further Supplies of Ammunition be it the trouble having it conveyed hither. Or if you approbend it expedient to order any from either of the magazines on this Shore shall be much obliged to you to advise me of it. The Militia in this county 186 Guards & 16 Hussars & Horse purchased for the use of the publick, I am also informed that Mr. M. Boyd has purchased 40 barrels of flour for the state, the Comsy had agreed with a person here to remove the pork to Baltimore which I have requested may not be done until you could be advised of it as I consider it would be done at this time at very great risque, and should it be necessary to call out the militia of this and the adjacent counties I do not know how they would be subsisted without it as the commissary informs me there are no stores belonging to the publick in Dorset or Worcester on this Shore (should you form an exposed situation I could wish (should you think it necessary & permit it to procure a small lookout boat for should the enemy have any intention to injure us in this quarter it is much to be feared they would in our unconnected state effect it with a very small force without we could have timely notice of their movement below. Such a boat would I apprehend be a great check upon our disaffected and Rascal Population among our slaves.— There will no doubt be persons among us removing by water from this county & Worcester many Articles, & particularly that of salt which should they be