

- c. s. c. Battalion to hasten down along the Bay-Side toward the Mouth of Patuxent & to shew themselves ready to oppose any Attempts of Landing, and if they should land without a Flag to fight it out to the last with them. The £1000 you mention shall be sent by the first Opportunity. We have a great Deal to say to you and shall be glad to see you to Morrow or next Day. We are all worn to the Stumps.
10th March 1776

[Frederick Committee to Council.]

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Gentlemen. Agreeable to order we have sent by the bearer Lawrence Prengle all the musquets we have, that is in order being eighty four and also fifteen hundred gun flints: M^r Prengle will lay before you an account for waggonage what we have will be paid.

I am Gentlemen in behalf of the Committee

Your most hble Serv^t

John Hanson j^r chairman

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gentⁿ Yours of last night gave me no small satisfaction but we have since receiving it heard that a large ship & some small vessels are discovered from North Point working up the Bay, whatever they may turn out to be we shall here propose to receive them as there are a great number of men in town Col^o Dorsey has been directed to march back his Battalion to Elk river but will keep them together at Elk Ridge landing till he hears from you by express whether they are wanted at Annapolis. Pray dispatch your orders to him directly. I understand from you that you are at Annapolis sufficiently prepared to oppose the landing of any men from the Otter or her tenders. The Commee of Balt County had likewise before receiving your letter directed their light infantry company to march to your assistance it is now countermanded but they will most readily send you on notice any assistance in their power as no orders have been sent to Capt Stricker to come to this town, I suppose he will continue his march to Annapolis. I am sorry to acquaint you that there is some probability that the powder and arms we expected from Philad^a are seized by one of the tenders. In the great hurry and confusion in order to furnish some of the militia many of the cartridge boxes were delivered out to them w^h perhaps may not be got again. we must not mind these small losses. it is the