

[Council to R. Barnes.]

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In Council Annapolis 3^d Oct^r 1777.

Sir.

It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp, and the Time of those who are now there, being nearly expired, we request you will immediately order the first & second Classes of the Militia in your County to march, they will do well to take each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents, Camp Kettles and Accoutriments, in the Use of those now at Camp, will be put into Hands of those who are to supply their Places ; but, probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused so as not to be immediately serviceable. Through Baltimore Town will be the best Rout, and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here, by the Time the Militia get to Marlbro'. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or, what is indeed to be wished, our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on their Way.

Richard Barnes Esq^r }
L^t of S^t Mary's County }

We are &^{ca}

[Council to C. Beatty.]

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In Council Annapolis 3^d Oct^r 1777.

Sir.

By a Letter of yesterday Evening from Gen^l Buchanan, we are advised that a number of People are collected in Baltimore in Arms, to oppose the Distresses made under the Militia Law and are apprehensive that he may need Assistance from your County to reduce them to a due Obedience to the Laws. If he applies for your Aid, you are to furnish it, and of such as you can best rely on. It is a distressing Circumstance to be obliged to exert Force against our own Countrymen, but suffering a lawless armed Force to prevail over the Laws, would certainly and soon enslave us all.

Charles Beatty Esq^r }
L^t of Frederick County }

We are &^{ca}

Monday 6th October 1777.

C. B.

Present I. Polk, I Sim and T. S. Lee Esquires

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Rich^d Coward Ninety pounds thirteen shillings and six pence per Acc^t passed