

c. c. Officers, in carrying the Laws into Execution, but, where it is rendered necessary, it must be afforded and we request you to give the necessary Aid, of the Militia under your Command, to enable the Sheriff to collect the Substitute Money. A Like Opposition was made in Baltimore, and also in S^t Mary's but, in both Places, it was quieted by vigorous Measures. We think it would be proper that Affidavits should be made of the Opposition given to the Deputy Sheriffs with the Circumstances attending it and that one or two of the Justices of the Peace should issue Warrants against the Principals, at least, for the Riot; a prosecution & an exemplary Fine might produce Salutary Effects. If you are apprehensive that the Opposition will be too general for you to go through with it, we would, on being so advised, send you a few of the Matrosses and a Field Piece or two, tho' we much rather chuse not to employ a Regular Soldier in enforcing the Laws, if the Business can be done without them. We are Sir &^{ca}

William Hemsley Esq^r }
L^t of Queen Ann's County }

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[Council to T. Wright.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Feb^{ry} 1778.

Sir.

We are sorry that so many of the Gentlemen of your County have a Disinclination to serve in the necessary Departments of Government. The Gentlemen who have the Spirit and Virtue to act at this Time, when our Country claims the Exertion of all her Sons according to their respective Abilities, may be assured their Recommendations will not only be treated with Respect, but oblige us and the issuing of half a Dozen new Commissions will be no considerable Trouble. We, some Time since, issued a Special Commission to Talbot County. The Depositions & Papers respecting the Tories, we believe yet remain in your Hands or in the Hands of some of the Gen^t named in the first Commission which was issued: will you be so obliging as to seal them up and send them to M^r Bracco, by some Person you can confide in? the sooner you do it, the better. We are Sir &^{ca}

Turbutt Wright Esq^r

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[Council to F. Lewis.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Feb^{ry} 1778.

Sir.

We have six four Pounders which belonged to the Defence, we believe, very good, and their Carriages compleat. The