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[Council to Bordley and Rumsey.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the Assembly passed this Morning, and, in Consequence of it, direct you immediately to order out two full Companies of the Militia of your County of the Class next to that or those which have already served out of this State and direct them to march
 153 without Delay for the purpose mentioned in the Resolve. We do not know from whence Col^o Henry Hollingsworth designs to begin the Removal of the Stores. Give Notice to the Militia to get ready, and take the Trouble of meeting Col^o Rumsey, Col^o Dallam and Col^o Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk which, we think, will much promote the Service and we therefore request it. Besides the two Companies from your County, we direct two from Cecil and two from Harford. It is impossible to determine what additional Force may eventually be necessary; if it should be judged necessary to have more Militia out and the Time will admit of it, send an Express to us and the Reasons which induce the Opinion or, if the Occasion should be so urgent that it will not admit of the Delay, we would have the nearest Militia instantly called on, advising us immediately of the Proceeding and Occasion. We hope there will be no Difficulty in your agreeing on a proper Field Officer from each of the three Counties which, we imagine, considering the Duty may probably be a good Deal dispersed, will be necessary. The Service being merely Continental, we expect Col^o Hollingsworth will manage, as to Provisions. We expect this Duty will not be of long Continuance. We have wrote to Gov^r Rodney for some of the Lower County Militia to join in this Service and if, on your Meeting you judge a less Number than we have directed, necessary, advise us of it, that we may burthen the Militia as little as possible, though we wish rather to have more than less than is barely sufficient for the Service.

We are Sir &^{ca}

To Col^o W^m Bordley & }
 Col^o Cha^s Rumsey }

P. S. To Col^o Bordley.

We understand by M^r Maxwell that there is a Quantity of Lead in Chester, he supposes about 3 or 4000^{ll}, of which we desire you will send over to this Place, 1000^{ll} by the first favourable Opportunity. It would be proper to have Part of what you reserve run into Balls, suitable to the Bore of the