


give immediate Notice to the Militia of your County to prepare <sup>c. c.</sup>  
& hold themselves in Readiness to march on the first Order,  
which you are to give, if you see it necessary. If you should  
be called on to assist any of the other Counties, you are to  
order such Part & Proportion of the Militia of your County  
on that Service, as you can spare and may be necessary.   
If there should be Occasion to call out the Eastern shore  
Militia, the Intercourse between us will probably be so much  
interrupted that we shall not be able to give Orders from  
Time to Time, as desirable; to prevent, as far as may be, any  
Inconvenience from that Circumstance, the Gen<sup>t</sup> on the  
Eastern Shore, Officers & Privates will, we hope, act with all  
the Vigour their strength will allow and with all possible  
Concert for the Protection of the Whole. We do not know  
how far we may be able to assist you, as far as we can, we  
certainly shall

To the Lieut<sup>s</sup> of the E. Shore Counties } We are &<sup>ca</sup>  
& to the Lieut<sup>s</sup> of St Mary's, Charles, }  
& Calvert with and Addition of }  
Advising us of your Proceedings }

[Council to G. P. Keepports.]

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

We have sent up the Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood with 101 Barr<sup>ls</sup> of  
Pork, a Number of Arms and a few other Things which will  
eventually be usefully in the Defence of Balt<sup>o</sup> Town. We  
request the Favor of you to have the Pork landed and stored  
in Town and the Arms safely deposited for use, in case they  
should be necessary. You will be particularly careful that  
the Arms suffer no Damage in their Removal.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Geo. P. Keepports.

[Council to H. Ridgely.]

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

It has become prudent, indeed it appears necessary in our  
present situation again to remove our public Offices. The Con-  
tinental Loan Office, the State Treasury and the Office of the  
Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, we have directed  
to be removed to your House. If we had had any Oppor-  
tunity, we should have previously consulted you how far it  
might Suit with your Convenience to have given them Room,