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In Council Annapolis 10th Nov. 1700

533. Sir. In consequence of Information from the Board of War, that the
Troops were ordered to Fort Frederick, and from the Governor of Virginia
that one Division of those Troops consisting of about eight hundred Men
were on their March to that Place, we think it necessary that the Guard
should be augmented by two full Companies of Militia, in Addition to
the Company already ordered, and Capt. Heids and request you will direct
this done as speedily as possible. We are &c.
The Lieut. of Washington County
or the Commanding Officer of the Militia }

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534. Sir. Since our Letter of the 6th Inst. by Capt. Jacob, we have received one from
Governor Jefferson, of the 3rd, informing us that he had given Orders Directions
for the March of the Convention Troops, in two Divisions, the first to consist
of Britisht, amounting to about 800 Rank & File, the second consists
wholly of Germans, in Number, the Governor supposes, about 1500 including
Officers. The first Division must have been some Time on its March and of
Course, may shortly be expected at Fort Frederick, the second certainly
will not follow immediately and probably may remain at their present
Barracks a considerable Length of Time, As the Motives for removing
the former do not, at present, operate so powerfully for removing the
latter. The Guard must be considerably augmented and for that
Purpose, you have a Letter for the Lieut. of Washington. We exhort
you to exert yourself to the utmost, in making the necessary Pre-
parations for the Reception and safe keeping of the Prisoners committed
to your Charge and for supplying them, as well as the Guard under
your Command. If the Barracks should not be sufficiently large
or in proper Repair, you are desired to make the necessary additions
or Repairs, either by Huts thatched, or thatching the Roofs of the
present Buildings. In short we rely fully upon your zeal, activity
and Judgment on this and every other Occasion and are &c.
Enclosed is an Order on the Lieut. of Frederick County
to be made Use of, in case there are not a sufficient
Number of Arms in Washington County, also a Copy
of the Letter of the 6th Inst. by Mr. Jacob.

Colo. Mose Rawlings.

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535. Sir. We think it proper you should return immediately with the State
Boats, as there is a Prospect of your joining some Ship from Baltimore
If any Men have shipped themselves from this Port, they may
be of Service on this Occasion.
Cap^t. William Middleton.