

since before this place. Last Night at a late hour, a seventy four passed up the Bay, and  
are now lying off the harbor one seventy four supposed to be Admiral Warrens ship  
one Frigate one Schooner of war and two Sloopers

We have had several letters from General Smith intelligence derived from a  
person who has been in the country and who he supposes is entitled to  
credit. It is said that an attack upon Annapolis is contemplated, and  
preparations are made for it by Admiral Boscawen on his way up, but the  
British being well supplied with provisions it is stated also that  
they are more apprehensive of an attack in consequence of a firing from some  
of our Garrison at their anchorage on the river forward a copy of the infor-  
mation which is at the disposal of that General Smith has before this made

a full communication to you. We have the honor of  
General Smiths commands

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Dear Madam

Received of the Honble the Secretary of the Treasury April 25. 813

Whereas your Excellency's orders of the 12th inst. which have the satis-  
faction to see, and have been directed to the Officers of the Army and  
have made the necessary preparations for receiving them should they attempt  
to commit any irregularities in the discharge of their duty to give any exact  
Orders as to the manner of their discharge, which must depend  
on circumstances of which I can have a very imperfect knowledge, and which must  
be judged of as they arise, but I think it would be prudent to give as much as  
possible the order of your Excellency for their encouragement in which  
their services may be required and not to keep a great number at the different  
Ports then may be thought absolutely necessary. The Executive has ordered  
to Harpers Camp and to be placed under your care two hundred and thirty  
six Muskets, the same number of Cartouch Boxes seventy five Counds of  
Powder, one hundred and fifty pounds of lead a Box of Pistol Cartridges a  
Reg of Cannon Cores and twelve Cartridge Boxes for six Counds.  
These you will receive and distribute in the most judicious manner. They regret  
that it is not in their power to give further assistance at this time, but the  
demands upon them are so great and their means so limited that they cannot