

c. c. How happy would it have been for us had our Militia Regulations been compleated before the Enemy came upon us.

If you write to S C do put in a Postscript that I have got his Horse safe from Carsons.

My Comp^{ts} to your Council: I differ with J R and think with you that the words *not less* will admit of any number *more*. I also agree with you that such a Destruction as Congress has resolv'd upon of Grain Cattel &c will be a most mischievous and ruinous proceeding They are not acquainted with this Part of the Country If that measure be rigidly executed we must either submit or starve All the Stock & beyond the mouth of Sassafras has already been removed or is removing: The Enemy has got but special little of it.

Before I rec^d your Answer to my Letter despairing indeed of a Communication I wrote to Congress for a Supply of money and have received 10000 Dollars: Your order to R. G. M. T. & myself or either of us I sent by Express to those Gentlemen.

I shall keep an express Boat in Bay to communicate Intelligence & our Wants.

My Love to all friends

I am dear Sir

Y^r Most Aff. hble. Serv^t

W^m Paca

The stock is driving off 30 Aug. 1777
from the Bay side.
ten °Clock

We are pursuing here the same Rule you have struck out that is two Companies out of every Battalion.

c. B. August 31. 1777.

It appearing to this Board that it is absolutely necessary to Issue Money from the Eastern Shore Treasury for the support of the Militia of that Shore now called into Service and such an intercourse cannot in any probability be maintained as will allow Drafts to be regularly made for the necessary Sums as they may be wanted. Therefore the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore is requested to advance and Issue such Sums of the Public Money in his hands as may from time to time be necessary for the support of the Militia of his shore in Service on the advice of the Honble Matthew Tilghman William Paca and Robert Goldsborough Esquires or any two or one of them
Ih Johnson

c. c. [Council to Tilghman and Goldsborough.]

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Baltimore Town 31st Aug^t 1777.

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We have but two of the Row Gallies fitted. The Enemy have spare Men of War enough to block them up separately ;