

c. c. expeditious Manner, the Classes must be called on in Turn; but on this Occasion, we flatter ourselves that the number wanted will be made up as soon as the Occasion for them is known, If you can furnish them with good Arms, do so; if you cannot, send them forward without, Arms shall be ready for them at the Head of Elk. Jersey and Pennsylvania are called on for a much greater Proportion of Militia. We hope and flatter ourselves that our Enemies will be soon rooted out. Every Thing depends on expedition

To the Lieutent<sup>s</sup> of Queen Anns, Harford } We are &<sup>ca</sup>  
 Kent & Balt<sup>o</sup> Counties }  
 Queen Ann's Hartford & Kent 2 Comp<sup>ys</sup> each  
 Balt<sup>o</sup> 3 Comp<sup>ys</sup>

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[Council to C. Rumsey.]

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Sir.

We have this Moment received a Letter from his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington requesting a Number of our Militia to be drawn together in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, as effectual Guards to the Stores there, his Reasons are important and decisive and his Requisition urged with great Earnestness—We have, in Consequence of it, ordered three Companies from Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Kent, Queen Ann's and Harford, and you are to have two Companies of your County Militia to join them, but, as not one Moment is to be lost and there may be some Delay in the Companies getting up from a distance, you are immediately to call out one Battalion of your County and discharge them Company after Company, as the other Militia arrive. The Service will be short and important. We hope this is the last Time we shall have Occasion to call on the Militia, this War, and that they will at this Time, render their Aid with chearfulness and alertness. If you cannot get the Militia in a more Speedy Way, you must call on them by Classes in Turn. Jersey and Pennsylvania are called on for a greater proportion of Militia. This service is easy, indispensibly necessary and will be short. we flatter ourselves it will be immediately rendered. As soon as you get 400 Men together, including those already on Duty, advise Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood of it by Express, and so, from Time to Time, as the Militia may get in, of their increased numbers, mentioning the Captains and Numbers particularly, as his Conduct will probably be governed by these Circumstances. We have ordered good Arms to the Head of Elk and two Pieces of Artillery, with Matrosses to manage them.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>