

P. S. As this Service is to be done in your County and <sup>c. c.</sup> its neighbourhood, we expect you will take the immediate Command. Provisions must be furnished by Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth.  
Col<sup>o</sup> Cha<sup>s</sup> Rumsey.

[Gov. Johnson to Washington.]

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

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I received your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> within these few Hours. We had before ordered about 300 Militia, as Guards to the Stores at & in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk. In Consequence of your Letter, Orders are already gone to the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> of Cecil to call out a Battalion of that County on the same Service, for three Companies from Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Kent, Cecil, Queen Ann's & Harford, the Cecil Battalion to be discharged as the Companies arrive. The Orders are larger than your Requisition, to prevent any Inconveniencies from the whole Number not being so prompt as desirable. Two Field Pieces such as we have with thirty two Matrosses are also ordered. Col<sup>o</sup> Rumsey of Cecil is directed, as soon as he has 400 Men, to advise <sup>p 161</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood by Express, who is requested to forward the Information to you, to enable you to give such Orders as you may judge proper. I hope the Orders from hence will be executed with Alacrity and your Intentions take Place.

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir with the greatest Respect  
His Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington &<sup>ca</sup>

[Council to Smallwood.]

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

Sir.

M<sup>r</sup> Gassaway delivered his Letters in the fore Part of the Day. Orders are already given for a Battalion of Cecil Militia to be immediately called out, to be relieved by three Companies from Baltimore, two from each of Kent, Cecil, Queen Ann's & Harford Counties; two Field Pieces with thirty two Matrosses are also ordered. Col<sup>o</sup> Rumsey is directed, as soon as he has 400 Men, including those already on Duty, to give you Notice by Express and, as the Companies come in, to advise you of it. You will please to transmit such Information immediately to Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington who, from what is wrote to him, will expect it and probably will give Orders to you, grounded on that Information.

We congratulate you on the bright Prospect opening to View.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood

And Are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>