

C. B. Office in this State, The Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit the Auditor General, the Register of the High Court of Chancery, the Clerk of the General Court the Keeper of the Records, of the Commissaries Office, the Register of the Land Office and the Clerk of the Council pack up in Boxes, Cases, Chests or other Packages immediately all the Money in their Hands and the Records, Books & papers belonging to their Offices respectively that the same may be carried to places of Safety on the first notice that is to say; the Money, Bookes and Papers of the Loan Office Treasury and paper Office to Henry Ridgelys in Elk Ridge the others to Upper Marlboro

c. c. [Council to J. Brice.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

We request that you will give Orders that one Half of the South River Battalion and one Half of the Severn Battalion immediately march to Annapolis. We desire that you'll give particular Directions not to take any Militia Man who lives on the Bay Shore, on Patapsco River, below the Ferry at Dorsey's, on Severn, below your Plantation, or on South River below Brown's Plantation, formerly Lomass', it being prudent and our Intention, that those who live on & very near the Waters, where the Enemy may probably make Depredations on the Plantations, should be left at Home for the Defence & Protection of their Families & Properties. You will also give Orders that the Town Companies be assembled, armed & supplied with Ammunition and you are to direct the Officers to give the most decisive Orders to the Militia; to keep the Arms ready & in Order for Service & to preserve the Ammunition

We are &^{ca}

James Brice Esq^r }
L^t of Ann Ar^l County }

[Council to Lieutenants.]

Circular

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

We inclose you the Accounts received last Night & this Morning of the Enemy's being in the Bay and having landed a Body of Men at Portsmouth in Virginia. We have nothing yet that points out their Object, perhaps they may design to spread Destruction as wide as they can. We request you to