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[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir

We have nothing certain from Virginia lately; from flying Reports the Enemy have burnt Portsmouth and Suffolk and were on their march to South Quay, that they had destroyed Stores to great Value and it is conjectured that they design to visit this State. There certainly is good Ground to induce your utmost Efforts for the Removal of the Stores. I hope the Notice you have already had has had its Weight and that if they should go to the Head of Elk they'll find little but Knocks
We are &^{ca}

Col^o Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to C. Birkhead.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

We have not Cartridge Boxes & Kettles or Pots. If we have an Opportunity we shall send you Flints & Cartridge Paper. We cannot possibly spare any more Arms, the Number we have is very deficient for the Places most likely to be attacked

We are &^{ca}Col^o Christopher Birkhead.

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[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council 20th May 1779

Sir

We wrote you yesterday. M^r Martin took the Letter up this Morning since which we received yours of yesterday. We had some Expectation that an Essay was made to make Cartouch & Bayonet Belts of plaited Hemp. but we have not Time now to consult the most Signal Methods: we request you'll give Orders to have the Bayonet Belts made on the best Terms you can. We hear a Boat has gone up from Hampton she was spoke by Cap^t Rogers but he could not hear distinctly; we suppose she carries you later Intelligence than we have received. By Major Smith's Return 6th March he had at the Fort 14 spare Musquets & 13 spare Bayonets, a small Number, but worth looking out.

And^w Buchanan Esq^r }
L^t of Balt^o County }

We are &^{ca}