

hear to Day by a Man from Virginia that the Enemy are ^{c. c.} making Works at the Great Bridge; if true, it looks as if they did not intend to leave us soon, or be up immediately. We wish to give Orders for as many of the Militia, the nearest to Baltimore, as you can arm, to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Baltimore Town immediately on notice and you are to give Orders for their March on Gen^l Buchanan's Request without waiting for Directions from us. The 150 Arms & Accoutrements sent from Balt^o to you last Spring, we imagine, are at Frederick Town and in good Order: those and any other that are there fit for use, we request you to send for immediately and have them lodged at your House or where else you may think more convenient, for arming the Militia as they collect; if there's a Place more towards Baltimore where they would be taken Care of, it would be better

We are &^{ca}

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[Council to W. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

M^r William Merrit will deliver to you 30,000^l according to your Request. We would not wish you to increase your Purchase; the Quantity mentioned in your Estimate is fully sufficient. The Flour, Shorts & Bran should not be within Reach of the Enemy, by Water, as they are still in the Bay, and though we have no Reason to believe, from their late Movements, they are destined higher up, yet too much Caution cannot be used to secure Provision of this Kind, you'll therefore let it remain at the Mills

We are &^{ca}

Col^o William Henry

[Jenifer to Gov. Johnson]

Original

Philadelphia May 24th 1779.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of your Excellencys favor of the 21st Congress have not received any later intelligence than what you have communicated, which I am really surpris'd at, considering the distress that the inhabitants of the Lower part of Virg^a must be in.

I am too sensible, not to feel the force of your observation respecting Censure many are ready to find fault after events