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[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

Our Lookout Boat has returned, as Cap^t Handy is gone up, we suppose he carries you the same Intelligence which we have. It is desirable to keep a considerable Force in Baltimore and we wish the Militia would be patient enough to keep together a little while longer; we delayed calling them together because we were apprehensive that it would be next to impossible to keep them together for any Time. The few Militia who met here shewed so much Dissatisfaction at being kept that, apprehensive they would discharge themselves if we did not, we permitted them to go home after recommending to the Officers to agree on and appoint Signals in Case of Alarm. You will be able to judge from the Temper of the Militia assembled at Baltimore, whether the same Step with Regard to them, will not be most prudent and, if you think it will, we request you to take it.

We are &^{ca}

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

[Council to W. M^cBryde.]In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

We sent to you by M^r Wailes, the Bearer of your Letter 8000^l to pay for the Flour you purchased. The Quantity demanded of us, is made up, so that we would not have you concern with any more; that which you have bought had best remain a while, if in a safe Place as well because we do not know where it may be wanted & the Danger of removing it to a Place where any Quantity is already collected, as the Possibility of its being wanted by the Militia, who must be supplied with it, if they should be collected.

We are &^{ca}

M^r W^m M^cBryde }
Somerset County }

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

We sent you 12th Decemb^r last by one of our Boats 2 C W^t of lead, the Boat did not go any farther than Patuxent &