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[Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Sept^r 1779

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Yesterday we received your Letter of the 4th Inst. Inconvenient as it will be to keep a hundred of our Militia, almost wholly Farmers, on Duty, we shall send Expresses to Frederick & Washington Counties to morrow Morning with Orders to collect the Guard with as little Delay as possible, relying that as soon as you can, you will relieve us from the Burthen. We imagine it will be best to cross the Mountain at Black's Gap avoiding Frederick Town and that we shall have Time to prepare for receiving them if they set off about Sunday or Monday Week. Col^o Rawlings, we understand has resigned he lives within a Mile of Fort Frederick and, if he would undertake it, would be a proper Person to have the Superintendance of the Prisoners.

We are &^{ca}

Board of War.

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[Council to Washington.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Sept^r 1779

Sir. The Day before yesterday we received your two Letters of the 28th of last Month. Col^o Blaine came to Town yesterday and we are concerting with him the Measures in our Power for procuring a Supply of Flour for the Army. We have no State Magazine and in a great Part of our Country the Crop has been very bad, however we hope that enough may be soon got for the Temporary Subsistence of the Army. It gives us real Concern that any of our Officers should have broken their Paroll, your Excellency may rely that we shall exert ourselves to make them return

We are &^{ca}Gen^l Washington

[Council to James Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Sept^r 1779

Sir.

There will be wanted for that Part of Cap^t Gales Company, now Continental Troops which goes from Annapolis, 50 Knapsacks, 50 Canteens & Camp Kettles for 4 Officers and 50 Men, which be pleased to deliver to Lieu^t Saddler, as he may take them with that Part of the Company which goes from Baltimore to the Head of Elk, where or at Christeen, both Parts of the Company will join. From what we learn