

request you'll immediately send off to Col^o Hughs two half ^{C. B.} Barrels of best musket Powder on a Pack Horse and if he should apply to you for Arms Lead or more Powder furnish him without further Orders as far as necessary or as far as you can. pray inform us by the first Opportunity what Number of Public Arms fit for use there are in Frederick and be so obliging as to push White and Razor to finish those for which they have Barrels they may probably be soon wanted

We are &^{ca}

To Col^o Beatty

Information being given to this Board that the Indians have commenced Hostilities on the western Frontiers that many Murders have been committed and that great Numbers of the back settlers in this and the Neighbouring States are flying from their Habitations. It is therefore ordered that such and so many of the third or western Battalion of Militia in Washington County as may be judged necessary by the Col^o of that Battalion be immediately called into actual Service for the Defence & Protection of the western Frontiers and to act in Concert or if necessary in Conjunction with the Militia of the Adjoining State of Virginia & Pennsylvania against the Enemy and further that in Case the Lieut of Washington County shall judge a greater Force necessary that he call out into the same Service any part of the other Militia of his County in classes, he having regard to the actual service performed already by any of the service classes.

[Council to D. Hughes.]

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In Council Annapolis 16th May 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you the Commissions you wrote for, we have done so under a strong Impression of an absolute Necessity of having the back Militia put immediately in the best State of Defence against the Indians. We wish you had sent us a List of all the Officers, that their Commissions might have been issued together. We are packing up and shall send off in the Morning 100 Musquets and 10 Rifles and write Col^o Beatty to send you two half Barrels of best musquet Powder The Express thinks it very unsafe to send the Arms and Powder without a good Guard, least the Disaffected and Deserters about Murlie's Branch should seize them: Would it not be well for the Arms and Powder to be sent by you as far as the Tennoloways, giving Notice to a Company or two about old Town to receive them there and to carry them as