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Some late Proceedings of the Delawares and other Indians having afforded too much room for a Suspicion that they will again Commit hostilities on the Frontier Inhabitants of this and the Neighbouring Provinces it is highly Proper and expedient that the Militia under your Command should be well provided with arms and Ammunition and that the Officers in whose Companies those People are enrolled who live to the Westward of the South Mountain in particular should have Instructions to muster their Companies frequently, to assign Alarm Posts for their respective Companies & to order the Men to repair Armed to such Posts without Delay in case any Indians should be Discovered within your County or near the Limits of it, That the Inhabitants may be frequently Mustered and examined in Arms without putting them to great inconvenience I recommend it to you to form the Men liable to serve in that part of your County into small Companies and if there are not a Sufficient Number of Officers already appointed I Desire you will immediately send me the Names of such Persons in that part of your County as you think best Qualified to Command the rest either as Captains or Subaltons that Commissions may be made out for them and sent to You, If any Indians should come in a hostile manner into your County you are immediately to order a Company or Detachment of your Militia to march in order to oppose them to protect the Frontier Inhabitants and Defend Fort Frederick in which case you will furnish such Company or Detachment with Ammunition and call upon One of the Press Masters of your County to impress in pursuance of my warrant such provisions as they may want during the time they shall continue on duty and that the Persons from whom Provisions shall be so taken as well as the Militia whom you shall order into actual service may at the next Laying of the publick Levy paid in the manner prescribed by the Militia Laws you will direct the Officers to keep a particular Account of what the Press master shall supply them with as well as an exact Roll of the men who shall serve under their Command specifying the Rank of each and the time of their being in actual service. Presuming that many of the People who live beyond Fort Frederick will in Case of an Alarm repair to that Fort for Security I have wrote to Doctor Heinzman to whose Care the Keys of the Fort were Committed to admit them into it on Condition that they do not in any respect injure the Buildings and that they observe all such orders & Regulations as he with your Approbation shall think fit to establish as well for the