

think them suitable for the Soldiers and approve of the Price, we would have you take them and send them down by the first opportunity

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[Council to Colo. U. Forrest]

Sir Cap^t Middleton who commands the State Boat Dolphin is now under Orders to proceed down the Bay to observe the Motions of the Enemy: he is in Want of Hands and we must request of you to furnish eight Men and such Officer as you may think proper to appoint, equipped and supplied with necessary Arms & Provisions to enable him the beter to execute Orders we esteem very prudential

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We have Reason to believe the Enemy have Cruisers or Privateers within or very near our Capes: it would therefore be prudent for the Officer commanding the Van of the Troops destined to the Southward before he passes this, to send an Officer to us for any farther Intelligence we may receive on this Head. We shall keep a Lookout Boat constantly below, to furnish us with every material Occurrence, which shall be communicated to the Commandant, in the most expeditious Manner.

[Council to Governor Jefferson]

Sir A Detachment of 3000 Troops is already embarked at the Head of Elk, in a Day or two, to proceed down the Bay of Chesapeake to your State, to reinforce the Southern Army. We esteem it highly necessary that every possible Precaution should be used to prevent any Part from falling in with the Enemy's Cruisers and have, to that End, communicated to your Excellency the Intelligence we have received from one of our Look out Boats that returned last Night from the Mouth of Potowmack. The Captain informs us that there are several small Privateers in the Bay and one or two as high up as Wiccomico in Virginia. We shall keep our Boats out constantly, to give us Information, that we may apprize the Commanding Officer of every Movement of the Enemy to intercept the Troops

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[Council to the Commissioners of Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, Caroline, Kent, Dorchester, Talbot, Worcester and Queen Ann's Counties & the Comm^{rs} of Balt^o Town Circular]

Gentlemen The General Assembly, in Conformity to a Requisition of Congress, have requested us to direct fifteen thousand Barrels of Flour to be delivered to the Agent of France, including the Quantity he was, heretofore, permitted to purchase, by Authority of this State. We therefore request you to have delivered to M^r W^m Smith of