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their Relief, feeling the Difficulties that surround and embarrass your Excellency, and impelled by that patriotic Zeal and Love of Independence which have actuated their Conduct upon every trying Emergency, and anxiously solicitous to free you from your peculiarly distressing Situation and to enable you to concert and execute a proper Plan of Operations have passed the following Laws, An Act to procure Recruits &c^a “ A Supplement to the Act to procure Recruits &c^a ” “ An Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars,” “ An Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat for the use of the Army ” and An Act to procure an extra Supply of Provisions of the Bread Kind, also Waggon and Horses &c^a Copies of which we have the Honor to transmit. We have appointed fit Persons in the several Counties to carry these Laws into full Execution, and have directed them to apprise the People of our Intention to make Use of the extraordinary Power, of Seizure, with which we are vested, if they do not readily and cheerfully furnish those Articles so necessary for the Army. It is not in our Power, precisely to ascertain and explicitly advise you, what will be the Effect of our Endeavours under these Laws, but we can with Confidence assure you that if the Abilities of our People and our utmost Exertions are competent to the Purposes intended to be effectuated by them, every Thing required will be supplied as expeditiously as possible. We do not apprehend Failure in our undertaking to raise an additional Regiment within the Time limited, in Lieu of the Militia required, but if it should happen, they are to be ordered out to make up the Deficiency, in the Manner directed, and then we shall have it in our Power to assist your Excellency with a Troop or more, of Light Horse, composed of some of our most respectable Citizens. You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising a voluntier Troop of Light Horse &c^a that a Number of Gentlemen in Baltimore Town have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse, and to furnish themselves at their own Expense; this laudable and disinterested Conduct, we hope, will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the several Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with and inform you of the success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws and give you full and speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may tend to promote the Interest of the United States and assist the Operations of this Campaign

[Council to Capt. Alexr Warfield]

Sir We have Occasion for a few Barrels of Powder and must request you will immediately send to M^r Shaw, two Barrels of Cannon Powder in your Cart, or if that should not be convenient, you are to hire one for the Purpose.