

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings]

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Sir Since our Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob we have received one from Governor Jefferson, of the 3<sup>d</sup> informing us that he had given Directions for the March of the Convention Troops, in two Divisions, the first to consist of British, amounting to about 804 Rank & File, the second consists wholly of Germans, in Number, the Governor Supposes, about 1503 including Officers. The first Division must have been some Time in its March and of Course may shortly be expected at Fort Frederick, the second certainly will not follow immediately and probably may remain at their present Barracks a considerable Length of Time; As the Motives for removing the former do not, at present, operate so powerfully for removing the Latter. The Guard must be considerably augmented and for that Purpose, you have a Letter for the Lieu<sup>t</sup> of Washington. We exhort you to exert yourself to the utmost, in making the necessary Preparations for the Reception and safe keeping of the Prisoners committed to your Charge and for subsisting them, as well as the Guard under your Command. If the Barracks should not be sufficiently large, or in proper Repair, you are desired to make the necessary Additions or Repairs either by Huts thatched, or thatching the Roofs of the present Buildings: In Short we rely fully upon your Zeal, Activity and Judgment on this and every other Occasion

Enclosed is an Order on the Lieu<sup>t</sup> of Frederick County to be made use of, in Case there are not a Sufficient Number of Arms in Washington County, also a Copy of the Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Jacob.

[Council to Capt William Middleton]

Sir We think it proper you should return immediately with the State Boats, as there is a Prospect of your joining some Vessels from Baltimore If any Men have Shipped themselves from the Eastern Shore, they may be of service on this Occasion

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Capt. William Middleton 400 Musket Cartridges & 100 Swivel Shott for the Dolphin and also to Capt Gilbert Middleton 200 Musket Cartridges and one Ammunition Chest for the Plater.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton Canvas suff<sup>t</sup> for a Ring tail, 300 Scupper Nails & 6 1s Twine for the Plater and also to Capt. William Middleton Canvas suff<sup>t</sup> for a Ring-tail for the Dolphin

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[A ring tail is a small quadrilateral sail set on a small mast on the ship's taffrail]