

[Council to General Buchanan]

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Colonel Stone has just received a Letter from Mr Hooe an Extract of which is enclosed. It is most probable that the Enemy will visit us as soon as they have accomplished their object in Virginia, which we are satisfied is to plunder, harrass and distress our People, what induces us to conclude that to be the Design is the Character of the General and the Men he commands being composed of Refugees and new Levies from New York. We think every Preparation ought to be made to put us in a proper State of Resistance in Case our State should be invaded and every Precaution taken to prevent the military Stores from falling into the Hands of the Enemy. We have directed Mr Keeports to have the Carriage belonging to the Cannon repaired as speedily as possible, and if any of them from Decay should be irreparable to have new ones made. It will be proper to remove all the heavy Cannon except three or four to be left at the Fort, which is not fit for field Pieces, to Elk Ridge Landing immediately. We desire you to order the whole Militia of your County to put themselves in Readiness to march at a minutes Warning. The small Arms ought to be examined and cleaned fit for Service and every Step taken and Disposition made to enable us to make a vigorous and obstinate Stand, at this critical and trying Conjunction. We cannot supply you with Money at this Time and trust that no Difficulty will be made on that Account for the people employed by the Public may rely on being amply rewarded and fully compensated for every Service, and they may be reminded that their Liberty Property and every thing they esteem and hold dear depends on their Assistance and Exertions. We wish you would give Mr Keeports every aid to execute our Orders.

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The Governor and Council will be glad to see you as soon as it is convenient having received some interesting Intelligence

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Ordered That John Fenwick Collector of St. Marys County pay to Joseph Ford Purchaser of Horses for said County Two thousand four hundred pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regim^t and Lieut. George Jacobs of the 6th Regim^t each, Thirty Pounds of the new Emission agreeably to a Resolve of the Gen^l Assembly of the 30 Dec^r last.

That the said Treasurer deliver to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth two hundred and fifty Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Baruch Williams Commissary for Cecil County on Account.