

March 14 they may land some Men between this and the Mouth of Patapsco  
 Liber No. 78 River and plunder the Inhabitants. We wish to have and  
 p. 90 frequent Intelligence of their Movements and therefore request you  
 will station some Centinels as far as the Bodkin Point to give Infor-  
 mation. We hope to hear from you this Night if possible, whether  
 they have come to an Anchor and where. The People should be put  
 on their Guard and keep themselves in Readiness, but perhaps it may  
 not be necessary to call out the Militia. This however will depend  
 on the Movements of the Enemy we depend on your Vigilance.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1781

March 15  
 Liber C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Gatrell  
 No. 24 fifteen Dollars of the new Emission due him per Account passed by  
 p. 59 the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton two  
 thousand and eighty Dollars on Account

That the Armourer deliver to William Lewis one hundred rounds  
 of Cartridges to be delivered over to Maj<sup>r</sup> Merrikin for the use  
 of the Militia of A A<sup>l</sup> County.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Fowler of the  
 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, one shirt, one waistcoat, one pair of shoes and one pair  
 of Overalls

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

March 15  
 Liber No. 78 We request you to purchase immediately and deliver to Cap<sup>t</sup> John  
 p. 90 Trotter Quarter Master to the Detachment commanded by the  
 Marquis Fayette ninety five Quires of Paper to be charged to the  
 Continent.

Ibid. [Council to Governor Jefferson.]

The Arrival of our Express with your Excellency's Letter of the  
 12<sup>th</sup> this Moment received gives us an Opportunity of informing  
 you that all the Transports with the Troops from Elk got safe into  
 Harbour on Tuesday Evening. The next Morning at day Light two  
 Ships apparently British of the rate of eighteen and twenty eight  
 Guns came to an Anchor opposite to the Mouth of our River Severn,  
 at 12 °Clock they made Sail up the Bay and by the last Account were  
 at Anchor near the north Point of the River Patapsco we judged  
 that you would be anxious for the Safety of the Troops but they are  
 fortunately safe and the armed Vessels which conveyed them down  
 are prepared for Defence. Your Favors of the 6 and 8<sup>th</sup> are come  
 p. 91 to Hand, and we thank you for your Intelligence respecting General  
 Greene in that of the 8<sup>th</sup>