March 20 to the Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery desiring them to Liber No. 78 furnish such a Number of Men as you may require. We acknowledge the receipt of your Letter and have appointed Capt. Mountjoy Bailey to receive and take Care of the recruits passed in your County.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Mountjoy Bailey.]

We have appointed you to receive and provide for the recruits raised in Frederick County, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of last Session, we request you will undertake this Duty and have the recruits provided with every thing necessary and to use every effectual Measure to prevent Desertion we shall furnish with Cloathing as soon as we are enabled to do it.

Ibid. [Council to Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery.]

Agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, the Convention Troops are to be removed from this State to Lancaster in Pensylvania we have wrote to the Lieutenant of Frederick to march them as soon as possible and to call on you and the Lieutenant of Washington for such Aid of the Militia as he may think sufficient with those of his County to guard the Troops. On his Application you will order such Numbers of Militia as he may request for his Duty without further Instructions

Ibid. [Council to Messrs. Robert Purviance, Matthew Ridley, and William Patterson Merchants.]

We received your letter of the 10th covering the Engagement of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and an Extract of a Letter from Mr McHenry of the 6th, we very much applaud the Zeal and Activity of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and think their readiness to assist at a Time when they were destitute of the Means of providing those Things which were immediately necessary for the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette, justly entitles them to the Thanks of the Public. We cannot but approve of the Proceedings of those Gentlemen and assure you, we will adopt any expedient to prevent any Individual of that Body from suffering or being in the least embarrassed by his Engagement for the State. As soon as we are informed by the Committee of the Amount of the Sums advanced by their Constituents and the Extent of their Engagements to procure the numerous Articles required for the use of the Detachment, we will transmit orders on the Collectors of Baltimore County for such a p. 96 sum as will cover the whole. We think it reasonable the State should pay the Value of Money advanced and Interest thereon, until paid and do agree to pay the Value with Interest, to those Gentlemen who have made Advances and will give an order on the Collectors of Baltimore for their reimbursement.