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[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

Col. Fitzhugh informs us that he has a Quantity of State Flour in his Mill which may be in Danger from the Enemy. We request you to remove it to Lower Marlboro as soon as a safe Opportunity appears by water

Ibid. [Council to Col. Fitzhugh.]

We have received your Letter of the 5th and have made the Application you desired to Gen^l Smallwood for the Release of John Clare upon the Terms you mention, which he has consented to. With regard to the Flour at your Mill we think it would be proper to remove it to a Place of greater Security, and perhaps Lower Marlbro would be sufficiently safe and convenient, for that Purpose; we enclose a Letter to M^r Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of Calvert which you will be pleased to forward to him

Ibid. [Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

There is an absolute Necessity that a quantity of Forage should be immediately provided at the Posts of Elk Baltimore and George Town on Patowmack, we therefore request that you will give Directions to the Commissarys of Cecil Baltimore and Montgomery to purchase the Forage hereafter mentioned, Cecil 2000 Bushels of Corn and fifteen Tons of Hay for the Post of Elk, Baltimore 2000 Bushels of Corn, and ten Tons of Hay for that Post, Montgomery 2000 Bushels of Corn and five Tons of Hay for the Post at George Town.

Ibid. [Council to James Brice, Esqr.]

We request you to order the Company of Select Militia in this City on immediate Duty.

Ibid. [Council to The Inhabitants of Baltimore Town.]

It is our most earnest Desire that Baltimore Town should be put in a proper State of Defence, and that effectual Measures should be taken to prevent the Inhabitants of the Town being surprized and plundered, which we apprehend may be done without incurring the enormous Expence that must arise from embodying and ordering on Duty the whole of the Militia of the Town, and therefore cannot comply with your Requisition in the full Extent of it. We think by keeping a sufficient Militia Guard and putting Arms into the Hands of all the well affected Militia of the Town, and agreeing on and establishing Signals to warn and assemble the County Militia, that the Inhabitants cannot be surprized, and will be enabled to make effectual Resistance and repel a considerable Party of the Enemy. We have requested the Lieutenant of Baltimore County to arm all the well affected Militia belonging to the Town and to order out such