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[Council to Alexander Hanson, Esqr.]

Thomas Travers, Alexander Philips and Drummond Cramphin have been sent to this Board for Examination, charged with adhering to and trading with the Enemy, we are so much engaged at Present that we cannot go into their Examination; we shall be much obliged to you to examine the Papers enclosed and if you shall be of Opinion that there is not sufficient Evidence for you to confine them you will inform us.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Joshua Beall.]

We wrote you this Morning by M^r Turnbull since which we have received a Letter from the Lieutenant of Montgomery requesting some Arms with Accoutrements. We have given M^r Turnbull an Order for fifty Stand of Arms with Accoutrements, a Barrell of Cannon and one keg of musquet Powder to be delivered to you and which we request you to forward immediately to John Murdock Esq^r Lieutenant of Montgomery.

Ibid.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

The Militia of Prince George's County called in Service will require an immediate Supply of Provisions. We therefore require you to collect with all possible Dispatch as much as will answer their Demands while in Service. You are not to make use of what you have on Hand as that will be wanted for other Purposes; but you are to endeavour to procure from the Inhabitants what may be necessary; and if that Mode will not answer, you are hereby required and authorised to seize the Quantity necessary for the Supply of the Militia from those who can best spare it, for which you are to give Certificates Specifying the kind and Quality so seized by you. As Frugality in the Expenditure is absolutely necessary, you are to take the Quarter Masters receipt for what you deliver him, and that he be ordered not to deliver more than the common Ration to each Man. The want of Provision at this Post requires us to order on what you have on Hand [to be sent] on immediately, which we desire may be done without Loss of Time.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Joshua Beall.]

We received yours by M^r Turnbull, whenever you give us any Information respecting public Matters we wish you to be more explicit whether it is given from your own knowledge or from Report with the Particulars that we may be better enabled to judge what Conduct to pursue. We cannot spare the Number of Arms you request as it has been necessary to embody Part of the Militia of this County, and pressing Demands are made by the Lieutenant of St. Mary's County, you may however depend on having at least one hundred and twenty from M^r West. M^r Turnbull will deliver you