

April 12 the Lieutenant of Prince George's County one hundred and ninety
 Liber No. 78 three Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, which is a large
 p. 124 Proportion of what we have, but on your Application and considering
 the Spirit and Zeal of the Militia of Prince George's County, we
 have gone beyond what is the common Proportion and sent thirty
 Stand more with Accoutrements and fifty Spare Cartridge Boxes.
 We approve of arming thirty of the Militia to act as Horsemen and
 think they render very great Services, but we have it not in our
 Power to furnish them with Swords.

Ibid. [Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]

We have sent you by this opportunity an additional Number of
 thirty Horse to serve in your County, as they will answer on Emer-
 gencies to alarm the Country much better than Foot, and whenever
 we may be able to equip them, we shall do it with Pleasure, but at
 present it is not in our Power.

p. 125 [Council to Marquis La Fayette.]

We were honored with your Letter of the 10th Instant, a sufficient
 Number of Militia may be always collected to deter the Marines of
 the armed Vessel and Privateers from landing and repel them if they
 should, which makes us perfectly easy on their Account, and although
 we coincide with [you] in opinion, while the British continue superior
 on the water, their Advantages are such [that] our Attempts to make
 opposition at any particular Point may be rendered negatory by their
 changing their Design, and carrying on their operations else where
 yet we must suggest that some Towns and Places from their Situ-
 ation and other Circumstances of Moment must be greater Objects
 of Attention than others and more likely to be attacked. We have
 the strongest and most irrefragable Proof of your Zeal to advance
 the Interest and happiness of the States and knew that [that] alone
 was sufficient to prompt you to comply with our Requisition if re-
 stricted Instructions and other Objects had not made it improper,
 your Resolution to march with the greatest Rapidity to reinforce the
 southern Army imparts to us the greatest Pleasure and merits our
 warmest Applause, and your halting at such Points as would enable
 you to give the most speedy Assistance to either of the three Towns
 you mention would be highly agreeable, yet we do not wish that the
 temporary Relief that would be derived from your Stay among us
 should impede your moving rapidly to the Succour of the Southern
 Army. We have issued Orders to M^r Poe to collect at Baltimore
 what waggons and Horses may be necessary for your Detachment
 and required M^r James Calhoun our Commissary at Baltimore to
 provide for your use a Number of fine Cattle and a quantity of Flour,
 you may depend on finding every Thing furnished agreeable to our