

to have the Recruits raised in your County sent here. If any of them [insist] on being cloathed before they march from the County, be pleased to inform them they will certainly receive their Cloathing soon after they get here for we have purchased a Quantity of Cloth which will be immediately made up. We engage that they shall not [go] from here until they are furnished with Cloathing.

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We think the Rampart Pieces if they should be too unwieldly for the Militia, will be very useful in the Gallies Barges and Vessels of Defence to be built in this State, and request you to apply for seven hundred and fifty of the best, and as many of the best of the Cartridge Boxes as can be spared and four of the Brass field Pieces, and hope your utmost Endeavours will be exerted to obtain the field Pieces for they are much wanted.

[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.]

Ibid.

Yours of the 12th Instant we have received. There are so many Calls on the State for Supplies of Provision that we have been under the necessity of directing in many Parts of this State that the Militia when called in Service should find themselves and make a charge thereof, this has been universally the Case with those acting as Horseman, and we hope the Company of Horse in Baltimore Town will readily agree to subsist themselves with Provision and Forage; to have a Quarter Master and forage Master in every County for this Purpose would create an Expencc far beyond any advantages resulting from such a Service. It never was our Intention that the Militia of Baltimore Town should be sent on Guard to Patapsco Neck we have wrote Gen^l Buchanan on that Subject. Whenever any Person is pointed out to us as dangerous and disaffected, it will be our Duty as well as our Inclination to exert the extraordinary Powers with which we are invested for the Security of the State by taking such Steps as may be deemed necessary, we have wrote fully to Gen^l Buchanan on this Subject to which we refer you. We wrote you yesterday to send Cromwell down under a sufficient and secure Guard, which we request may be complied with. We have determined to charter Vessels for transporting Corn &^{ca} to New York for the Payment of Debts contracted by our captive Officers agreeable to the Terms enclosed you.

[Council to Gen^l Buchanan.]

Ibid.

Col. Smith writes us that it is very inconvenient for the Militia of Baltimore Town to perform the Duty of Guards on the north side of Patapsco. It was never our Intention that the Militia of the Town should do any Duty but at the Fort and in Town. We do not think it