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necessary at this Time to have any Guards posted on the North Side of Patapsco as the Enemy are down the Bay, but would have them armed and in Readiness to act at a moments warning, certainly there will be sufficient Notice given of the Approach of the Enemy for the Militia to be prepared to receive them. If there is good Cause to suspect particular Persons in Baltimore Town or County of Disaffection to the Government or the Militia or any of them will point them out and communicate the Grounds of their Suspicion to this Board and we should think them sufficient to justify an Exertion of the extraordinary Powers vested in us by the Law for the Safety of the State. We will most chearfully and readily take the proper Measures for their Apprehension and Confinement

Ibid.

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esq.]

From a representation made to this Board by Gen^l Gist that the recruits ought to be drawn together as soon as possible to be instructed in their Duty, we are induced to depart from the Law and to order them from the Counties, in which they were enlisted before they are cloathed and at the same Time that there might be no Complaints to promise and engage that they should not be marched from the Places appointed for their rendezvous, until they be cloathed agreeable to the Law; we hope such Promise and Engagement will fully remove every obstacle to the Recruits from your County marching to Baltimore Town the Place of Rendezvous. We have given orders to Capt. Keeports to supply you with two Kegs of musquet Powder, it is out of our Power to order any lead to you probably you may be able to procure some in your County, we would have you purchase Sufficient for your wants if it can be obtained. You will take two filled Pieces of M^r Hughs upon the Terms he offers, we think they will be fully sufficient for your County. The paper sent you, which you returned contained Instructions to seize Provisions, Similar Instructions having been sent to the other Counties of this State, we desire you to put them into Execution immediately, and to make use of the Provision in furnishing those Militia who may be on Duty, who are not able to provide for themselves, those who

p. 131 are we will not call on the Public in this Time of Distress but will make use of their own and charge it to the Public, we have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Harford for five hundred Pounds. We request you to send to this Place immediately under a spirited and trusty Officer with a Sufficient Guard the Prisoners mentioned in yours to M^r Paca with such Evidences to be given in on Oath as you may be able to obtain against them.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

You will herewith receive an Order on the Collector of Baltimore for three hundred and seventy five Pounds to enable you to purchase