

and Behaviour in capturing the Men from the Enemy's Shipping. The Hire of Horses and Carriages and the retained Rations will be settled by the Auditor General on Application, it is entirely without your Department. Nothing more is to be done by you than to give Certificates for the Time the Horses and Carriages were hired or impressed and of the Number of the Rations retained by and due to the Militia. The Law to encourage the raising volunteer Troops of light Horse directs that not less than fifteen shall constitute a Troop including a Capt. Lieutenant and Cornet to be recommended by the Persons forming the Troop, every Person entering into such Troop to furnish himself with Arms Horse and Furniture fit for such Duty and to be discharged from any Company of Militia to which he belongs but subject to the same Regulations as the Militia at large. There is no law to justify you in taking the Arms from Individuals further than Arms the Property of the State such as are private Property you will return It will be absolutely necessary to keep the Arms always in repair the Expence of which the State will pay; but it will never do to employ an idle Person with the additional Expence of an Over looker. You should hold a Court Martial immediately on those Men who refused to guard the Prisoners on being ordered by you, the Law passed the last Session Subjects the Militia to the same Fines as under the former Militia Laws, and those in Spanish Dollars at 7/6 each to be paid in Bills of the new Emissions on the passing Value at the Time of Payment.

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Ibid.

Yours of the 11th and 10th have been received. This Treasury being exhausted, we have according to your request drawn an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for five Hundred Pounds. Should any Intelligence arrive relative to the Movements of the Enemys Ships, you may depend on the earliest Notice. We expect the waggons impressed by the Marquis are on their way to Elk sufficient waggons having been ordered to Baltimore to relieve them.

[Council to Brigadier Gen'l Hamilton.]

Ibid.

Before we can grant the Permission you request, you must inform us of the Name, built and Burthen of the Vessel, the Masters Name, the Number and Names of the Crew and furnish us with an Inventory of the Cloathing Refreshments and Necessaries and every Article on Board intended for the Troops and inform us of the Amount of the Cash when this is done we shall not hesitate to give Permission to the Flag to proceed to George Town and deliver her Cargoe to such Officer as you may appoint to receive it under the following Restrictions. The Vessel when she arrives off George Town is to lay in the Middle of the Stream, a Guard under a discreet

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