

April 27 in Virginia we wish that the enclosed Letter for M^r Hoakesly may be
 Liber No. 78 sent on Board the Flag in such Manner as you may think proper
 p. 145 to direct.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. James Lingan.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Troop of Horse is directed to be raised for the Protection of the Inhabitants of Worcester and Somerset Counties to consist of one Captain Lieutenant and Cornet and twenty four Dragoons. We have appointed you to the Command of the Troops and request your immediate Attendance; should you not accept of the Command You'll inform us thereof immediately. Erasmus Gantt is appointed Cornet.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Erasmus Gantt.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Troop of Horse is directed to be raised for the Protection of the Inhabitants of Worcester and
 p. 146 and Somerset Counties to consist one Capt. Lieutenant and Cornet and twenty for Dragoons, James Maccubbin Lingan is appointed to the Command of the Troops and you are appointed Cornet. We request your immediate Attendance should you not accept of the Appointment you'll inform us thereof immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Theodore Middleton.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay one Company of Infantry to consist of one Capt. Lieutenant and Ensign and thirty non-commissioned Officers and Privates are directed to be immediately raised to serve within this State for one year. We have appointed you to the Command of the Infantry and request your immediate Attendance should you not accept of the Appointment you'll let us know immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Keeports.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Company of Artillery to consist of one Captain and one Cap^t Lieutenant and sixty five non-commissioned Officers and Matrosses is directed to be immediately raised to serve within the State for three years unless sooner discharged; the Company will be Stationed at Drum Point at the Mouth of the River Patuxent, where a Fort of not less than ten nine Pounders with one or two block Houses are to be erected and built with all convenient Speed. We have appointed you to the Command of the Company and request your immediate Attendance; should you not accept of the Appointment you will let us know immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Captain Cleland will wait upon you with Joshua Dorsey the Person charged with treasonable Practices in Concert with John Hammond