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[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

As the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are making as rapid Progress thro' the State of Virginia, and in all Probability will invade this State, it is absolutely necessary that we should be as well prepared as possible to receive them on an Invasion, we therefore direct you will have all the Arms in your County immediately repaired and put in good Order, and have 20,000 Cartridges immediately made up, for which Purposes you will hire as many Hands as you may deem necessary. You will send directly to this place one thousand weight of Lead and six barrels of musquet Powder to be delivered to M^r Shaw. We request you to make a full return of Military Stores in your Charge as soon as possible.

Ibid.

[Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Esqr.]

You will deliver the Bullet Moulds furnished you by this Board some Time ago to the Bearer hereof, we are surprised that you neglected sending them to M^r Shaw agreeable to Order. The Movements of the Enemy makes it necessary that you order such of the Militia in your County as are well armed and accoutred to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Moments Warning, to such Place or Places of Rendezvous as may be directed hereafter. You will have all the Arms that can be made fit for Service immediately collected and repaired.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Keepports.]

As the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are making a rapid Progress thro' the State of Virginia, and in all Probability may make a push for Baltimore Town, it is absolutely necessary that we should be as well prepared as possible to receive them on their invading this State, we therefore direct you to have the Arms immediately repaired and put into good Order, and to have as many Cartridges made as you possibly can, for which Purposes you will hire as many Hands as you may deem necessary to compleat this Business with the utmost Expedition

Ibid.

[Council to President of the Board of War.]

We have the Honor to transmit you a Resolution of the gen^l Assembly of this Day respecting the removal of the British Prisoners from this State to the Northward, in Consequence of which we have this Day wrote Col^o Wood to march them immediately into the State of Pennsylvania, and referred him to your Honble Board for further Orders. The general Assembly were induced to take this Step from the rapid Movements of the Enemy under Cornwallis in Virginia, who by the latest Intelligence had reached Page's Warehouses and was expected in a short Time at Alexandria, from whence to Fort