

powered to hire a Smith on the most reasonable Terms you can obtain one, to attend the several Corps of light Horse.

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[Council Circular to Lieu^{ts} Frederick and Washington Counties.] Ibid.

Enclosed you have Warrants to apprehend Henry Newcomer of Washington County, Fritchly of Frederick Town. Kelly of Frederick County Bleachy of Washington and Tinkles near Kelly, whose going at large we have the strongest reason to believe from the Information of Cap^t Orendorff is dangerous and may be detrimental to the State. The Capt. intends to have another Interview with them and converse fully on the Subject; he thinks they repose the utmost Confidence in him and will disclose all their Views and mention the Names of the principal Persons concerned in the Plot. If you think no bad Consequence will arise from your delaying to execute the warrants, we would have you do it, till the fullest Information can be obtained otherwise we would have them taken into Custody immediately and sent down, we wish you would see Capt. Orendorff and talk with him.

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[Council Circular to Commissaries of St. Mary's, Prince George's and Charles Counties.] Ibid.

You will discover in perusing the enclosed Act that we are empowered and requested to order the Commissaries of those Counties most easily approachable by the Enemy what Stock may be in Danger of falling into their Hands if such Purchase cannot be effected to order a Seizure, and several Parts of your County being in our Opinion much exposed to the Enemy, we hereby authorise and direct you to purchase one hundred Beef Cattle in those Parts of your County which are most exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy and in Case the owners of the Stock will not consent to sell them, we direct you to seize them and pursue the particular Directions of the Act when a Seizure is made. If the Number of the Stock in exposed Places should exceed what we have directed you to purchase or seize you will apply to the Lieu^t to oblige the Owners to drive them out of the reach of the Enemy. You will have the Cattle purchased and seized drove by a safe Route to George Town in Montgomery County and there delivered to M^r Thomas Beall Assistant Commissary to M^r Richardson

[Council Circular to Lieuts. of Prince George's and Washington Counties.]

Ibid.

By Information received from the Lieutenant of Charles County of a Number of Vessels standing up the River Patowmack which in all Probability [are] the Enemy from James River to cooperate with the Army under Lord Cornwallis. It has become necessary that a Number of the Militia be immediately collected and stationed at the