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most advantageous Parts for Defence, you are therefore requested to order out four hundred of the Militia at large of your County under proper Officers consisting of one Col^o or Lieut Col^o one Major eight Capt[s]. eight Lieut[s]. eight Ensigns and twenty four Serjeants, and march them to such Places, where the Enemy will most probably make an Attempt to land, but in Case you should receive certain Intelligence that a Body of the Enemy have landed or are about to land in any of the Counties on Patowmack you will immediately march your Men to that Place without waiting for our Orders. We have directed the Commissaries to purchase or seize those Cattle fit for use most exposed, and we request your Attention to the removal of them or any others liable to fall into the Hands of the Enemy.

Ibid. [Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

We are favored with yours of the 1st Instant and agree with you in Opinion that an Inspector of Brigade would be an Officer of great Utility; but as the Law has not authorized us to appoint or Commission any such Officer, it is not in our Power to comply with your requests by appointing M^r Hamilton.

Ibid. June 10 [Council Circular, Lieut^s of Frederick and Washington Counties.]

Late last Night and after our Dispatches of yesterday were closed a Law for the Trial of Spies, and such as may join the Enemy was enacted by the Legislature a Copy whereof you have enclosed; such a Law has been for a long Time necessary, and it has been now hastened from the Information given by Orendorff.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Mitchell as much Linnen proper for binding soldiers hats as he may think necessary.

That the Collector of the Tax for St. Marys County pay to Joseph Ford Com^y for said County fifteen thousand pounds of Tobacco on Acc^t

p. 93 Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt John Davidson of the 2^d Regim^t Twenty Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds sugar.

That Henry Rozier Esq^r deliver to John Smith Brookes Commissary of Prince Georges County all the Barrels in his Possession belonging to the Public.

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[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

We have received yours of this Day, and have enclosed the Law omitted to be sent in our's of the 9th Instant to which we refer you