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We were honored with your Letter of the 7th Instant, and have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency that the General Assembly have passed a Law to raise two Battalions of Militia to be composed of thirteen hundred and forty effective Men including non-Commissioned Officers to serve until the 10th Day of December next. the State of Maryland Sensible that it is of the utmost Importance to check the farther Progress of the Enemy and to expel them from every Port of the united States are determined to make every possible Exertion for the Succour of the State of Virginia, and to reinforce the Army under Gen'l Green. they have appropriated £200,000 to be immediately struck on British confiscated and forfeited Property aided by private Subscriptions and Associations to the sole Purpose of carrying on the Present Campaign with unremitting Vigour, and we flatter ourselves such is the Spirit of the People here, and their opinion of the Necessity of driving the Enemy from the Continent that nothing will be left undone that can be accomplished. The Militia as soon as they are raised and equipped shall be marched away by Detachments in the Manner your Excellency has advised; we have ordered three Volunteer Troops of Militia light Horse about seventy in Number to join the Marquis and expect they are with him by this Time.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer deliver to John Muir sixty hh^{sd} of Tobacco to be delivered over to Col^o Samuel Smith to be by him expended in procuring Cloathing &^{ca} and accounted for.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

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We received your Letter of the 21st Instant and are very much concerned that our directing the special Court to be held at Frederick Town should create any uneasiness among the People of your County, we are sensible there are many as good Whigs in Washington as in any County in the State, and can assure you they are much mistaken in ascribing our Determination to a Distrust in them or an opinion that an impartial honest and well attached Jury could not be got. The Difficulty of keeping so many People confined in your County until they could be taxed and the Ease and Convenience of the Judges of the general Court who live very remote from Hagar's Town are the only Motives that governed our opinion, for we candidly confess we do not discern the Advantages which the Whigs suppose or seem to think would accrue to the County from holding the Court there nor did we suppose it was desired by them we much applaud their Spirit and Activity in detecting such a dangerous and nefarious Plot