

You will observe that the Marquis's Forces are marching to assist us. We think there is strong Probability that this Movement is a Consequence of the material Plan mentioned in Germain's Letters and after ravaging our Coasts and Shores, they will attempt to establish themselves at Elk. We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of M^r Tilghman's Letter of the 1st Instant and think it absolutely necessary your Honours should be immediately informed of the Movements and Designs of the Enemy have taken the Liberty to direct the Commodore to return without Delay with this Letter. Your Assistance in having the Draughts forwarded from the several Counties will oblige us.

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[Council to Mr. Mollohan]

Ibid.

We request you make Sale of the Tobacco sent to you by this State and deliver to the Delegates from Maryland in Congress the Sums of Money by them respectively called for out of the Sales. M^r Mollohan.

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[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Ibid.

We have directed M^r Mollohan to deliver to you from the Sales of Tobacco in his Hands the Sums of Money you may call for, The General Assembly have directed that one half only of your Allowance should be paid in this Manner and we beg Leave Gentlemen to mention their Directions as a Guide for your Demands

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

Ibid.

From Information just received from the Marquis and Doct^r McHenry, we no longer doubt of the Designs of the Enemy they are certainly destined for Baltimore Town or the Head of the Bay, the former is the most probable this is the Day of Trial, now must the State of Maryland exert herself, and prove she is worthy of the inestimable Blessings we are contending for; that Love of Country and Disinterestedness which predominated in every Brest at the Beginning of this War will revive and shine forth with the most splendid Lustre more will a virtuous Emulation prompt us to achieve Feats of the most distinguished Valour. We confide in your skill and Activity and are convinced every Disposition will be made to put the Town and County in a proper State of resistance, we have directed the Lieutenant of Frederick County to order his Troop of Horse and all their select Militia to your Assistance and have enclosed Commissions for Troop. All the public Stores must be immediately moved out of Town to Places of Security in the County, and the Inhabitants of the Town must move out all their Goods and valuable Property. The Marquis with his Army is moving this way. The