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Extracts herewith transmitted will give you all the Intelligence received. The Lieutenant of Harford has Directions to order the Militia of that County to be in readiness to march when ordered, In sending succour from this Post we must be governed by the Movements of the Enemy and you may be assured we shall do every Thing possible for your Support

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Ibid. [Council Circular to Lieuts Washington, Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick and Charles Counties]

By Letters received this Day by Express from the Marquis de la Fayette and Doct^r McHenry his Aid we have the Strongest Assurances that the Enemy from Portsmouth to the Number of 12 or 1300 meditate an Invasion of this State, Baltimore is mentioned in particular forty sail of Vessels with twelve Barges full of Men sailed on the 31st from Cape Henry up the Bay, but the Tide and wind being against them, they were obliged to come to an Anchor off Cherrystones about eleven Miles from the Cape, since we have no Intelligence we wish to be prepared to receive them and therefore think it proper to order all the select Militia in your County with the light Horse, if any, immediately to this Place properly accoutred, you will not delay a Momment forwarding them.

With this Addition to the Lieutenant of Frederick County, we are informed that two Sadlers of your Town have about fifty Saddles and Bridles fit for light Horse as they are much wanted we request you to purchase them or any Number immediately, upon the best Terms you can, to be paid in the new Money, should the Men refuse to sell them upon reasonable Terms, you are hereby authorised to seize them for the use of the State.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Sears Twenty pounds of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be Accounted for.

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[Council to John Smith Brookes.]

Since our last It has become absolutely necessary to encrease the Number of Cattle we directed you to send to this City, and request you will immediately forward forty more in Addition to what we have already ordered

Ibid. [Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

We are in want of Beef Cattle for the regulars and Militia, and as there are some Parts of your County much exposed to the Ravages