

March 21 dred Cartridges and they are divided between Captains Boone and Gray one at the Bodkin and the other at Sandy point if it appears Necessary S^r I should be glad to have a few arms and Accouttriments for we are but very Indeferently armed

March 21 [Sam. Huntington, President, to His Excellency, Governor Lee.]
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 Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed, a Proclamation of the 20th Instant earnestly recommending that Thursday the third Day of May next may be observed as a Day of Humiliation, Fasting & Prayer by all the States.

March 21 [John Weems to Col^o James Brice]

I have posted gards at the most Convenient places to prevent the Negroes from going to the Enemy & Secur'd all Boats & Canoes. but it is not in the power of the Militia to prevent the Enemy Landing as they have neither Muskets powder nor balls if you Could Let me have Sixty Good arms Complet I think Could put them in the hands of them that would make use of them Cap^t Deale waits on you with this and will take Care of what armes &c that you think proper to send.

N B. 60 Muskets Compleat; Powder & Ball; Cartridges & paper; 120 Gun Flints.

March 21 [W^m Winder, Gilliss Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venable, George
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 Waters, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson, L Woolford, John Done, W. Gilliss, Henry Waggaman, Isaac Henry, Esme Bayly, Tho^s Hayward, Lambert Hyland, James Haynir, W^m Polk, Tho^s Irving, John Evans (of Nich^s), W^m Strawbridge, Denwood Wilson, John Denwood, W^m Waters of W^m, Josiah Polk, George Handy, W^m Horsey, Somerset County, Maryland, to the Council.]

We are informed that at the last Session of Assembly an Act passed for either building or Purchasing Armed Vessels for the Defence of the Bay and Sound. The Defenceless situation of the Rivers and the much exposed Inhabitants in this Part of the State loudly call for assistance. The numberless Depredations committed with Impunity by Picaroons, and the Prospect of the Continuance of such Outrages clearly Point out the immediate Necessity of adopting some effective Measures to check their Progress and give some security the ensuing Summer to those who live contiguous to Navigation

We are apprehensive that we should derive capital Advantage from an Armed Boat the Construction of which has been suggested by a Gentleman in this Part of the County well acquainted with maritime Affairs. Capt. Zeekiah Walley the Gentleman who has been kind enough to offer us the following Plan is not only well