

Wednesday attachments of the Militia from Ann Arundel—Calvert—Pr: Georges.  
 April 1 Charles or St. Marys as Convenient, that at least the Barges might  
 Red Book be prevented from Ravaging the Coasts above Benedict if not lower  
 No. 28 down.  
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April 2 [Rich'd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee.] (fav'd by  
 Mr. Smith)

Not being honord with any Answer to my Letter of 21<sup>st</sup> Ultimo And expecting to hear every hour of the Enemy being in our Rivers and that I shall be obliged to order out the Militia to prevent the Inhabitants from being plundered I am obliged to send to your Excellency for directions when I shall apply for Arms Ammunition & Meat Provisions which I may stand in need of And if Its possible I shall be glad to obtain for our County a few p<sup>s</sup> Artilerey as they will render us essential service if only used as alarms to Collect the Militia as at present I have no way but the sending to every man notice to attend and before We can collect them in this way the damage apprehend<sup>d</sup> may be done. I am much in want of a Little Salt & shall be glad to know where to apply for about 20 Bushls as its out of my power to procure it for the want of money. I have received very Little provision in Virtue of the Act to raise supplies not more than 20 Bush<sup>ls</sup> Wheat & 200 lbs Pork but I have about 400 Barrels flour of my former purchase Ready to forward and shall be obliged for directions what I am to do with it. As I am afraid to send it by Water, & part of it lays within the Enemies Power if they come after it.

I have passed ten recruits under the New Law & expect more & as there is no person to receive or provide for them I am much at a loss what to do with them, I am to draught our Militia on fryday to make out the Quota of the County I find by the Law Your Excellency may put off the draught in those Counties which have heretofore exerted themselves to procure recruits & as I flatter myself Our County has heretofore furnishd more men then any other of the same ability by Our last Classing we had but 5660<sup>l</sup> to find a recruit when other Counties had from 18 m to 22 m to raise them & under these Circumstances We raised about 40 recruits & tooke up near 20 Deserters Our Quota now is 37 men & I hope we shall get one half enlisted & if time is allow'd & money can be had the remainder may be procured

I wrote in my last for some Commissions I shall be obliged if they can now be sent me with the Last Laws.

I have obtaind no money from the Commissioners & Want for the procuring flour Cash to pay many Expences I am at. I intended making your Excellency full returns of the 15 p C<sup>t</sup> Tax received & provisions but have them not compleatd but shall forward them in a few days