

will inform you of the most proper place for such a post as well as the utility of the measure.

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I shall hope for your answer by his return

[And. Buchanan, Balt. Cou^{ty} To Jeremiah T. Chase Esq^r] April 11

Inclos'd you have the best accounts I have been able to Collect from the Mili^a field Officers as the recruiting officers are daily recruiting men its Probable their may be many Pass'd since I have received those acc^{ts} in the name of God shall we have a draft of the Mili^a.

N B Tho^s Sollars, 24 men; Tho^s Rutter, 42 men; Benj^a Nicholson, 2 men; Myself, 4 men.

[Jos^a Beall, Lieu^t P^s Geo. Co^{ty} to His Excell^y Tho^s Simm Lee Esq^r] April 11
(P^r Tho^s Telley) 10 o Clock

Inclosed you have a letter I have Just reced from Coll. Fitzgerald of Alex^a & another from Col^l Addison, though both intilligence from the same Quarter The request made from the People of Alex^r I do not think I am at Liberty consistant with my Duty to Comply with, unless I am orderd so to do by y^r Excell^y & Hon^{rs} as I should thereby leave our own inhabitants Exposed to the ravages of the Enemie

I shall immediately collect as many more as can Possibly be armed & march down the river side in order to protect as far as Possible the inhabitants & their Effects Beg the wagon is arrived on the way to Annapolis for the accoutrements, for the arms I have reced may be dispatched as quick as possible.

[John Fitzgerald Alex^a to Col^o Joshua Beall Co^{ty} L^t of Prince Georges C^{ty}] Wednesday
Morning
7 o Clock

I take the Liberty of informing you by direction of the Gentlemen of this Town that the Enemy are moving up this River in considerable force Consisting of Eight Vessells of Various sizes. We have little doubt but they are intended against this Town & are resolved to give them all the opposition in our Power Any Assistance you can give us will be thankfully received but it must be without loss of time as our latest Acco^{ts} say the Vessells are on this side Dumfries. The Ferry boats will be in rediness for your men to pass over—pray let them be well Armed

[Jn^o Addison to Coll Jo^{sa} Beall L^t P. G. County.] Wednesday
Morning

By express to Alexandria this morning ab^t 3 oclock, we learn that a twenty gun Ship 2 briggs & 4 Schuners were last night at Quantico in their way to Alexandria. Pray forward the Arms as fast as possible we have some from M^r West but not half enough