

April 24 the Bay at the mouth of Patuxent, and afterwards kept in such places as will best answer the purpose of scouring the Co^{ty} Shuld this not meet with your approbation you are only to let me know your sentiments which shall be complied with. On the return of the Enemy down Potomack one George Howard from this Neighbourhood went to them and carried five negroes that was known of, four of which were the Rev^d M^r Waltons. M^r James Adderton who was taken by the Enemy when they landed at S^t Inigoes informed me, that when he was on board one of their Ships in S^t Marys, one of the Ships Crew who he was acquainted with asked him if he knew Geo: Howard, and told him, that such a one pointing to Howard, was the Person, and that he brought nine negroes with him, when he came on board, Howard I am inform'd was sent to Frederick by some Gentⁿ some short time before he left this, and it is said, that he Brought some Letters from the Convention Troops, which he carryed to the Enemy, I have been thus particular as he has a right to about one hundred and fifty acres of Land for life, with I suppose some other property which his Wife and Family are now in possession of, the whole Family I am informed are good for but little. Aught they not immediately to have every thing takin from them as a warning to others. Particularly as Howard was a Native and had takin the oathes to Government, I observe your Sentiments relative to the Militia being furnished with spirituou liquor my intention at the time was only to give it to those Men that were on guard, in bad weather, and when they were fatigued in marching which If not granted, there are but very few that will in such casses have it in their power to get any, for in general our People are very poor, and their are times when it will be proper, for them to be supplied with it, particularly if they are kept together. I am informed that the officers in the upper Battⁿ got the quarter master to supply the Militia that were on Wiocomico with some Brandy while the Enemy were up Potomack, without my knowing any thing of it which in future I shall prevent If it shuld not be directed by you to the contrary. I have inclosed you M^r Mills Acc^t of the expence of sending to Annapolis by him for Arms, whether it is right or not, I am totally at a loss to determine, not knowing the value of the money, or having the least knowledge of such business, in the present situation of our affairs, I therefore flatter myself you will direct the Auditor to settle it, and send it to me, and if more money shuld be wanted, than the hundred Dollars delivered to M^r Mills that you will put it in my power to settle it, together with the expence of sending an express to you some time past, business of this sort ought to be paid if it is expected that it will be in my power in future to have any thing of the kind executed.