

on the further necessary Supplies & Forces for next year, that should be provided in the Winter, so that all might be at the Place of Rendezvous by the first of the Spring, that the Commissioners should be appointed by Acts of the several Legislatures, but as they are one of the smallest Colonies they must not take upon them to begin a proportion for that purpose but will most readily follow the Example of the other greater Colonies as far as their Abilities can go. Which being read his Excellency desires the Advice of this Board whether it may be necessary now to call the Assembly whose Opinion it is not.

The present State of our People upon the Frontiers in Frederick County being taken into Consideration and the following Letter prepared it is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to send the same to the commanding Officers of the Militia in Frederick, Prince Georges, Ballmore, Cecil, Annapundel, Talbert, Charles & St. Marys Counties

Sir Whereas it is absolutely necessary for us to send a considerable Body of Armed Men to the Frontiers of Frederick County immediately to prevent the farther Incursions of the Enemy who have within a few Days cutt of many of the Inhabitants and ravaged a great part of that County; you are hereby directed and required to send from the Militia under your Command to Frederick Town a Party of Men consisting of any Number more than Twenty Nine under the Command of one Subaltern Officer unless a Captain shall voluntarily offer his Service and in such Case you are to appoint one Subaltern under him. I flatter myself that as their Country calls for their Service, enough will be found among the Militia of your County that will voluntarily compose the Party that is required of you, but should you unhappily be disappointed in such hopes you are to draft them by Lot or otherwise as you shall judge best. Every Person should take at least one Blanket with him and cloaths enough to serve him for a Month from his Arrival on the Frontiers together with Provisions for himself till he shall reach Frederick Town where he will be supplied out of a Magazine, those who have Arms & Ammunition would do well in taking both with them and those who want shall be supplied at Frederick Town all that I have farther to recommend of them is to let no time be lost as the Situation of Affairs requires the utmost Dispatch, as soon as you send me Advice of what is done and what Number of Men is Marched or Ready to March in pursuance of these Orders I shall send the Commanding Officer of the Party further Instructions for his Conduct

I am Sir

Your very humble Servant  
W. S.

P. S. Drafts from the Militia in eight Counties are ordered to March to the Frontiers as soon as Possible