

The Establishments as well civil as military depend on the power granted by the Royal Charter to the Lord Baltimore, under whom all the Officers, except the Collectors and Surveyors of his Majesty's Customs hold their places.

The following Letter being prepared is approved of, ordered to be written and sent to the Commanding Officer of the Militia in Baltimore County.

Annapolis 28th August 1756.

S^r As some Letters which I have just received makes such a step expedient and necessary, I do with the Advice of his Lordship's Council require you on your receipt of this, to order an Officer with a Detachment of thirty Men from the Militia of your County to proceed with all possible Expedition to Fort Frederick on the North Mountain where they will be joined with two Parties from the Militia of Prince Georges and Frederick's Counties with whom they are to act in conjunction, the senior Officer of the said three Parties taking the chief Command, they are to march by the Way of Baker's Fort and not to advance beyond Fort Frederick, but to act and dispose of themselves, as the Officers shall judge best for the protection of the Inhabitants between that Post and Annapolis: From their Arrival at Fort Frederick, they will be supplied with Ammunition by the Commandant, and with Provisions by Mr. Geo. Roper Commissary who will deliver it to them: either there or at Baker's Fort, for Provisions and other Necessaries on their March the Officer of the Party is to apply to the several Press Masters who are hereby required to see them properly supplied, agreeable to the Act of Assembly of this Province for the better regulating the Militia &c. This Letter you are to deliver to the Officer whom you shall appoint to march with your Detachment for his better Guidance, and he is to return it again to you with a particular Journal of his proceedings during the Month that he is to continue on the Frontiers, unless he should receive my Orders to return home within that time.

Yours humble servant
James Oglethorpe

A Supply of Arms and Ammunition if wanted may be had at Frederick Town by applying to Mr. Dixon.

To Colonel Hall Commander in Chief of the Militia of Baltimore County.