

155. assembled with their Arms & Ammunition to meet the said
Richard Gray and Samuel Philips and to see that their
conduct may be duly inquired into
At Col: Robeson. } We are &c

In Council Baltimore 1st Sept: 1777.

Sir
150. We shall, in all Probability, have more Militia here than we can
use. We are therefore desirous, as your County is so remote and the People may be
wanted at Home, that none should immediately march from thence.
Possibly those who first go may want to be relieved, you will therefore get
your Militia settled in the best Manner you can and have two Companies
of each Battalion ready to march, in case they should be ordered. We do
not hear of any capital Move yet of our Enemies; Gen: Washington's
Nav is in this Neighbourhood, and Report makes us out full strength
enough for them — We are &c
Lt. Richard Barnes }
St. Mary's County }

In Council Baltimore 1st Sept: 1777.

Sir
157. The Militia have come in and are marching with all the Alacrity
we could expect, ~~we~~ we shall have more than we can arm, which
makes it unnecessary for any to march at present from Charles; but
as the Militia who now go out may want to be relieved, we wish
you to have two Companies ready agreed on for that Purpose, if
they should be ordered. To do this the most effectually, we think it
will be best to have the Militia elapsed agreeable to Law. We had
no Expectation that the Congress would have appointed any Officer
to command our Militia and we thought ourselves happy in
requesting you to march as County Lieutenant; but the Congress
having desired another Gen: to take the Command, we think it
right to apprise you of it, to prevent any farther Disappointment
or unnecessary Trouble on that Head. We have the Pleasure
to inform you, all Accounts agree Gen: Washington's Army is
strong and in good Spirits and that the Pennsylvania Militia
turns out bravely. — We are &c

Col: Ware, I

In Council Baltimore 1st Sept: 1777.

Sir
158. We are a good deal uneasy at the Difficulties we are likely to be in
about the Command of the Militia, not knowing, or imagining, that Congress
or General Washington would have done any Thing about the immediate
Command of our Militia; we requested Col: Mifflin to take the
Command of the Western Shore Militia, and expected that Col: Richardson
on his Removal would of course have taken the Command of the Eastern Shore