

Council at Oct. 1777

169. Sir
General Buchanan Esq. Lieut. of Baltimore County may, probably, require the Assistance of the Militia under your Command, to suppress an Insurrection in the upper Part of that County. If required, you are to give him all the Aid in your Power, or what he may think necessary.
We are Sir Yrs
To Maj. Nathl. Smith

In Council Annapolis 3^d Oct. 1777.

170. Sir
It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp and the Time of those who are now there being nearly expired we request you will immediately order the first and second Class of the Militia of your County to march. They will do well to take each of them a Blanketto, we have none with which we can supply them; and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents, Camp Kettles, and Accoutrements in the Use of those at Camp, will be put into the Hands of those who are to supply their Place but probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused, so as not to be immediately serviceable. Through Baltimore Town will be the best Rout and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here, by the Time the Militia get to Marlboro. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually, it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or what is indeed to be wished our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on the Way.
We are Yrs

Francis Ware Esq. Lt. of }
Charles County

In Council Annapolis 3^d Oct. 1777.

171. Sir
By a Letter of yesterday Evening from General Buchanan, we are advised that a Number of People are collected in Baltimore in Arms, to oppose the Distresses made under the Militia Law, and are apprehensive that he may need Assistance from your County to reduce them to due Obedience to the Laws. If he applies for your Aid, you are to furnish it and of such as you can best rely on. It is a distressing Circumstance to be obliged to exert Force against our own Countrymen, but suffering a lawless armed Force to prevail over the Laws, would certainly and soon enslave us all.
We are Sir Yrs

Aquila Hall Esq. Lt. of }
Harford County

In Council 3^d Oct. 1777.

172. Sir
The Militia of this State who are now at Camp, will soon have served their Times and our Affairs may, very probably, require that they should be replaced. We therefore request that you will order the first and second Classes of the Militia of your County to march immediately and join Genl. Washington. As many as can, are desired to carry their Arms, and each, who go a