Blankett; they will be furnished, at Camp, with the Tent, Kettles and
No. 172 Accoutrements belonging to this State now in Use, but, probably, some of the
Arms may be carried off or rendered unfit for Use. If Care has been taken of
all the Tent, those who now go may be supplied with them also, but it will be
best not to rely entirely on them. We wish as little Delay as possible.

We are Sir &c.

Henry Hooper Esq.r Lt. of
Dorchester County

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

We this Morning received yours of Yesterday and are truly sorry for the
Occasion of it, wishing, as we are sure you do, to avoid the Necessity of shedding
the Blood of our Countrymen. We inclose you a Proclamation, offering
Forgiveness for the past, on Condition of dispersing and ceasing to oppose the
173. Execution of the Law in future, which we desire may be printed & generally
dispersed immediately. We would have had it printed here, but the Delay
of the Express would have been too long. We inclose you an Order to
Major Smith, also a Letter to Colo. Beatty & Colo. Hall, which you will
make Use of as you may find necessary and, you judge, prudent. Perhaps
too many of the People in Frederick who are connected with those in
Baltimore, may be in the same Humour, but we flatter ourselves, great
Numbers are of a different Sentiment. We shall order a Detachment
of our Matrosses from hence with two Field Pieces, and have to Day,
ordered 10 Companies of Militia from St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert
to relieve the Militia at Camp and, Yesterday, the first and second Class
from Washington, with the same Intention. We hope as all those have
long been ordered to hold themselves in Readiness, they will, very soon
begin their March and may be confided in to do the Business, if necessary
in their Way. Advise us frequently of the Situation of Things, as we
may be able to give you timely Assistance, if necessary.

We are Sir &c.

P. S. If not already done, secure all Ammunition

Andrew Buchanan Esq.r
Lt. of Baltimore County

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

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
174. being nearly expired, we request you will immediately order the first & second
Class of the Militia of your County to march. They will do well to take
each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them,
and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents, Camp Kettles & 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 this City will be the best Rout, and we shall be glad that an