

In Council Annapolis 17th Decr 1777.

Sir

By a Letter received from you, you are of Opinion the House in which our Arms are kept, is too damp for that Purpose. We would have you get a proper Place; if a Fire can be occasionally made in the Room where they are placed, the better, and we wish you to have what public Arms are in Baltimore put into good Order and kept ready for Service.

We are &c

Mr George Heeparts Balt.

In Council 19th Decr 1777.

Sir

Englehart Geised has exhibited to us a Complaint, on Oath, against Thomas Higgins of Cecil County, for his forcibly and riotously seizing and putting him under a Guard by Violence with armed Men and taking from his Servants a Number of Cattle as they were driving to Baltimore - Outrages of this Kind, if suffered to be committed with Impunity, will produce the most serious Consequences and are therefore not to be tolerated. We request that you will immediately with a Guard, if necessary, send Thomas Higgins before us; that due Enquiry may be made into the above mentioned Complaint.

We are &c

To Charles Rumfay Esq  
Lt. of Cecil County

In Council Decr 20th Decr 1777.

Sir

We wrote you this Day by the Defence's Tender who has Orders to call at Mr Hopewell's to deliver there 100 Stand of Arms and to send an Express off immediately to you. As this may reach you before you receive that Letter, We think it proper to let you know that the Arms will probably be at the Place destined, by this Time you can send a Person to receive them.

We are Sir &c

To Col. Barnev.

In Council Annapolis 20th Decr 1777.

Gent

Your Letter was ~~received~~ laid before the Assembly immediately on the Receipt of it, on which they have come to the inclosed Resolution. The Fort and Barracks are much out of Repair and will require a good Deal of Work to put them in proper Order to receive Prisoners, but no Time shall be lost. The Country round about Fort Frederick is very thinly settled, which will make a pretty strong Guard the more necessary. We much wish a proper one to be sent with the Prisoners.

We are Gent. &c

To the Board of War.