

advise Genl. Smallwood by Express, who is requested to forward the  
No. 223. Information to you, to enable you to give such Orders as you may  
judge proper. I hope the Orders from hence will be executed with  
alacrity and your Intentions take Place.

His Excellency Genl. Washington

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir with the greatest Respect  
to be

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Sir  
224. Mr. Gasparway delivered his letters in the fore Part of the Day. Orders  
are already given for a Battalion of Cecil Militia to be immediately  
called out, to be relieved by three Companies from Baltimore, two  
from each of Kent, Cecil, Queen Ann's & Harford Counties; two Field Pieces  
with thirty two Matroses are also ordered. Col<sup>o</sup>. Jumphy is directed, as  
soon as he has 100 Men, including those already on Duty, to give  
you Notice by Express and, as the Companies come in, to advise you  
of it. You will please to transmit such Information immediately to  
Genl. Washington who, from what is wrote to him, will expect it and  
probably, will give Orders to you, grounded on that Information.

We congratulate you on the light Prospect opening to View

and are Sir Yea

Genl. Smallwood

In Council Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> May 1778.

Sir  
225. In consequence of a letter received Yesterday from Genl. Washington, we  
have ordered a Battalion of your County Militia to be called out as  
Guards to the stores til they can be replaced by three Companies from  
Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Harford, Cecil, Kent  
and Queen Ann's. The service will be short and, we expect, important  
in this view that the Regulars will be disengaged and may act together.  
We have also ordered a Party of Matroses. Matthews carries up one  
hundred Stand of Arms, which you'll receive and deliver to Col<sup>o</sup>. Jumphy  
Order; we would not have the Boxes broke, unless the Arms should be  
wanted. Two of our Gallies are gone below, one of them manned, the  
other, only for us to navigate her, loaded; we are not able to man another  
as she ought to be, or as would in any Degree answer us along way; we have  
represented it often and requested some Men from the Delaware,  
but without Effect. Sensible of the Necessity of forwarding the Provisions  
we have ordered a Sloop which will carry about 300 Barrels from  
hence to Patowmack for Shad, without Convoy. From our latest view  
the Men of War were as low as Hampton Roads, if there is a