

52. being informed of the Enemy's moving up the Bay, without further Orders, we are, and are Half of your Militia to march to Baltimore and join Genl. Buchanan. Fix the Classes beforehand, let them carry what Arms they can, the Deficiency, we hope to supply at the Place. We shall write to you again as soon as we have further Intelligence of consequence. We are &c.

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In Council Annapolis 10th May 1779

50. Sir. From Intelligence just now received, it is highly probable that a considerable Part of the British Force now in the Bay may be designed against this State and, if it is, Baltimore Town will, undoubtedly be a principal Object; We therefore desire you to give Notice to the Whole of the Militia of your County, to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Minutes Warning and you are to assemble them, if necessary, and act as Occasion may require. We shall endeavour to strengthen you all in our Power & advise you of any Circumstances as they occur, which may influence the calling the Militia out, or induce us to think it necessary. We are &c.

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In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

50. Sir. We request that you will give Orders that one Half of the South River Battalion and one Half of the Severn Battalion immediately march to Annapolis. We desire that you'll give particular Directions, not to take any Militia Man who lives on the Bay Shore, on Patapsco River, below the Ferry at Dorsey's, on Severn, below your Plantation, or on South River below Brown's Plantation, formerly Lomax's, it being prudent and our Intention, that those who live on & very near the Waters, where the Enemy may probably make Depredations on the Plantations, should be left at Home for the Defence & Protection of their Families & Properties. You will also give Orders that the Town Companies be assembled, armed & supplied with Ammunition and you are to direct the Officers to give the most decisive Orders to the Militia; to keep the Arms ready & in Order for Service & to preserve the Ammunition. We are &c.

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Sh. of Annapolis County. }

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

50. Sir. Circular. We inclose you the Accounts received last Night & this Morning of the Enemy's being in the Bay and having landed a Body of Men at Portsmouth in Virginia. We have nothing yet that points out their Object, perhaps they may design to spread Destruction as wide as they can. We request you to give immediate Orders Notice to the