

N. 165. Militia of your County to prepare what should be done in the first Order, which you are to give, if you should be called on to assist any of the other Counties, you are to give such Part & Proportion of the Militia of your County, as that Service as you can spare and may be necessary. If there should be Occasion to call out the Eastern Shore Militia, the Intercourse between us probably be so much interrupted that we shall not be able to give from Time to Time, as desirable, to prevent, as far as may be, any Inconvenience from that Circumstance. The Gent. on the Eastern Shore, Officers & Privates will, we hope, act with all the Vigour their Strength will allow and with all possible Concert for the Protection of the Whales. We do not know how far we may be able to assist you, as far as we can, we certainly shall

To the Lieuts of the E. Shore Counties.
& to the Lieuts of St. Mary's, Charles, & Calvert with and Addition of "Advising" us of your Proceedings

We are &c.

Sir. In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779
We have sent up the Genl. Smallwood with 101 Barrls of Park, a Number of Arms and a few other Things which will eventually be useful in the Defence of Balt. Town. We request the Favor of you to have the Park landed and stored in Town and the Arms safely deposited for Use, in case they should be necessary. You will be particularly careful that the Arms suffer no Damage in their Removal.

Cap. Geo. P. Keppels.

We are &c.

Sir. In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779
It has become prudent, indeed it appears necessary in our present Situation again to remove our public Offices, the Continental Loan Office, the State Treasury and the Office of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, we have directed to be removed to your House. If we had had any Opportunity, we should have previously consulted you how far it might Suit with your Convenience to have given them Room, though we do not know any Place so convenient or where we might so probably have got them in. Presuming on your Inclination to assist the Public at such a juncture we have ordered them forward; the Occasion will not permit Delay, we desire & expect to make you a reasonable Compensation and are &c.

Henry Ridgely Esq.

Sir. In Council Annapolis 10th May 1779
We have just received yours of this Day. It would be a desirable Thing, merely with a View to our own Security, that the Virginia Troops on their Way to the Southward, should stay for our immediate Defence, but we are apprehensive that such a Measure might be attended with a concerted Plan in which those Troops may be

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