

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> May 1779

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Sir We have to thank Genl. Buchanan for the Head of the for June Arms which we hope are arrived with you, if not, a very careful Hand in a Boat must be sent up immediately for them. Genl. Buchanan had the Order & acct. of Particulars, they are to be delivered to his Order and all other Arms & Accoutrements you have. Please to let Lieut. Judah Law 15 Boards of the Park sent by the Genl. Smallwood and note the Parcels of Lead you received by her, which, we had Reason to think was more than you mention. We are &c.<sup>a</sup>

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Capt. Geo. P. Keports.

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Sir. The inclosed to Col. Bruce is left open for your Perusal, which please to forward to him by a safe Hand & give him the earliest Intelligence possible, if the Enemy move up the Bay, that he may act according to the Directions given him We are &c.<sup>a</sup>

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Sir. The Intentions of the Enemy are very uncertain; Reports from pretty well to agree that they are about 3000 strong; we hear to Day by a Man from Virginia that the Enemy are making Works at the Great Bridge; if true, it looks as if they did not intend to leave us soon, or be up immediately. We wish to give Order to as many of the Militia, the nearest to Baltimore, as you can arm, to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Baltimore Town immediately on notice and you are to give Orders for their March on Genl. Buchanan's Request without waiting for Directions from us. The 150 Arms & Accoutrements sent from Balt<sup>e</sup> to you last Spring, we imagine, are at Frederick Town and in good Order: those and any other that are there fit for use, we request you to send for immediately and have them lodged at your House or where else you may think more convenient, for arming the Militia as they collect; if there's a Place more towards Baltimore where they would be taken care of, it would be better We are &c.<sup>a</sup>

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Sir. Mr. William Merrit will deliver to you 30,000 L. according to your Request. We would not wish you to increase your Purchase; the Quantity mentioned in your Estimate is fully sufficient. The Flour, Shirts & Bran, should <sup>not</sup> be within Reach of the Enemy, by Water, as they are still in the Bay, and though we have no Reason to believe, from their late Movements, they are <sup>not</sup> retired higher up, yet too much Caution cannot be used to secure Provision. The Hind, you'll therefore let it remain at the Mills We are &c.<sup>a</sup>

Wm. Merrit Esq.