

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

499. Our boats (the ~~Boats~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~present~~ ~~time~~ ~~at~~ ~~Baltimore~~) which we have. It is desirable to keep a considerable force at Baltimore and we wish the Militia would be able enough to keep together a little while longer; we delayed calling them together because we were apprehensive that it would be next to impossible to keep them together for any time. The few Militia who met here shewed so much Dissatisfaction at being kept that, apprehensive they would discharge themselves if we did not, we permitted them to go home after recommending to the Officers to agree on and appoint Signals in case of Alarm. You will be able to judge from the Temper of the Militia assembled at Baltimore, whether the same Step with regard to them, will not be most prudent and, if you think it will, we request you to take it. We are &c.

And W. Buchanan Esq. }  
Lt. of Balt. County - }

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500. Sir. We send to you by Mr. Wailes, the Bearer of your Letter 0000£. to pay for the Flour you purchased. The Quantity demanded of us, is made up, so that we would not have you concern with any more; that which you have bought had best remain a while, if in a safe Place as well because we do not know where it may be wanted & the Danger of removing it to a Place where any Quantity is already collected, as the Possibility of its being wanted by the Militia, who must be supplied with it, if they should be collected. We are &c.

W. M. W. Bryde }  
Somerset County }

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501. Sir. We sent you, 12th Decemb: last by one of our Boats 2£ Wt. of Lead, the Boat did not go any farther than Patuxent & therefore you did not get it. We sent you the 12th of last Month by Mr. Hughes 1£ Wt. which we suppose you got. Tomorrow or the next Day we will send to Cambridge, to the care of Mr. Stevens 3£ Wt. Lead, we cannot send it before. We have wrote to Mr. W. Bryde to keep back a little while; the Flour he purchased & subjected it for the Use of the Militia, if called out; Col: Joseph Dashiell has a Barr: of our Park & Mr. Shaille about the same Quantity, that must be used if convenient & wanted any that belongs to the Public, more convenient. We can say nothing further as to the Removal of the Continental Provisions, which may be in Places tolerably safe, than that we do not approve it, as things are now circumstanced, and advise it not to be done. We cannot spare one of our Boats at present, if you can hire a proper one and get her manned & armed, we are willing to pay the Expence of it for the little Time she may be necessary and useful. We send you the Commissions you wrote for; if the People will lend or use their Arms, we agree they shall be paid for in case of loss, but special care ought to be taken to preserve them, unless it is unavoidable. We are &c.

Col: Geo. Dashiell