

54. In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1780

The enclosed letter to the Lieutenant of Washington, contains an Order for a Guard from that County, which we are induced, to give from your Representation of the Necessity of having a Guard immediately and expect a ready compliance. The Guard from a Montgomery is still subject to your Order when called for, which you will do, if rendered necessary, by a Disappointment in your County, which we hope, will not be the case. The Lieutenant of that County must be called upon, at least, in time to relieve the Guard from Washington.

Col. Moses Rawlings

We are &c.

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59. Sir We have this Moment received Information from Col. Rawlings that the Board of War have acquainted him that the Prisoners ordered to Fort Frederick will be up in a few Days. It gives us concern that we are under the inevitable Necessity, at this inclement Season of the Year, of calling on the Militia of your County; but the Service requires it and their conduct hitherto convinces us, that they have such a Sense of their Duty, that they will, with Alacrity encounter any Hardships to promote the common Interest. We desire you would immediately order a full Company of the Militia of your County, of the Ranges which have not yet served, consisting of one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals and sixty eight Privates, to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Fort Frederick as soon as they shall receive Orders from Col. Rawlings, who is to command them; they are to continue on Duty for five Weeks or until relieved, as we intend they shall be, as speedily as possible by a like Company from your County. You are to supply the Company with Arms and a reasonable Quantity of Ammunition.

We are &c.

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50. Sir. We are sorry we must trouble you to furnish the Officers whose Names are mentioned in the enclosed Paper, with ~~the~~ Cloth and Shalloon required by each. We request you would make a Memorandum of the Quantity and Kind delivered out and to whom

Mr. John Dorsey.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 15<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1780

51. Sir. We intend by the first favourable Opportunity to forward to our Delegates in Congress about fifty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to you in Order to supply our Officers and Soldiers with the several Articles allowed them by Law, except the Cloathing. As the Execution of this Business will probably call you to Philadelphia, we think you may be certain of receiving the Sum we have mentioned when you get into that City. It will be proper to inform us how far this Money will go in procuring the Articles wanted that we may keep you supplied.

Mr. John Randall.

We are &c.