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the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars, An Act to procure
No. 294. of Salt Meats for the Use of the Army and An Act to procure an
of Provisions of the Bread Kind, also Waggon's and Horses &c. &c.
which we have the Honor to transmit. We have appointed fit Persons
the several Counties to carry these Laws into full Execution, and have directed
them to apprize the People of our Intention to make Use of the extra-
ordinary Power, of Seizure, with which we are vested, if they do not readily
and cheerfully furnish those Articles so necessary for the Army. It is not
in our Power, precisely to ascertain and explicitly advise you, what will
be the Effect of our Endeavours under these Laws, but we can with Confidence
assure you that if the Abilities of our People and our utmost Exertions
are competent to the Purposes intended to be effectuated by them, every
Thing required, will be supplied as expeditiously as possible. We do not
apprehend a Failure in our undertaking to raise an additional Regiment
within the time limited, in lieu of the Militia required, but if it should
happen, they are to be ordered out to make up the Deficiency, in the
manner directed, and then we shall have it in our Power to assist
your Excellency with a Troop or more, of Light Horse, composed of
some of our most respectable Citizens. You will perceive by the
enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising a volunteer Troop of
Light Horse &c. that a Number of Gentlemen in Baltimore Town
have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse, and to
furnish themselves at their own Expence; this laudable and disin-
terested Conduct, we hope, will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the
several Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with
and inform you of the Success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws
and give you full and speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may
tend to promote the Interest of the United States and assist the
Operations of this Campaign.

Wm. Ex^l Genl. Washington. We have the Honor &c.

In Council Annapolis 10th July 1780

Sir. We have Occasion for a few Barrels of Powder and must request
you will immediately send to Mr. Shaw, two Barrels of Cannon Powder
295. in your Cart, or if that should not be convenient, you are to send
for the Purpose
Capt. Alex^r Warfield.