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In Council Annapolis 20th July 1700

312. We are sorry to find your Endeavours to procure the Quota of Men required of Caroline County have not been attended with the desired Success. This Board are of Opinion that the Tax of fifteen and five per Centum, as the Case may be, is to be levied and collected from such Clases as fail to furnish Substitutes or Defectors. The Commissions for Militia Officers are enclosed agreeable to your Request. You will have the Militia marched to the Head of Elk where they are to rendezvous and where they will be provided with Arms and every other Necessary for Marching &c.
William Whiteley Esq^r We are &c

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313. Gent^l The enclosed Commissions were issued agreeable to your Request as intimated by Mr Williams's Letter of the 26th May
The Worshipful the Justices } We are &c
of Cecil County Court }

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314. Sir Yours of the 23rd Inst we have this Day received and are sorry to observe that you should have so unpromising a Prospect of procuring the Articles absolutely necessary for furnishing and supporting our Army. We could not conceive that any of the good Citizens of this State would, at this Crisis, withhold these necessary Commodities, and we wish not to be under the Necessity of using the last Resort, a Seizure. We hope and expect the Farmers will readily vend their Wheat, Flour &c^o and receive Certificates or wait a short Time for their Money which we shall be enabled to pay as fast as Taxes come in. We think you ought not to exceed 22-10-0 for Wheat 6-10-0 for Flour, 3-7-6 for a Barrel of Pork and 6-0 for a Pound of Bacon; these are high and generous Prices. It is altogether out of our Power to furnish you with the Money you require, and still trust that you will be able to make your Purchases on the Credit of this State. The Wheat you receive we wish to have manufactured into Flour as fast as possible and would readily lend you the Nails, if we had them. We have not supplied Mr Wederstrandt with any Money lately.
You will frequently inform us of your Proceedings in your Purchases
Nathaniel Patter Esq^r And are &c