

and that you would order the Militias to return to Baltimore, that Capt
Brown may march to Frederick in Obedience to your Direction.
General Gist.

In Council, 5th Feb. 1781.

154. Sir, We have enclosed you a Copy of the Act of Assembly to compel the
Payment of the public Taxes in Somerset County, and for your Support
in the Execution of your Office, the Company of Militias ordered from
Dorchester County will be stationed agreeable to the Act and ready with
any of the Militias the Lieutenants of Somerset County may think proper to
add to that Service (should necessity require it) to enforce the Payment
thereof. We have no Doubt but you will use every Erection in your
Power to make the said Collection, as the exigencies of the State
require your utmost Assiduity.

Collector of Somerset County,

In Council, 7th Feb. 1781.

155. Sir, We received your Letter of the 22^d. ult and are much obliged to you
for your assistance and activity in preserving the Cargo of the *Stantilles*.
Colonel Smith informs us that he hired Negroes to save the said
Cargo, and that the whole of that Cargo except what was perished
by some of the Inhabitants, is lodged in Mr. Billwoods Yard. This
Board have determined to have the Flour transported to Baltimore
Down to be baked or repacked and have appointed you to take Care of
the Interest of the State and have the whole of the Flour as well the Cask
as the *Stantilles* Cargo put on Board the Craft we have sent down,
and will make you ample Compensation for your Trouble and Care in
superintending and managing this Business. We are willing to make
the Militias the usual and customary Allowance for Salvage (which is
one tenth part of the Property saved) and will pay one tenth Part to you
or your Order to be distributed among those who assisted you. We request
you would use your Endeavours to find out Persons who have embezzled
our Flour and transmit a List of their Names to us as soon as possible
that we have them prosecuted. If the Craft sent will not carry
the whole of the Flour, be pleased to procure a Vessel immediately.
Since writing, the above Capt. Shepherd have arrived with four hundred and