

In Council, 20th March, 1781.

N^o. 270. Sir, We have appointed you to receive and provide for the recruits raised in Frederick County, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of last Session, we request you will undertake this Duty and have the recruits provided with every thing necessary, and to use every effectual Measure to prevent Desertion. We shall furnish with Clothing as soon as we are enabled to do it.

Capt. Mountjoy Bailey.

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271. Sir, Agreeable to a Resolution of Congress, the Convention Troops are to be removed from this State to Lancaster in Pennsylvania. We have writ to the Lieutenant of Frederick to march them as soon as possible and to call on you and the Lieutenant of Washington for such aids of the Militia as he may think sufficient with those of his County to guard the Troops. On his Application you will order such Numbers of Militia as he may request for his Duty without further Instructions.

Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery.

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272. Sir, We received your Letter of the 10th covering the Engagements of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and an Extract of a Letter from Mr. St. Henry of the 6th. We very much applaud the zeal and Activity of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and think their readiness to assist at a Time when they were destitute of the Means of providing those Things which were immediately necessary for the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette, justly entitles them to the Thanks of the Public. We cannot but approve of the Proceedings of those Gentlemen and assure you, we will adopt any expedient to prevent any Individual of that Body from suffering or being in the least embarrassed by their Engagements for the State. As soon as we are informed by the Committee of the Amount of the Sums advanced by their Constituents and the Extent of their Engagements to procure the numerous Articles required for the Use of the Detachment. We will transmit Orders on the Collectors of Baltimore County for such a Sum as will cover the whole.