

In Council, 5th April, 1781.

312. Sir, We note your yesterday to which we refer. Since which we have received yours of the 3^d Instant, we think the Number of Hops mentioned in our last is fully sufficient, the extra Number of Cartridge Boxes with such a Quantity of Powder as you may think necessary shall be sent with the Arms, enclosed is an Order on Capt. Ford, to supply Provisions for the Militia on your Order.
Richard Barnes Esq.

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313. Sir, (You will furnish the Militia of St. Mary's County with such Provisions as Col Barnes may order.
Capt. Ford

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314. Sir, We are agree with you in Opinion of the Propriety and Necessity of calling the Militia of Baltimore into immediate Service for the Defense and Protection of the State Place. The Number requisite for this Service, we conceive you best acquainted with; and therefore request you may order out what Number you think proper. You will procure ^{what} Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements will be sufficient and every other Necessary from the Magazines. You will fix on and settle such Signals as may answer the End proposed of calling the Militia of the County to any Point you please.
Andrew Buchanan Esq.

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315. Sir, We have received your letter of the 27th of March respecting the Depredations committed and continued by the Enemy on the Coasts of your County. We approve of your ordering out a Guard of Militia and securing all the Boats and Craft. While the Enemy's Ships and Ketches continue near you, Guards will be necessary but your own Prudence will point out to you not to draw a greater Number of Militia than what are absolutely necessary. As we suppose the Militia will be relieved frequently we expect they can readily supply themselves with Provisions but if there are any who cannot, you must apply to Mr. Patrick Smith the Commissary for such quantity as you may find necessary. Let what Recruits are obtained in your County be sent to this Place.

Joseph Wilkinsons Esq.